



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

### Welcome to the Final Half Term

Welcome back to school, we have lots planned to finish the school year on a high. Please see our updated calendar for key dates for this last half term.

### This Week

Team Rigby had a workshop with local author Sean Perkins. They looked at poetry and started to create their own poems. Following this workshop children will continue to work on their poetry and selected children will represent Newburgh School at an interschool event in Banks on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Nursery, Crane & Lucas received caterpillars to observe their metamorphosis into butterflies. Team Crane and Nursery also participated in a zoom lesson with Julia Donaldson.

### Next Week

It's a busy week next week with two Sports Days, Maths Reasoning Club, a Year 6 trip to Liverpool Cathedral, Quad Kidz athletics event for selected Year 3 and 4 children, and a Year 6 Fishing Experience Day at Fir Tree Fishery.

### Sports Day

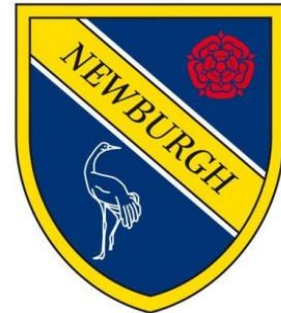
A decision to postpone will be made before 8am on the day should the weather forecast be poor. We will start as soon as possible after morning registration. Spectators should access the school field via the field side gate and sit (please bring your own chairs)/stand on the side of the track nearest to Back Lane. Spectators must not cross the track or come round to the children. Children will be competing individually as well as earning points for their Gospel Family.

### Year 6 Events Next week

Don't forget that Year 6 children need to go straight to Ormskirk station on Tuesday and be in full, smart uniform (no trainers or hoodies please). They must be at the station for 9.10am to catch the train and will get back to Ormskirk about 3.30pm (we will communicate with you in the event of a delay). On Friday they will participate in a Fishing Day at Fir Tree Fishery, Appley Bridge and should be dropped off there for 9.30am and collected at 2.30pm (they are not expected to return to school).

Warmest Regards,





### Our Shining Lights:

This week those children who have been shining lights in school are:-

#### Team Crane and Nursery

**Rowan** – for making paper planes for everyone in Team Crane.

**Natalia, Millie, Thomas, Aoife, April, Ralph, Immy, Tess** – for completing the book review home challenge.

**All of Team Crane** – for learning an animal themed joke to tell the whole class.

#### Team Lucas

**Amy** – for an excellent effort with all her homework.

**Liv, Mila, Alfie, Jenson & Pippa** – for super effort in Literacy.

**Annabelle** – for an amazing effort in writing.

**Isla, Joshua & Cora** – for a good effort with their story opener.

**All of Year 1** – for an amazing effort in Phonics.

**Freddie M** – for always helping Team Nursery in the playground (from a Nursery parent!).

**Sadie & Olivia** – for super sentences.

#### Team Rigby

**Polly, Noah, Amari, Anabelle** – for being super role models.

**All of Year 4** – for their effort completing the Times Tables Assessment.

#### Team Venables

**All of Team Venables** – for fantastic application in Literacy.

**Eleanor & Lily C** – for always being kind and respectful.

**Scarlett H** – for great effort in Maths this week.

**Sam** – for his excellent ideas and & role modelling in ASC. Mrs Magee is so impressed he is going to help be an 'Events Rep'.

Well done for letting your light shine this week in school.

### Church Services:

Family Service is at school on Sunday at 10.30, all very welcome to attend.

JAM Club is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July in church.

Please see our [Church School and Home](#) page for more information and dates for your diary.

### Time to Shine

Those children who have demonstrated both effort in school and the Gospel Value of Trust are:-

#### Team Crane

Immy

#### Team Lucas

Diano

Kieran

#### Team Rigby

Aria

Lorelai

#### Team Venables

Julia

Jemima

Congratulations to the **APPLE FAMILY** for gaining the most points this week.

### Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 3 Spring/Summer Menu

Mon – EYFS/KS1 Sports Day; Y6 Reasoning Club

Tues – Y6 Leavers' Service – Liverpool; New Starters Parents' Night

Weds – KS2 Sports Day; World Cup Special Menu

Thurs – Y3/4 Quad Kidz event

Fri – Y6 Fishing Experience Day; World Cup Special Menu



### Enrichment Clubs Summer 2:

Welcome to our Enrichment offer for this half term. Clubs that take place outside of school hours require parental permission via ParentPay (PP) or Letter (L).

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday			KS2 Dance (L)
Tuesday			
Wednesday			KS2 Rounders (L)
Thursday		Y1-6 Running Club	
Friday	Choir Club (PP)		KS1 Football (PP)

Please note that some clubs have limited numbers. If you are unable to see the club in ParentPay it may already be full.

If your child has a particular interest in one of the club and spaces are full please let us know by emailing [bursar@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk) so we can register their interest for future clubs.

### Summer Term 1 Attendance Leaderboard:

As a school we aim for children to have attendance of 96% or higher as attendance is a key indicator of academic attainment. As a whole school for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the summer term we achieved 96.71%. By year group the leader board is:

Year Group	Attendance	% Unauthorised Leave
Year 2	98.67%	0.11%
Year 3	98.27%	0.79%
Year 5	97.71%	0.09%
Year 4	96.73%	0.72%
Reception	95.94%	2.23%
Year 6	94.68%	0.71%
Year 1	94.10%	0.28%

Well done to Year 2 for having the best attendance last half term. Special mention for Year 5 for having the least unauthorised time out of school.



### Class To 2/5k:

With 4 weeks to go until our whole school Fun Run, training continues in earnest here at Newburgh School.

This week in school children spent their session running for 60 seconds, then walking for 60 seconds to build stamina and confidence ready for the fun run. The children enjoyed the increased challenge this set them. They enjoyed setting a pace with their friends so as not to go so fast they run out of steam and thought the time walking was really useful to help keep going for the whole session.

Parents meanwhile embarked on a 12 minute run, 3 minute walk and another 12 minute run, the longest run completed so far.

Families were challenged to run to music which children found enjoyable because they could pick the music and be in charge of when to run and when to walk.

### Junior Parkrun

To further prepare for our July Fun Run there will be an extra training session on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at Skelmersdale Parkrun. Children must have an adult running with them and need to register and get a barcode:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/skelmersdale-juniors/>

Mrs Duthie will be there supporting & to get us a shout out so please wear Newburgh PE Kit (they will be sent home for this).

### Congratulation Immy's Mum:

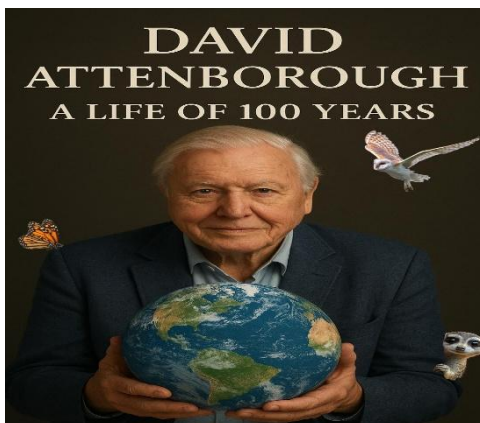
Finally congratulations to Immy's Mum for completing a 10k run and raising an amazing **£645** for Ormskirk Neonatal Intensive Care Unit – an amazing cause. You can still donate here to support our local hospital:

<https://mwlnhscharity.enthuse.com/pf/sophie-jackson>





### Newburgh Fair Floats 2026:



Dear Parents,

With 1 week to go, the time has come around again to when we start planning for Newburgh Fair. This year the Fair will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. This year's theme is based upon Sir David Attenborough: A Life of 100 Year and the themes for our floats are based on the following TV series narrated by Sir David Attenborough.

- Nursery – Prehistoric Planet/Dinosaur apocalypse.
- Reception – The Blue Planet/Great Barrier Reef (under the sea theme).
- Years 1 and 2 (predominantly boys due to some girls being involved in the Rose Queen Floats) – Africa.
- Year 3 – Life of Birds
- Year 4 – Wild Isles (Sir David Attenborough celebrates the wonders of the islands of Britain and Ireland, showcasing some of the more dramatic habitats on our planet)
- Community (may be a walking float if short of trailers) – Frozen Planet.

Please be aware we also have our Rose Queen and Retiring Rose Queen Floats which may involve Year 1 and 2 children, but information regarding these floats will be given separately from the Rose Queen's parents.

As a committee we would like to ask if anyone would be interested in helping to design a float or to take a more dedicated role. To make it a little less daunting a group of parents could put their names forward. If this is something you feel that you could do, please contact Elizabeth Taylor [bagpussy1981@aol.com](mailto:bagpussy1981@aol.com) or 07712 761797. If you have children at Newburgh School, I'm mum to Agnes (Class Lucas, Year 2).

It can never be too early to think about costumes for your children – or even yourself! In the past we do have adults who get into the spirit of things and also dress up! There are prizes to be won.

I would also love to hear from anyone who is able to provide a tractor to pull our floats or persons who are able to drive tractors on the day of the fair. We currently are also very short on floats/trailers for this year so if you know anyone who is willing to possibly help, please ask them, as the children really enjoy taking part in the procession. If additional trailers are unavailable, trailers will be allocated from the youngest first with the possibility of the floats for Years 3, 4 & Community being a walking float.

I look forward to receiving your ideas. The success of earlier processions has been to the tremendous help, support and creative ideas that have come from people such as yourself.

Thank you

Elizabeth Taylor

Newburgh Fair Committee Member & Procession Lead.