

Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

As the colder and darker weather approaches, can I take this opportunity to remind you about the school's stance on children walking to and from school on their own.

As a rule, we prefer our children to be collected from school (particularly in the darker and wetter months) but we understand that some of the older pupils are trusted to walk to and from school on their own. This is also good preparation for the Year 6s as they head off to secondary school at the end of the year.

If you give your permission for your child to walk home on their own, you will need to complete one of the relevant forms (please see attached to this newsletter and available on the website). This gives your permission for your child to walk home and also outlines the route that your child would take; the reason for this is if there are any problems we can help trace the steps the child should be taking. Children will not be allowed to walk home on their own if a form hasn't been completed.

Can I also remind you that if your child is going to be collected by someone else away from the 'norm', please contact the school office beforehand, alerting us to who that person is. Again, we will not let children go with other people unless we know, for obvious safeguarding reasons. If you forget to inform us and the adult turns up to take the child, we will ask them to wait until we have made contact with you to ensure this is the process you want. Thank you.

KS1 MULTI SPORTS

Continuing our engagement with Carre's and promoting PE/sport in school, this week's activities were multi sports for KS1 children. We hosted this event and welcomed seven other schools to Navenby last Friday. Our representatives, Rafferty, Sophie, Alfie M and Ruby, took part in all of the activities which included tennis, football, rugby, hockey and athletics skills. They enjoyed learning about new skills and putting these into effect in small tasks. As always, they represented our school brilliantly – they are definitely PE superstars and ones for me to watch out for as they go through the school!

FIRE EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN PRACTICES

We are approaching the time of the year when we will be testing our fire evacuation procedures and our Lockdown procedure for the first time this academic year. Whilst children need to understand that, if there was a real fire, we need to evacuate quickly and quietly without warning, some children are anxious by the alarm sounding in school. I am, therefore, alerting parents to the fact that we will be having the fire practice next week so that you can talk to your children about the need to have a practice and what to expect. We will, of course, be reminding the children of the evacuation expectations in school prior to the test. I have scheduled the Lockdown practice for w/b 20th October. For parents unfamiliar with this procedure, the Lockdown Policy is available on the school website. Again, we will be talking to the children about the expectations for this practice.

If any parents have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact me in school.

PARENT LUNCHES

Thank you for showing your support of the parent lunches this week – we hope you enjoyed your lunch with your child. Please can I remind you to discuss the lunch options with your child so that they know what they are having. I spoke to them in Monday's collective worship about the amount of waste and asked them to make a concerted effort to cut down on this. It followed a chat about harvest and often taking food production for granted.

Y5 BIKEABILITY

Well done to the Year 5 children who took part in Bikeability this week. I am pleased to say that all 23 children achieved the level 1 award with 21 also achieving level 2. Those children will now have the opportunity in March to achieve level 3. Please ensure that you follow what you have learnt when you are out on the roads to ensure you keep yourselves safe.

Y6 PGL

The Year 6s have had a fantastic week at PGL. On the Year 6 website page there are plenty of photographs and a diary of events which everyone is free to look at.

My thanks to Miss Sheardown, Miss Simpson and Mrs Webb

for all their hard work over the last week, ensuring that the children have a great time and are well cared for. I am sure there will be more top report next week after they have returned to school to tell us all about it!

FORCES CLUB ASSEMBLY

This year, the Forces Club and Mrs Woolsey will be leading our Remembrance Service on **Tuesday 11th November** at 9.05am. All parents are invited to attend this but parents who are in the Forces are particularly welcome. More details about the Service will be released in good time.

MEDICATION

If your child has any medication which we keep in school can you please keep a note of when this medication needs to be updated. Parents are responsible for ensuring we have in – date medication for your child. Thank you.

OUR CURRICULUM DRIVERS

Last term we ran a competition to design logos for our new school curriculum drivers. There were many entries and it was a tough decision deciding on the winners. All staff were given a vote and the successful designs are now being used in lessons by teachers and you will see them on display boards around the school. You should also hear references to them during celebration assemblies and hopefully the children will talk about them in their homework tasks too. We believe by exposing the children to these three qualities it will build confidence and self-esteem

and further develop a love of learning. When Mrs Harrison’s class had the graffiti artist in we asked him if he could do a mural encapsulating the children’s designs and this is now on the wall by the Breakfast Club entrance.



HARVEST SERVICE AND SCHOOL VISION LAUNCH

On 10th October, we will be holding our annual Harvest Service at St Peter’s Church. This will include items traditionally associated with harvest with some classes performing a small item as part of the service. We are, once again, asking for donations of food to go to the Lincoln Community Larder who support vulnerable people in our

community. As promised, here is a list of some of the items they would like to receive as these are most in need:

- Baked beans
- Tinned spaghetti hoops / macaroni cheese
- Soup
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- Jam / Marmalade / Honey / Lemon curd
- Tinned fruit, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard
- Tinned meats e.g. minced beef, stews, curries, meatballs, corned beef, spam, ham
- Hot dogs
- Tinned fish e.g. tuna, sardines, pilchards etc
- Tinned vegetables e.g. sweetcorn, carrots, peas
- Tinned tomatoes
- Pasta sauce / Curry sauce
- Dried pasta, Rice
- UHT milk, semi-skimmed
- Cereals e.g. Weetabix, Cornflakes, Rice Krispies, granola,
- Small jars of coffee, tea bags
- Sweet biscuits, Multi packs of crisps
- Noodles, pot noodles, and pasta n sauce
- Angel Delight, Jelly
- Meat / Fish paste
- Squash e.g. orange, blackcurrant
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In addition, we will be officially launching our new school vision, as directed by the Diocese. The vision is something we have been working on for the last 12 months as it impacts on our school values, our ethos and our curriculum. It will be useful for parents to know how this vision came about and how we are using it as a focus for the school moving forward. Some classes will be performing short items to exemplify this vision and what it means on a day-to-day basis in school.


We are all hopeful many of you will attend the Harvest Service to share in the launch of our school vision. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE PROFILING

Please remember children need their PE kit in school on Monday so they can access Carres’ PE profiling session.

Macmillan Coffee Day

Thank you to the year 4 team and parents who have helped and attended our Coffee Day. You can still donate via Just Giving at https://www.justgiving.com/page/navenbyceprimaryschool?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL or scan the QR code.



Help us reach our target!
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FONS

🦋 Want to know more about FONS? 🦋
We'd love to see you! Come along for our next meeting:

📍 The Lion & Royal
📅 Monday 6 October
🕒 8:00pm

Whether you're curious about what we do, thinking about joining FONS, or just want to meet friendly faces – this is the perfect chance.

👉 Everyone welcome!

Join us at
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meeting

Mon 6 Oct, 8pm

LION & ROYAL,
NAVENBY

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

C Elliott

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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:

- 6th Oct: PE profiling Y1 – Y6
- 8th Oct: Reception 2026 open morning 10am
- 9th Oct: Photographer in for portraits; football match v Leasingham (H); Netball match v Leasingham (A)
- 10th Oct: 11+ results; Bikeability (Learn to Ride group); Harvest Service and new school vision launch St Peter's Church 9.45am
- 13th Oct: Cairn Service 9.05am
- 16th Oct: Reception 2026 open afternoon 1.30pm
- 17th Oct: Nasal flu vaccinations; Netball Qualifiers (details to follow)
- 23rd Oct: Last day of term; football match v Caythorpe (H)
- 24th Oct: Staff training (safeguarding)
- 3rd Nov: Start of Term 2
- **6th Nov: YR 2026 Open morning 10am**
- **7th Nov: Y3 to Wild Woodcraft**
- **11th Nov: Forces Club collective worship 9.05am; YR 2026 open afternoon 1.30pm; Parents' Evening 4 – 7pm**
- **13th Nov: Parents Evening 4-7pm**
- **18th Nov: Parkour lessons (Y2-Y6); flu vaccinations mop up**
- **20th Nov: Governors meeting 4.30pm**
- **21st Nov: Navenby 'Switch On' event 5-8pm**

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

