



# Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

## CHURCH SCHOOL INSPECTION

I have now received our final church school inspection report and it is attached to this newsletter and on the website for you to have a read of.

I hope you will agree that it is a fantastic report, one we are very proud of. It really showcases our vision being lived out in school at all levels, providing your children with a safe, fun and nurturing environment which allows all children to flourish. We are pleased with our 'notable' strengths and are happy with our two targets to further progress – both long term targets which involve embedding the new curriculum (this only came out in September and is something we will be doing anyway) and embedding the children's understanding of spirituality, something which the Diocese acknowledge will take at least three years to do. There were no areas where we were not meeting the criteria to prompt targets which were immediate.

We hope the fact that we are a church school shows parents that the children do get additional levels of support through Christian values which they may not get in a non-denominational school. As always, we are committed to providing the best education and learning experiences we can to make sure every child feels they belong to our school and can leave here with aspirations to be successful.

## READING FOR PLEASURE – PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

This year, the school is placing a huge emphasis on reading for pleasure and we can't wait to share our exciting plans with you very soon. Thanks to the fabulous fundraising efforts of FONs last year, we are working hard to renovate our school library and acquire a fantastic selection of exciting books for our whole school family to enjoy.

To help foster a love of reading, we are working towards achieving the exciting challenges set out on the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge - Bronze Award. As part of this initiative, we would love to hear your thoughts and attitudes towards reading for pleasure at home. Please take a few minutes to complete our online survey. A link has been

sent out via email today or you can scan the QR code below to submit your responses. Your feedback will be invaluable in shaping our approach and ensuring that everyone in our school family has the opportunity to develop a passion for reading. Thank you for your support, Mr Swain (Phonics and Reading Lead).

Parent Reading Survey Spring 2026



## PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thank you to those parents who have booked a session to see your child's teacher next Tuesday or Thursday. If you have not yet done so there are still slots available for you to choose from. We look forward to seeing you to discuss your child's progress and how they can be supported further to continue that progress. Please can I ask that you try and stick to the 10 minute slot. If you feel you need more time from the discussion had, please make a further appointment to speak to the teacher. Thank you.

## ART COMPETITION



As you will be aware, I ran a competition to have a go at drawing me to replace the picture that a previous student did which is currently on my office door. All children who entered were given a prize in collective worship as were the three that were chosen as 'winners' by the staff. The first place went to Poppy Wilson, second place to Myles Baker and third place to Charlotte Cook. An honourable mention also to





Freddie Kenyon who clearly took a lot of time with his sketch, which I thought was very good also. Well done to everyone who took part – we clearly have some budding artists in the school!

### 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. Thank you

### UNIFORM

Please can I ask all parents to abide by our school uniform rules. We have noticed a growing number of children coming in 'adaptations' of what we consider suitable school uniform. Please do not send your child to school in fancy hair bobbles/bows or wearing jewellery (necklaces, bracelets, rings etc). Small, plain ear studs are fine but children need to be able to remove these for PE. Children should not be wearing any form of make up or nail varnish. Please can I also ask that children are sent in sensible school shoes or ankle length boots. Thank you.

### LEVEL 3 BIKEABILITY

A reminder that the six Year 6 children who are doing their L3 Bikeability training on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March will need to have their bikes and helmets in school on that day. Please make sure your child's bike is in a roadworthy condition (please see the tick sheet which was sent with your booking; if you need another please let us know). Bikes can be left in the bike shelter on the day.

### WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

As you know we will be celebrating World Book Day on the **5th of March!** One of our core curriculum drivers is language and we are eager to promote a rich vocabulary among our students. To make this day extra special, we invite all children to come dressed as a word!

This is a fantastic opportunity for our young learners to get creative and express themselves. However, if your child prefers, they can also come dressed as a character from their favourite book but it must link to an exciting piece of vocabulary. For instance, a Harry Potter costume could link to

the word "enchancing", or a football player could represent the word "athletic." Your child can wear a sign/ sticker to display their word or simply be ready to talk about their word to their friends.

Mr Swain has planned a fun-filled day which we hope will get children (more) excited about reading and the doors being an able reader opens up for you.

Please continue to support your child with reading so that this fundamental skill gives them the opportunities they deserve to be whatever they choose to be as they go through their education. If it is 'cracked' in KS1, learning and school become meaningful things to children where the world starts to become a place they can make sense of and they can become the masters of their own destinies.

If you require any support with reading at home please come and speak to us in school.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FAVOURITES

Paul Shiel, a music teacher, and past student at Bishop Grosseteste University will lead in singing childhood

Assembly Favourites at  
Wellingore Memorial Hall  
Off West Street, Wellingore, LN5 0BD  
Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

6.30pm

Tickets: £10 Adults £5 Children  
Includes a Ploughman's and a drink

In aid of GO MAD in Tanzania.

GO MAD is a Christian charity supporting the people in NW Tanzania. Volunteers help to build water tanks, goat sheds, tree planting, health care and many other activities.

Tickets from Stuart Foster email [rafikimusoma@gmail.com](mailto:rafikimusoma@gmail.com)  
Or mobile 07885701876

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

*C Elliott*

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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**):

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar: Re-arranged Girls' football match v Cranwell – (A); FONS meeting 8pm at King's Head
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar: Parents' Evening 4-7pm
- **4<sup>th</sup> March: Chance to Shine Cricket (2/6)**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar: Parents' Evening 4-7pm; World Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: Girls' Football tournament (Sleaford Town); L3 Bikeability; **Sunita Patel visit to Y4**
- **9<sup>th</sup> Mar: Cairn Service 9.05am**
- 9<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 swimming
- **11<sup>th</sup> Mar: Chance to Shine Cricket (3/6); mini police workshops Y5/Y6; football match v Potterhanworth (H)**
- **12<sup>th</sup> Mar: Gobs meeting 4.30pm**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar: Netball finals at Navenby
- **16<sup>th</sup> Mar: Safety workshops for Y2 and Y5**
- **18<sup>th</sup> Mar: Chance to Shine Cricket (4/6);**
- **19<sup>th</sup> Mar: SWRA maths competition**
- **20<sup>th</sup> Mar: Carre's tag rugby competition**
- 24<sup>th</sup> March: Football matches v Cranwell and Winchelsea (for children who haven't yet represented the school);
- **25<sup>th</sup> Mar: Chance to Shine Cricket (5/6);**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mar: Football County Finals 1pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: Carre's equestrian event
- **30<sup>th</sup> Mar: Girls' football tournament @ Navenby**
- **31<sup>st</sup> Mar: Y6 Holocaust visit**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Apr: Rocksteady Concert 2.45pm; Chance to Shine Cricket (6/6)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> April: Easter Service at St Peter's Church 9.45am; FONS Easter egg hunt; Last day of term**
- **20<sup>th</sup> April: INSET Day**
- **21<sup>st</sup> April: Start of Term 5**

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

