



Navenby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

CHURCH SCHOOL INSPECTION

On Monday, we had our church school inspection. Whilst the final report won't be published for 2-3 weeks, I am in a position to say that the inspection went very well and we are pleased with the outcome.

All of the staff have been working incredibly hard ensuring that our provision, particularly in the eyes of the Diocese for this inspection, is the best it can be. We have implemented the new Lincs RE Syllabus and the inspector was very complimentary about the quality of work in the children's RE books and the confidence with which they spoke about their learning. We have taught the children about spirituality using 'mirrors, windows and doors' moments to help them understand this tricky concept. And most importantly to me we have our 'family' vision which was promoted by everyone on the day. I want all children, parents, Governors and staff to feel they belong to this wonderful school and that each and everyone's personal growth is catered for. The inspector felt a really strong collaborative ethos built on mutual respect, friendship and hard work and that was pleasing for all of us. She could clearly see, through our inviting environment, our enthusiastic and well-behaved children and the dedication and professionalism of the staff team that everyone has the opportunity to flourish at this school.

I would like to thank the parents who came and spoke to the inspector and the ones who kindly sent in emails of support. We support and help your children each and every year and the church school inspection and the Ofsted inspection is when we really need your support. I am sure we can count on even more support for the Ofsted inspection whenever that may be.

I will of course publish the final church school report when I have it so that it can be read by the whole school community.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Last Friday, we entered Carre's Sportshall Athletics competition, along with 7 other schools. Due to the interest and the numbers of children that attend Mrs Bennett's Club we were able to take a second team too which was fantastic. All the children competed well in their events and collectively in the relay races.



Once all of the times and distances had been recorded, measured and collated Navenby 'red' team won the event by some margin for the third year in a row. Our 'black' team

unfortunately didn't finish in the top three but their effort and determination was just as impressive as the 'red' teams. Mrs Bennett and I were impressed with all of them and yet again they represented our school as we would expect.

Well done to all of the children who took part and my thanks to all of the parents who helped transport the children to and from the event.



Gold	Navenby 'red'	830
Silver	Winthorpe	774
Bronze	Winchelsea	764

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).



PARENTS' EVENINGS

Please can I remind you to book a slot for parents' evening. Appointments can be made for either Tuesday 3rd March or Thursday 5th March using our Arbor online booking system. Thank you.

ART COMPETITION

A final reminder that about the art competition to sketch/draw me with the winning entries going on my door to replace the illustration that was done many years ago by former pupil Jacob Altus.

Any child who wants to have a go at this can do so over the half term.

Winners will be selected after half-term on 24th February so please make sure all entries are in for that date. Prizes will be given out on Friday 27th. Good luck!

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Ten of the girls who attend my lunchtime girls' football club had the chance to play in their first competitive match against Winchelsea School yesterday. Our preparations have been hampered by the weather and Winchelsea have already played matches against other schools so were a well-organised side.

As usual, the girls showed real determination and resilience, battling hard to win the ball but despite many first half chances the score was 0-0 at half time.

At the start of the second half we managed to score a goal but Winchelsea hit back with 3 goals of their own. The best move of the match - with some nice dribbling, passing and a cool finish in front of goal - led to us scoring our second of the game. The match finished 3-2 to Winchelsea.

I was very proud of all the girls who took part and look forward to our upcoming matches optimistically. Some more girls have the chance to impress when we play Cranwell on 2nd March.

My thanks also to the parents who came to watch and support the team.

CHANCE TO SHINE CRICKET

On Wednesdays starting on 25th February, all KS2 children will be taking part in a session of cricket for the term. It is

important that your child has their PE kit in school on these days.

The Y3/Y4 children who are attending their after school club on Wednesdays have had confirmation of their place. The club and the school-based sessions will finish on Wednesday 1st April.

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.

11+ REGISTRATION for SEPTEMBER 2027

To register a child to sit the 11+ tests for entry into Year 7 at Kesteven and Sleaford High School (girls) or Carre's Grammar School (boys) in September 2027, please click the link below and complete the online admissions form:

[LINCOLNSHIRE CONSORTIUM OF GRAMMAR SCHOOLS](#)

[TESTING FOR ENTRY - SEPTEMBER 2027](#)

If you have any questions or require assistance regarding the 11+ process or admission to KSHS or CGS, you are welcome to contact their Admissions Officers:

Mrs Yvette Edwards

Admissions Officer – KSHS

Tel: 01529 414044

Email: yvette.edwards@kshs.uk

Mrs Lindsay Phoenix

Admissions Offer - CGS

Tel: 01529 302181

Email: lindsay.phoenix@carres.uk

LEVEL 3 BIKEABILITY

A reminder that the six Year 6 children who are doing their L3 Bikeability training on Friday 27th February 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.

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 18th 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
Or mobile 07885701876

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

We are thrilled to announce 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. Teachers will be discussing this exciting theme in class, encouraging students to think about the meanings and uses of words (some excellent examples are shown below). 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 "enchanting", 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.

We believe that this activity will not only be fun but will also help to enhance our children's vocabulary and understanding of language. We encourage everyone to be as imaginative as possible! Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading and language in our school community. We look forward to making World Book Day extra special in school during 2026, the year of reading!

READATHON

Good luck to everyone taking part in the Readathon. I hope you enjoy your books and continue to develop the love of reading which we are working on at school.

FONS NEWS

Don't Forget...coming Up

FONS February Half Term Readathon Funds raised from this will go directly to the Christmas Pantomime trips and visits, and it's a great way to encourage some extra reading this holidays! You can sponsor directly through ClassList App (<https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1408110735>), use the digital copy (attached below) and I believe the children will be coming home with paper copies this week. Prizes for most books read - class get to decide with their teacher on their prize!

Also Movie Night is live on Classlist. Get booked before it's sold out! We do need parent volunteers for this so please contact us hellofons@outlook.com to let us know if you can help.



MOVIE NIGHT
THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
AFTER SCHOOL TO 5.30PM

£6.50 per child
includes popcorn, biscuits & squash

HOW TO BOOK: CLASSLIST APP
LIMITED PLACES - BOOKINGS CLOSE 24TH FEBRUARY

Thank you for your continued support it really is appreciated!

Jane Rickaby & Gemma Horsley
FONS Secretaries

HAPPY HALF TERM

Thank you for your support of the school over the last term. I can't quite believe that we are now half way through this academic year!

Hopefully, we can start to look forward to some Spring weather and of course terms 4, 5 and 6 filled with more opportunities for your children to flourish.

I wish you all a fantastic half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd February.

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**):

- 23rd Feb: Start of term 4
- 25th Feb: Chance to Shine Cricket for KS2 classes
- 27th Feb: L3 Bikeability
- 2nd Mar: Re-arranged **Girls' football match v Cranwell – (A)**; FONS meeting 8pm at King's Head
- 3rd Mar: Parents' Evening 4-7pm
- 5th Mar: Parents' Evening 4-7pm; World Book Day
- 6th Mar: Girls' Football tournament (Sleaford Town); L3 Bikeability
- 9th- 20th March: Y3 swimming
- 13th Mar: Netball finals at Navenby
- 24th March: Football matches v Cranwell and Winchelsea (for children who haven't yet represented the school);
- 26th March: Football County Finals (provisional)
- 27th March: Carre's equestrian event

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