

# Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

## CHURCH SCHOOL INSPECTION

As you will be aware, we received notification this week that we will be having our Church School inspection on Monday. Our inspector will be with us from 8am until 6pm looking at how our vision drives our school, the impact of collective worship, the quality of teaching and learning in RE and ultimately what it means to children to attend our school. Our vision is that children feel they 'belong' to our school family and that they are supported and challenged to flourish during their time with us. Our strapline is 'rooted in faith, strengthened by family' and we believe working collaboratively with you is fundamental to your child's growth and development.

Clearly we want the best inspection outcome and we will be doing everything we can to show the inspector what it means to be a part of our school. She will be speaking to leaders, staff, Governors and the Diocese and I am hopeful that you will also relish the chance to speak to her on Monday. Parental voice plays a huge part in the success of a school and the staff and I would be delighted if some of you could speak to her about the things we have done to support your child, you personally, your family or indeed the community. You probably don't need me to point things out but some of the things we hope you feel confident to talk to her about are the impact of the following:

- Forces Club
- Family Learning Group
- Sporting opportunities
- Choir, French Club and Rocksteady
- FONS and the events they have hosted
- Trips, such as Young Voices
- Giving pupils a voice, such as Sports Crew, Well-being champions, JRSOs, collective worship councillors
- Harvest, Easter, Christmas services at St Peter's Church
- The cairn service
- Any intervention or tuition your child has had

I am sure you can think of your own things too which help create the ethos which makes Navenby School what it is. The inspector will be available from 3.15 until 3.40 at the end of the day if you would like to talk to her. If you would prefer, we would love to receive an email of support from you which can be sent to me or the enquiries email. **Please, please, please share your positive experiences with her so**

that we can continue to maintain the excellent reputation Navenby School has. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

## INTER-FAITH HARMONY WEEK

This week we have been celebrating inter-faith harmony week. Miss Jones (our RE lead) led collective worship on Monday introducing the children to what this is and how we were going to learn about it and celebrate it through the week. In their classes, the children have learnt about different religions and festivals to show them how respect for each other is vital in helping to understand about each other's beliefs and faiths.

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome back to our school Imam Patel who spoke to all the children about his life as a Muslim and how Islam is helping him lead a good life.



Today, all the children had an online meeting with a Rabbi who spoke to the children in their own classes about Judaism. The opportunities they have experienced this week have shown children that there are common attributes to each religion – for example, those of love, kindness and respect. We encourage children to be individuals and to be confident sharing their own opinions and beliefs but for everything to be done with kindness and respect.

My thanks to Miss Jones for organising our visitors and to the staff for planning thought-provoking lessons during the week. The children's learning will be on a display in school for you to look at next time you visit us.

## FOOTBALL

Yesterday we played our final league match against Kirkby-La-Thorpe. Going into the match we needed a win or a draw to ensure that we won our league.

We started the match very well, passing the ball around confidently and looking like a strong team. This created many chances for us and we managed to score 4 first half goals. By having an advantage of 4 goals, Kirkby were allowed to field an additional player but that did not stop us in our progress. We managed to score another to make it 5-0 before Kirkby scored a goal. Further goals from us in what was an effective performance all round meant that the final score was a fantastic 8-1.

My thanks to all of the players who have ensured that we have won our side of the league. I will await to see who we play in the 'final'.

My thanks also to the parents who braved the weather to watch the team play.

## C4L COMBAT



Last Friday, Mrs Howard took 4 KS1 and 4 KS2 children to Carre's C4L Combat session at Nocton. As can be seen from the photos, the children learnt a variety of techniques for throwing and kicking and also saw a demonstration of a martial art from the trained professionals. All of them had a great time! My thanks to all of the parents who helped transport the children to and from the event and to Mrs Howard for taking them.



## YOUNG VOICES

Since September 2025, Year Five have been learning and rehearsing 11 songs, including *Sea Shanty Medley*, *Power in Me* and *No Such thing as Normal*, in preparation for the Young Voices concert.

Last Friday, alongside 5,078 other children, Year Five performed for a fully booked Sheffield Arena! We spent the afternoon rehearsing with the professional band, artists and dancers. At 7pm, the lights went out, the anticipation could be felt by everyone and the concert began! "The best bit was when the lights went down and everyone started screaming, I loved that part." Daisy

"I think the best bit of it would be when the lights went out, I felt like it was a *doors* moment, stepping out and doing. It was astounding!" Damian

I was extremely proud of all the children, they represented our school brilliantly and all involved, children, staff and parents enjoyed this once in a lifetime moment! We look forward to performing a handful of songs to the whole school and Year Five parents and families on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 09.05!

Miss Reeder



## ICT NEWS

In school, on 10<sup>th</sup> February, we will be raising awareness of Internet safety as it is Internet Safety Day. Miss Sheardown, our ICT lead, will be talking to the children in a special assembly on that day and the children will be doing various tasks in class, age-appropriate, to help them understand how to stay safe online.

Miss Sheardown has been alerted to a FREE online information events which may be of interest to you.

### **Safer Internet Day Live WEBINAR for Parents**

#### **🌐 AI and Your Child: What Parent's Should Know**

Artificial Intelligence is shaping the way children learn, play, and interact online. As parents, understanding both the opportunities and the risks is key.

Join our Stay Safe Team for this FREE webinar "**AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly**" to explore:

- ✓ Positive uses of AI for learning and creativity
- ⚠ Risks like chatbots, filtering, and misinformation

💡 Practical tips for family conversations and parental controls

📅 **Date: 10th February**

🕒 **Time: 6:00–7:00 PM**

📍 **Location: Online**

👁️ **Register here:**

<https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/2024139>

### 11+ REGISTRATION for SEPTEMBER 2027

Entry is Now Open

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](mailto:yvette.edwards@kshs.uk)

#### **Mrs Lindsay Phoenix**

Admissions Offer - CGS

Tel: 01529 302181

Email: [lindsay.phoenix@carres.uk](mailto:lindsay.phoenix@carres.uk)

### YEAR 4 WEDDING

As part of the new Lincolnshire RE syllabus, Year 4 have been curious to explore how people celebrate marriage. Rev. Stuart kindly visited us to help us understand how the promises made during a Christian wedding reflect belief and are strengthened by the presence of the community. During our mock ceremony, Rev. Stuart was able to explain the meaning of rituals and the symbolism which characterise



wedding services. We all thoroughly enjoyed the learning and the celebration!

### NETBALL

On Wednesday we played our last league fixture, away at Kirkby La Thorpe. It was a tough game against a fast and competitive opposition. Final score was 6-2 to Kirkby. Player of the match was Eva R.

Mrs Howard is pleased with how the whole squad has played over this season, developing their passing and positioning. She also passes on her thanks to all the parents for help with transporting the team to the fixture. Mrs Howard is hoping to arrange some friendlies next term and is looking forward to the finals with the team in March.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Rev Stuart has asked if I wouldn't mind promoting a project he is involved in. It involves singing your favourite school assembly songs and is accompanied by food and drink. If you are interested, there is more information about it on the attached poster.

### 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 "enchanted", 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!

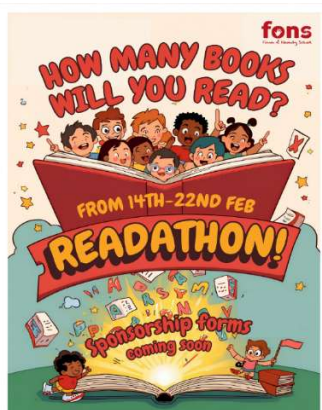
### FONS NEWS

We had our AGM this week and can confirm your committee as follows:

**Chair:** Jo Ewen  
**Vice Chair:** Emma Devenish  
**Secretary:** Jane Rickaby  
**Co Secretary:** Gemma Horsley  
**Treasurer:** Emily Potter  
**Communications Officer:** Lianne Taylor  
**Community Charity Officer:** Evonne Austen  
**Committee members:** Jennie Flannigan, Dan Smith & Scarlett Warmoth

We've got lots of activities planned for the rest of the year to fundraise for this year's theme: Enriching outdoor learning & school trips.

Dates for your diaries:  
February half term:  
**Readathon** – funds raised from this will go directly to the Christmas Pantomime trips and visits. You can sponsor directly through ClassList app, use the digital copy on the newsletter or ask at the office if you need a paper copy. Prizes for best child and best class get to decide with their teacher on their prize!



**Film Night** is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and tickets will be available on ClassList soon. We do need parent volunteers for this so please contact us [hellofons@outlook.com](mailto:hellofons@outlook.com) to let us know if you can help.

Thank you for your continued support it really is appreciated!

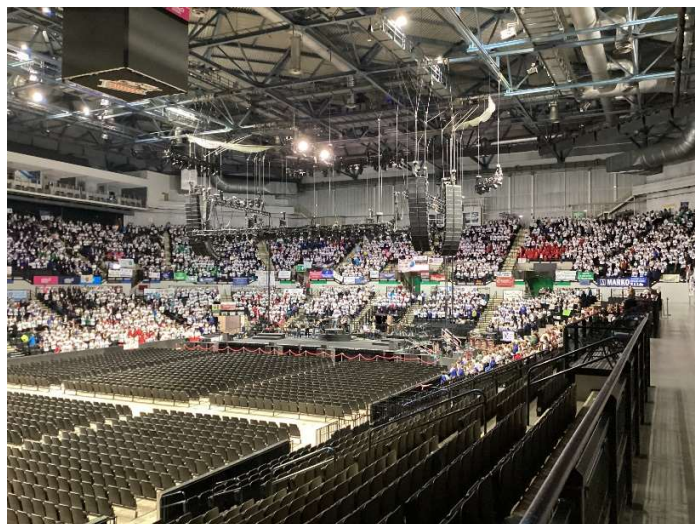
*Jane Rickaby & Gemma Horsley*  
FONS Secretaries

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

*C Elliott*

M C Elliott  
Headteacher



### Young Voices 2026

"It was so breath-taking when everyone sang, in harmony, together!" Emily B.

### 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)**:

- **9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Church School Inspection; Girls' football match v Cranwell – postponed (A)**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb: Girls football v Winchelsea (H); **No Football Club that night**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Young Voices assembly (parents welcome); Last day of term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Start of term 4
- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb: Chance to Shine Cricket for
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: L3 Bikeability
- 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
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar: Parents' Evening 4-7pm; World Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: Girls' Football tournament (Sleaford Town); L3 Bikeability
- 9<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 swimming
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar: Netball finals at Navenby
- 24<sup>th</sup> March: Football matches v Cranwell and Winchelsea (for children who haven't yet represented the school);
- 26<sup>th</sup> March: Football County Finals (provisional)
- 27<sup>th</sup> March: Carre's equestrian event

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