

Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 23rd January 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

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!



SAFEGUARDING – AI and your child: What parent's should know.

I have been sent the following information about a free webinar run by the StaySafe Partnership regarding AI, the details are below.

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 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>

As with any queries or concerns you have, please contact me on fran.reeder@navenby.lincs.sch.uk

Fran Reeder

Designated Safeguarding Lead

APPLE/SMART WATCHES

Can I please ask that any Apple or Smart watches remain at home and not brought into school. Many of the features on these devices are distracting and not conducive to learning. Also, they are very expensive and school cannot be held to account for any breakages or losses. Thank you

SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE

Unfortunately, I am continuing to receive emails from parents who have witnessed 'close misses' and am urging ALL parents to respect the school safety zone and not park or stop there during the hours stated on the signs. Yesterday a young girl was close to being hit by a car and may well have been had it not been for the quick reactions of another mum at the school. The girl was shaken and clearly

this is not the way we want our children to start their day at school.

The situation, apparently, was made worse by the parking of cars not only on the school safety zone but by a parent parking across the marked crossing area of the road. Please can I again ask parents to abide by the rules that are put in place for the safety of your children. Any photographic evidence received from parents of vehicles stopping or parking in the safety zone within the restricted hours will be passed onto our PCSO.

FOOTBALL

Yesterday, the school football team played their third league match of the season against Cranwell. Cranwell were a well organised team and so made it difficult for us to get our usual passing game going in the first half but a couple of chances came our way and we managed to score 2 goals. After the break, we were able to impose our style of play on them a bit more which resulted in a further goal for us. It would have been a few more but for some wonderful goalkeeping! The final score was 3-0 which sets us up nicely for our final game against Kirkby. If we win that we will finish top of our league and go to the overall league final against the winners of the other league of schools. Well done to all of the team, particularly Brodie who was named as our player of the game by the opposition. My thanks also to the parents who came and braved the cold conditions to support the team.

NETBALL

The team played a match this week against Cranwell. It was their first match for quite a while against a fast opposition. The girls improved their play as the quarters went on. The final score was 4-4. Our player of the match as voted for by the opposition was Eva for her determination.



SCHOOL TRANSPORT

I have been asked to promote the following on behalf of the County's Transport Team:

Lincolnshire children starting primary school or secondary school in September 2026

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2026 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport from 2 March (secondary offer day) or 16 April (primary offer day) once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below. Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

SCHOOL VISION

You may remember last October we launched our school vision at the Harvest Service. It is all based on the concept of 'family' whereby we see school as an extension of the household, working together using Christian values to help children aspire and flourish to be the best they can be. We hope that you see this vision being lived out on a daily basis through the work we do with you and the provision we have in place for your children.

We are due our church school inspection this academic year and so we are just waiting for the call as to when they are going to be in. Miss Jones, our RE lead, has done a lot of work in school embedding our Christian values, implementing the Lincs RE Syllabus and establishing a common understanding of what spirituality means for us as a school community (hopefully you may hear the children talking about mirrors, windows and door moments). The teachers are using a variety of methods to increase interest and to bring this element of the curriculum to life.

We are hopeful that you support our work in this area and, if needed, help the school achieve the best outcomes from the inspection.

As always, if you have any views or opinions, or would kindly like to send us something about how you feel our vision has supported your child and/or you as a parent, we would be delighted to receive it as evidence for the inspection.

CLOTHING

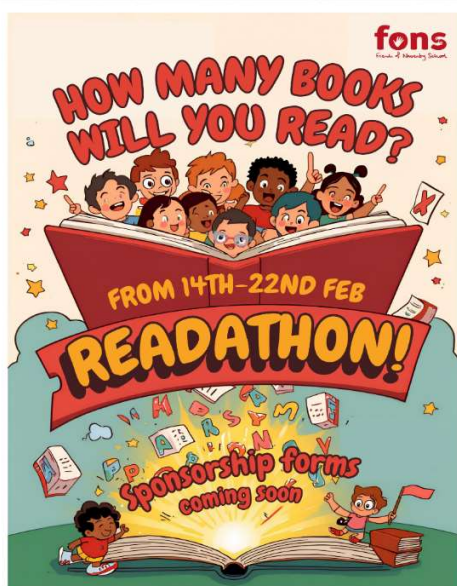
We are already having to deal with a lot of lost property in school which we would like to avoid, moving forward. Please can you ensure that items are named so that they can be returned to their owners. I dread to think how much some of the coats, bags and water bottles cost, particularly if they are having to be replaced regularly because they have been 'lost'. Can I also ask that children come in the correct school uniform and that our expectations are adhered to. They also need jumpers and coats in the cold weather as we always try to get them outside for their break and lunchtimes, even if it is slightly raining. Thank you

FONS NEWS

We've got so much coming up...our AGM on Monday 2nd February where we'll elect officers and the committee. Please come along to the School Hall @ 7.30pm where we'll have cheese and wine and a chance to meet the team. This is a great opportunity to join us to help make a difference to the children's academic experiences. If you're interested in being part of the committee, please do get in touch hellofons@outlook.com. This year's funding theme is enrichment - outdoor learning and transport.

We're also running a sponsored *Readathon* over the February half term and a school disco on 26th February. See the posters below for more details.

We look forward to seeing you on 2nd February 2026.



Thanks for your continued support!

Kind Regards,
Jane Rickaby
Secretary

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,
C Elliott

M C Elliott
Headteacher

COMING UP...	
FEB 2	FONS AGM 7.30PM SCHOOL HALL
FEB 14-22	SPONSORED READATHON HALF TERM
FEB 26	FILM NIGHT 3:20PM - 5.30PM
MAR 2	FONS MEETING 8PM THE KINGS HEAD, NAVENBY

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**):

- 30th Jan: Y5 to Young Voices; YR Parent lunch; Maths STARS (any parents welcome)
- 2nd Feb: Football match v Rauceby (for children who haven't yet represented the school); **FONS AGM 7.30pm at the school**
- 4th Feb: Netball v Kirkby-La-Thorpe (A)
- 5th Feb: Football match v Kirkby-La-Thorpe (H)
- **6th Feb: Sportshall athletics at Carre's 10am – 12 noon**
- 9th Feb: Girls' football match v Cranwell (A)
- **12th Feb: Girls football v Winchelsea (H)**
- 13th Feb: Young Voices assembly (parents welcome); Last day of term
- 23rd Feb: Start of term 4
- 27th Feb: **L3 Bikeability**
- **2nd Mar: 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.