

# Navenby Church of England Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and that Santa managed to bring everything you wanted.

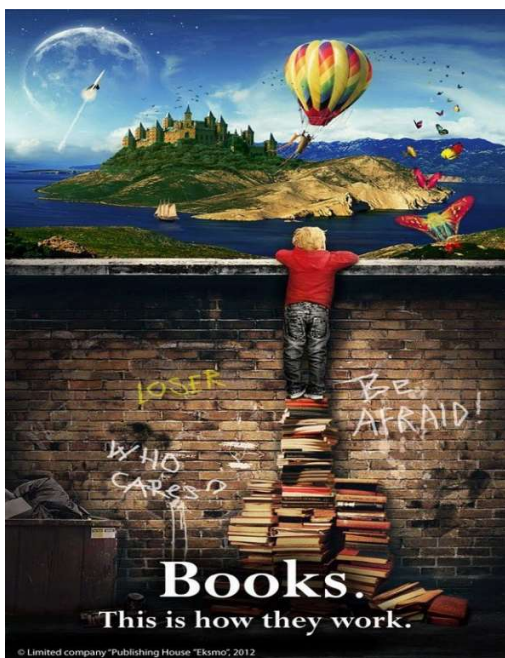
We look forward to working with you all to ensure a successful and prosperous 2026. Please can I remind you to follow school policies on attendance, uniform, behaviour and safeguarding. For anyone who needs them, school policies are available on the website and can be requested from the school office. If you have any concerns relating to your child at any point then please do come and speak to us; in the first instance this should be the classteacher and you will find that most problems are resolved by them. If not, then please contact one of the senior leadership team (Mr Swain for KS1, Miss Sheardown for KS2 or myself for all matters). Thankyou

### 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. As such, we spent the INSET Day on Monday looking at our provision, from Read, Write Inc phonics, to Y6 SATs papers, from Fresh Start to VIPERS and from Active English to promoting a love of reading. 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. Using the image on the left, which was shared by Mr Swain (reading



lead) at the INSET Day, we want 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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).



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.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### Safeguarding – Guide for parents

The Children's Commissioner for England has produced a guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives, designed to demystify some of the issues such as the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits, what you should and shouldn't be doing, and the often complicated parental controls on individual social media platforms, to help make talking to your child about them easier.

You can find the information following this link: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/> There is an additional children's pack which can be found through the link.

If you have any concerns or require support or further guidance regarding any area of Safeguarding, please contact me on [fran.reeder@navenby.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:fran.reeder@navenby.lincs.sch.uk)

*Fran Reeder*  
*Designated Safeguarding Lead*

## **FOREST SCHOOL**

We are excited to be developing our Forest School area, a space where children can learn, explore, and connect with nature through hands-on outdoor experiences. To help us create this special environment, we are kindly asking for **donations of wood and natural materials**.

We are particularly looking for:

- Logs and tree stumps (various sizes)
- Untreated timber or offcuts
- Planks or branches suitable for seating, balancing, or den-building
- Wooden cable reels or pallets
- Bark, wood slices, or other natural wooden resources

If you have access to suitable wood through work, home projects, gardening, or local contacts, we would be extremely grateful for your support. Donations can make a huge difference in helping us create a rich, natural learning space that the children will enjoy for years to come.

Please contact me at school or by email, [torie.pridmore@navenby.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:torie.pridmore@navenby.lincs.sch.uk), if you are able to help or have any questions.

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity,  
Mrs Pridmore

## **ART COMPETITION**

After today'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 24<sup>th</sup> February so please make sure all entries are in for that date. Prizes will be given out on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. Good luck!

## **YEAR 6 SEWING CLUB**

Before Christmas, the Year 6 children made an excellent start to Sewing Club with their handmade Christmas decorations. They worked extremely hard to complete their mini Christmas stockings and tree decorations too. The children used lots of different skills from choosing their colour schemes, drawing patterns to follow, hand sewing and machine sewing.

Hopefully this will inspire them to keep sewing and continue with Sewing Club for our Spring project (bunting) which will start after February half term. They have been a pleasure to teach.

*Miss Simpson*

## **RECEPTION CLASS - PARENT LUNCHEAS 30.01.26**

Parent lunches for Reception class are now available to order on the Arbor app, and the cost of the meal is £2.58. The cut off date for ordering is 3.30pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> January. We will not be able to accept orders after this. Parents will need to arrive at school for 11.55am and sign in at the office. Please note that due to seating, we are unable to accommodate younger siblings.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:hellofons@outlook.com).

We look forward to seeing you on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

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

Kind Regards,  
**Jane Rickaby**  
**Secretary**

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

*C Elliott*

M C Elliott  
Headteacher

THE MORE THAT YOU **READ,**  
THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL **KNOW.**  
THE MORE THAT YOU **LEARN,**  
THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL **GO.**  
--Dr. Seuss

### 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**):

- 13<sup>th</sup> Jan: YR and Y6 – heights and weights
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Governors' meeting 4.30pm; **Y5/Y6 Girls lunchtime football club starts**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan: Netball vs Cranwell (A)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Y1 to Lincoln Castle; football v Cranwell (H)
- **23<sup>rd</sup> Jan: KS1 and KS2 STARS (any parents welcome)**
- **30<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y5 to Young Voices; YR Parent lunch; Maths STARS (any parents welcome)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Football match v Rauceby (for children who haven't yet represented the school)**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Feb: Netball v Kirkby-La-Thorpe (A)**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Feb: Football match v Kirkby-La-Thorpe (H)**
- **9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Girls' football match v Cranwell (A)**
- **13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Young Voices assembly (parents welcome); Last day of term**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Start of term 4**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Mar: Parents' Evening 4-7pm**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Mar: Parents' Evening 4-7pm**
- **6<sup>th</sup> Mar: Girls' Football tournament (Sleaford Town)**

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