



Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 19th December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

CAROL SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who attended the Carol Service on Tuesday evening. I am sure you will agree the children who were there represented their classes extremely well playing instruments, reciting poetry, singing and signing 'Silent Night'. The children who read the Bible passages also read clearly and with confidence and the choir continued to amaze us with their amazing singing. The mix of traditional carols and more modern songs made for a lovely Christmassy service.

My thanks to our friends from St Peter's who always make us so welcome, Rev Stuart for leading the service and to the Pallisers who, once again, gave up their time to be with the choir and take part in a school event.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Thank you for your donations for our Christmas Jumper Day. Thanks to your generosity, we raised £202 for Save the Children.

THEATRE ROYAL PANTO

On Tuesday, KS2 children went to see *Robin Hood* at the Theatre Royal in Lincoln. It was a fantastic experience for them visiting this lovely venue and seeing performers on stage. Everybody had a great time and they all represented the school superbly. My thanks to all of the staff who came with us (plus the volunteers) and also to FONS who funded the majority of the cost. The children (and staff) had a blast!



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, if you are able to help or have any questions.

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

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding – WhatsApp

Although WhatsApp is a 13+ app, we do know that some parents choose to let their child use it and we want to support families keep children safe whilst using this social media app.

We have received a recent update from the Safeguarding in Schools Team regarding WhatsApp groups.

There have been local and national reports of open WhatsApp Groups being created that are titled 'add everyone' or similar group titles. Large volumes of WhatsApp users are being added to the groups and encouragement for group members to further add users, which has included children being added alongside adults. This raises a number of safeguarding

concerns including reports of exposure to inappropriate content within the groups.

Please find attached the 'WhatsApp group settings' PDF guidance, which will help you ensure your child's settings are as secure as possible.

If you need any further support please contact me on fran.reeder@navenby.lincs.sch.uk

Miss Reeder

Designated Safeguarding Lead

DYSLEXIA OUTREACH

Attached to the newsletter are fliers for two upcoming Dyslexia Outreach workshops for parents and carers. The workshops are on-line and free to attend. A diagnosis of dyslexia is not needed to attend these.

The Working with Schools to Support Your Child's Learning in the Spring Term is open to parents and carers of children in primary, secondary or further education. The Transition Workshop in the summer term is aimed at parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 or Year 5.

ROCKSTEADY

On Wednesday, Year 1 and Year 2 children were treated to the latest Rocksteady concert. Five bands played a song each showing off their playing and singing talents. Their parents, who made up part of the audience, were amazed at how far the children had come since their performance in the summer. The smiles on the children's faces and the confidence with which they performed was lovely to see. We are pleased to be working with Rocksteady to bring these musical opportunities for the children.



HARMSTON YOUNG FARMERS

I have been asked to mention the following on behalf of the Harmston Young Farmers:

Harmston Young Farmers are running their annual tractor run once again this year on Sunday 28th December. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the route map, along with all the

villages and roads they will be passing through on the run. The run is an amazing spectacle and it's always amazing for them to see so many families out watching them come past, and a good activity to keep the kids interested, along with raising money for charity.

CARRE'S HOLIDAY CAMP

Last week, attached to the newsletter was a flyer outlining some of the activities that are on offer from Carre's during the festive period. They will be running some festive activities on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December between 8.30 and 3.30pm. Cost is £25 per day and bookings can be made by following the QR code on the flyer.

NEW CLIFFSIDE PLAYERS

The New Cliffside players Amateur Dramatics Society is putting on the panto *Robin Hood* on Saturday 20th December at Wellingore Memorial Hall. Shows are at 2pm and 7pm.

It is a family friendly panto where kids go free and adults are £5 per person for all shows. To buy tickets please contact them on 07833 135034 or via their Facebook page. All details are on the flyer attached to last week's newsletter.

FONS

We hope the children enjoyed the Neon disco last night! Thank you for your support and a huge thanks to our helpers without whom we'd struggle to put these events on. So far this year the events have raised in excess of £1700 that will go towards outdoor learning and transportation for trips. FONS Team wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And so we come to the end of the Autumn term and 2025. It has been a long term and I think it is fair to say that we are all ready for a break; time to spend with our families and time to reflect on the year we have just had.

We can look back on another year positively. We don't often tend to take time to reflect on all the positive things we do but at this time of year we should all take a moment to think about the positives. There is too much negativity in the world with the challenges we face and all too often these things can consume us. The staff work incredibly hard with up to 33 different young individuals in their care. I ask you to reflect on all the opportunities, challenges and support your child has had since September and the care that is shown to them. Thank you too for your part in their success: helping with homework, supporting them at sporting events, assisting with transport, helping with independence and

ensuring they are ready to learn when they come to school to name a few.

Thank you for your support of the school generally and the things we are trying to achieve. It is very much appreciated by us all.

On behalf of everyone at the school, have a very happy and merry Christmas and we look forward to another prosperous and healthy 2026 with you all.

Have a lovely Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

C Elliott

M C Elliott
Headteacher



Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoying their Christmas Lunch yesterday.

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:

- 5th January 2026: INSET Day (reading)
- 6th January: Start of term 3
- 8th Jan: Football Club recommences
- 15th Jan: Governors' meeting 4.30pm
- 20th Jan: Netball vs Cranwell (A)
- 22nd Jan: Y1 to Lincoln Castle; football v Cranwell (H)
- 30th Jan: Y5 to Young Voices; YR Parent lunch

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