



Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 16th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

2026 – THE YEAR OF READING

This year, we will be having a focus on **reading**. At Navenby, we have the aspiration that all children will be readers as we see this vital skill as the door to all future opportunities. We are confident and happy that our structure and the way we teach reading gives all children the opportunity to learn to read and enjoy books and wider reading beyond Navenby School.

As always, there is plenty more we could do. We want the children to understand that reading is their window to new worlds, opportunities and challenges for them; we want to share and promote the message that if they **'learn to read, they read to learn'**.

On the horizon we will have a new library, we will be hosting an information evening for parents about how we teach reading and what parents can do to support their children at home and we want to start a new initiative for our school involving birthdays and books! This will be alongside the usual reading activities in school, reading to Torvi the dog (currently Year 1s) and World Book Day on 5th March.

In this technological world, we are finding that fewer children enjoy reading books, certainly novels, as they don't often provide that 'quick fix' that many of our youngsters crave. This will be a team effort and we will be requiring your help and support to help us achieve this. The parent workshop will be essential for you to attend and we hope you make the time to join us (date and details to be released soon). But the first way we are asking for your support is this: If you'd like to mark your child's birthday in a special way, instead of sharing sweets, why not consider sharing a story and bringing in a 'birthday book'?

When a birthday book arrives in school we place a specially designed bookplate with your child's name and birthday on it and place it inside the front cover (see image below).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Book Donated By: _____

Date: _____

The book becomes part of our school or class libraries ready for all children in the class/school to enjoy again and again. We believe it's a wonderful way for your child to share their

favourite stories and leave a lasting reading legacy for their friends.

We very much hope you will join us on this journey to achieve our aim of every child being a reader and developing a love of reading, and thus reading for pleasure.

ART COMPETITION

After last week's art assembly, led by our art leader, Mrs Harrison, I was blown away with the quality of the artwork that all of the children are producing. Using different skills and resources, they created some wonderful pieces of art covering topic work, portraits and seasons to name a few. The eagle-eyed amongst you will know that I have had a portrait of me, done by former pupil Jacob Altus, on my door for about 10 years now and I thought it would be good to open up a competition for it to be replaced.

Any child who wants to have a go at this can do so over the next few weeks and into half term. They can use any resources they wish and I have even mentioned the word 'caricature' as a style of portrait. Winning entries (there maybe more than one) will be chosen to go on my door to replace the one that is there.

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!

FONS NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers & Staff

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the Friends of Navenby School, to be held on Monday 2nd February 2026 in the school hall. The evening will start at 7.30pm.

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to be elected or elect others to the PTA committee, showing your support for our new association. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to agree and adopt a constitution, this will form the rules and regulations of our PTA.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please email hellofons@outlook.com.

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

The next general meeting is on Monday 19th January at the Lion and Royal Pub at 8pm.

Kind Regards,
Jane Rickaby
Secretary

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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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**):

- 20th Jan: Netball vs Cranwell (A)
- 22nd Jan: Y1 to Lincoln Castle; football v Cranwell (H)
- 23rd Jan: KS1 and KS2 STARS (any parents welcome)
- 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)
- 4th Feb: Netball v Kirkby-La-Thorpe (A)
- 5th Feb: Football match v Kirkby-La-Thorpe (H)
- 9th Feb: Girls' football match v Cranwell (A)
- 13th Feb: Young Voices assembly (parents welcome); Last day of term
- 23rd Feb: Start of term 4
- 27th Feb: **L3 Bikeability**
- 3rd Mar: Parents' Evening 4-7pm
- 5th Mar: Parents' Evening 4-7pm
- 6th Mar: Girls' Football tournament (Sleaford Town); **L3 Bikeability**
- **9th-20th March: Y3 swimming**

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

THE MORE THAT YOU **READ,**
THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL **KNOW.**

THE MORE THAT YOU **LEARN,**

THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL **GO.**

--Dr. Seuss