



Navenby Church of England Primary School

School website: www.navenbyschool.com

NEWSLETTER 6th March 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

CAIRN SERVICE

On Monday at 9.05am, we will be holding our traditional Cairn service to allow all new pupils and staff to place their pebble on the cairn. This is a symbol that they are joining our church school and signing up to its Christian foundation. For this service, I am doing things a little differently with the focus being a celebration of our vision ('family') and a celebration of our recent church school inspection, the report of which was attached to last week's newsletter.

I am hoping that many of you will want to attend to listen to Governors, parents, members from St Peter's, the staff and the children tell us what it means for them to be a part of our church school family.

In addition the children will be singing a specially adapted song, arranged by Mrs Harrison, all about belonging to Navenby School and the choir will be singing a lovely song called 'We Are One'. I very much hope you will be able to join us.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

A reminder for our Year 3 parents that swimming sessions start on Monday. This year NK have organised swimming so that the children have 10 sessions in one block, so our children will be swimming every day for two weeks from Monday. Please remember to send your child with the correct swimming kit, including swimming costume/trunks/shorts (no Bermuda style please), towel, swimming cap for long hair and goggles if they wish.

A variety of staff will be accompanying the children with Miss Todd, me and Mrs Bennett going on the first Monday. Other adults going at various points are: Mrs Spokes, Mrs Boulby, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Byland, Miss Simpson and Mrs Baker. If you have any questions about swimming, then please speak to Miss Todd, Mrs Spokes or me.

EQUESTRIAN EVENT

Last year, Carre's held a successful equestrian event for children who either had their own horse or were learning to ride at a stables. I am pleased to say that they are running the event again this year. I don't have any firm details about it yet but if you would be interested for your child to take part, then please let me know asap.

HOCKEY

Last Friday, we entered the Carre's hockey tournament. We played three matches winning one but losing two which unfortunately meant we did not qualify for the semi-finals. The children were fantastic at giving every match 100% particularly in the poor weather conditions throughout the afternoon. Well done to all of them and thank you to the parents for transporting the children to the event in Cranwell.



CROSS COUNTRY



Wow, what a brilliant first cross country! It was wet, muddy and absolutely brilliant fun. Every single one of the children ran their socks off and showed amazing grit and determination. So proud of the whole team 🌟 The girls' results combined have

us in 6th place and the boys are currently in 7th place with us being 5th overall, combining boys and girls scores. This is amazing considering there are 27 schools taking part, including many of the bigger Lincoln schools.

What an effort from everyone. Muddy trainers, big smiles and loads of heart out there today. First cross country done and dusted 🖤
Mrs Thornton



HOLIDAY ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

I am sure that people are aware of the County's and DFE's stance on holidays taken in term time. Holidays in school time should be avoided and so will be classed as unauthorised absence. If the absence is 5 days or more within a 10 week period then a Fixed Penalty Notice will be initiated. This includes holiday which is taken in multiple parts (eg 2 days one time and 3 days the next). We keep a 10 week rolling programme from the first holiday request and monitor this frequently.

Attached to this newsletter is information outlining the Fixed Penalty Notice process. Only two FPNs can be initiated within a 3 year period with the second FPN's charge doubling. If a third was to be initiated this would trigger immediate court proceedings, not a FPN. I am informing you about this in the hope that these can be avoided.

I find parents are always honest with us, completing the absence request from which can be found on the website and I hope this remains the case. FPNs can be given retrospectively and can be used for any unexplained unauthorised absence. Extended periods of absence, without detail would be questioned as holiday.

If you have any questions regarding this information please do contact me.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL



On Monday the girls played their second friendly match against Cranwell. We had a fantastic start scoring with our first attack and from that point the girls never looked back. It was the first time Alice,

Lexie, Evie and Gabi played for the team and it was lovely to see them grow in confidence as the game went on. Niamh, Charlotte and Isla all chipped in with some lovely goals, often a result of their personal drive and determination but all-in-all a great team performance with a final score of 7-0 to Navenby.

Well done to all the girls and a massive thank you to the parents who helped with transport and stayed to support the team.

NEIGHBOURS

Please can I ask you, once again, to be considerate to our neighbours when taking children to and from school. Be mindful of driveways and respecting their property particularly when we have extra functions on such as Movie Night and Parents' evenings. I have also received a complaint from one neighbour about a couple of children 'winding up'

her dogs and knocking on her window. Clearly this is not acceptable and is not what we want our school to be known for. Thank you

LEVEL 3 BIKEABILITY

Well done to all 12 children who took the Level 3 Bikeability assessment. I am pleased to say that all of the children met the criteria. I do hope that the skills you have learnt are not forgotten and that you can continue to be safe, confident bike riders in the future, even when on main roads.

WHEELCHAIR SPORTS

On Wednesday, Carre's organised an event they have never done before which was to introduce children to wheelchair basketball. They took part in 6 basketball themed



activities including dribbling, passing and shooting. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and got an insight in to how skilful disabled athletes are. They also learnt that even with a disability, sport is still accessible on so many levels. Of course, they all represented the school in the manner we would expect.

QUESTIONNAIRE

We are, once again, asking parents to complete the second part of our annual questionnaire. Prior to this year, there was just the one questionnaire to complete which came with the end of year report. If there were any concerns, doing it that way we didn't feel gave us time to address them. By breaking down the end of year questionnaire into two parts, one in term 2 and one in term 4, it allows to address any worries in a timely manner. Of course, we would love to hear all the positives too to give us a boost!

If you wouldn't mind spending 30 seconds to complete the questionnaire, that would be appreciated. The link below will be live from 4pm and open until Friday 27th March. Many thanks in advance.

[Parent Questionnaire Term 2 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

C Elliott

M C Elliott
Headteacher

DATES (new dates in bold)

We aim to publish dates for any events well in advance so that parents can make any necessary arrangements. Dates in place so far are **(new dates in bold)**:

- 9th Mar: Cairn Service 9.05am
- 9th- 20th March: Y3 swimming
- 11th Mar: Chance to Shine Cricket (3/6); mini police workshops Y5/Y6; football match v Potterhanworth (A)
- 12th Mar: Gobs' meeting 4.30pm
- 13th Mar: Netball finals at Navenby
- 16th Mar: Safety workshops for Y2 and Y5
- 18th Mar: Chance to Shine Cricket (4/6);
- 19th Mar: SWRA maths competition
- 20th Mar: Carre's tag rugby competition
- 24th March: Football matches v Cranwell and Winchelsea (for children who haven't yet represented the school);
- 25th Mar: Chance to Shine Cricket (5/6);
- 26th Mar: Football County Finals 1pm
- 27th Mar: Carre's equestrian event
- 30th Mar: Girls' football tournament @ Navenby
- 31st Mar: Y6 Holocaust visit
- 1st Apr: Rocksteady Concert 2.45pm; Chance to Shine Cricket (6/6)
- 2nd April: Easter Service at St Peter's Church 9.45am; FONS Easter egg hunt; Last day of term
- 20th April: INSET Day
- 21st April: Start of Term 5

Please keep looking at the website where these are continually updated and new dates added. Thank you.

