



Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big 'welcome back' to all of our returning pupils and a big 'welcome' to our new Reception children. It is lovely to see you all following the 6 week break.

There are a few changes to things, which I will outline below, but what remains is our drive and passion to work with you to deliver the best education to your children. We hope that you will take every opportunity to engage with the school and support your child(ren) with their targets. We have a great staff here who are more than willing to share ideas, to guide with advice and resolve any issues promptly.

We are very much looking forward to another fantastic year full of learning, opportunities and challenges which we hope the children aspire to.

STAFFING 2025/26

CLASS	TEACHER	TA
Reception	Miss Camp	Mrs Gumley
Year 1	Miss Jones	Miss Hodson
Year 2	Mr Swain	Miss Rawlings
Year 3	Miss Todd (M-W) Mrs Spokes (W-F)	Mrs Thornton Mrs Boulby
Year 4	Mrs Harrison	Miss Simpson Mrs Phillis
Year 5	Miss Reeder	Miss Peet Mr Colley (SCITT)
Year 6	Miss Sheardown	Mrs Woolsey
SENCo	Mrs Pridmore (Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs morning)	

We welcome Miss Camp to the school as our new Reception teacher and Mr Colley as our SCITT student teacher.

Mrs Pridmore is now working an additional half day per week and is in school on the days shown above.

Please be aware that we have moved our staff meetings to Wednesdays and so staff are unlikely to be available after school to meet with parents on this night.

Our safeguarding lead remains Miss Reeder and so any safeguarding concerns should be directed to her. Likewise, if we have any safeguarding concerns in school it will be Miss Reeder who liaises with you, or me in her absence.

We continue to work with our friends from St Peter's who support with collective worship, special church events and events in school: Rev Stuart, Mrs Cawthorne (our Bishop's Visitor) and Rev Susan.

Mr Housam will also be in school again this year leading collective worship, on behalf of the Joy Foundation, and supporting and developing RE and our church school ethos through his role as Foundation Governor.

GOVERNORS

Our Governors will continue to work hard behind the scenes, looking at the strategic direction of the school and monitoring the quality of provision, relating to finances, and the delivery of the curriculum.

Our Governing Body consist of the following people with their responsibilities shown in brackets:

Mrs Jerstice: Chairperson (Safeguarding, DT and Art)
 Mr Kirby: Vice Chair (SEND, Finance, Music)
 Mr Housam: Foundation (RE)
 Mr Canadine: Local Authority (History, Geography)
 Mrs Fenwick: Parent (PE, Maths)
 Mrs Robinson-Stewart: Parent (Reading/Phonics/PHSE)
 Mrs Hellard: Co-opted (Health & Safety, ICT, Science)
 Miss Reeder: Staff (EYFS)
 Miss Sheardown: Co-opted (MFL)
 Mr Elliott: Headteacher

If you feel you could help out in any respect with any elements of the above then I am sure the Governors responsible would be delighted to hear from you. Contact with them can be made through me via the school email or phone call.

Our strategic plan for the next 3-5 years is available for parents to view on our website.

STARS AWARDS

The staff and I have had a discussion about the STARS certificates awards and the pros and cons to having them. Children are obviously delighted when they receive one but can be upset if they don't. They were originally introduced to reward behaviour, quality of work, or progress that goes above and beyond the expected levels. And whilst staff have tried to be 'fair' in awarding these, we are aware that some children, who work consistently well, could in some cases be

'missed'. This is clearly not our intention, and we never want to create a culture where rewards are 'expected'. We believe in the child wanting to do their best so they can see their own improvement, developing that intrinsic feeling of success. We will still be celebrating all children's efforts and valuing what they do but in a slightly different way from now on.

Teachers will be awarding 'tickets' or a similar alternative (eg marble) to children who are doing well in class. This can be for behaviour, good progress, outstanding work, helping others, politeness etc. These individual 'awards' will then be collated for a class total. The class will decide on their own rewards and be able to 'cash in' their tickets at various points through the year for a reward. Alternatively, they could keep going until the end of the year to receive a large class reward. We have taken inspiration from Miss Reeder's Year 5 class last year who chose to keep going - their reward being a sleepover in school, which was, for many, a highlight of their year. Staff will be speaking with their classes to come up with age appropriate rewards and explaining how the new system works. We believe that this is a fair way of children being rewarded and for a greater good. The number of tickets each child contributes will not be shared so there is no 'competition' or comparisons but there is an expectation that ALL children will contribute a minimum amount each term.

I will be presenting Headteacher's certificates to children who are sent to me by their teachers for anything they have done which the teacher feels deserves individual recognition. Again this could be for an outstanding piece of work, great progress in something, supporting peers, being a good role model, producing additional homework etc. I will also be keeping a record of who is sent to me and awarding stars to children. They will be able to use these stars to 'purchase' stationery items from me. Like the class scenario, they can keep these stars to get something bigger at the end of term. It is not an expectation that all children will receive a Head's reward, just as it isn't now.

STARS ASSEMBLIES

All of the above means that our STARS assemblies are going to look different moving forward. There will be no individuals recognised; instead, teachers will be asked 'what are you celebrating in Year X this week?' The teacher, assisted by class representatives will then tell the school what they have done and why they are celebrating it. For example, this could be learning Psalm 100 in Year 5, all children in the class taking part in the daily mile and improving their time or a piece of artwork that the class made. Some assemblies will be subject specific, so for our first one which will be 'maths', all classes will be celebrating something to do with maths. We still very much hope that parents will want to come along to see what their children are doing and so there is an open invitation to our Friday celebration assemblies each week.

Parents will be able to see what is going on in the school and see the different things we celebrate.

All of this is being communicated to the children. We hope that these changes will ensure all children feel valued and that they belong to their class groups.

FIRST AID

For new parents and as a reminder to other parents, we treat all first aid in line with our policy. It was agreed in consultation with parents last term that minor injuries would not be reported to parents. These are injuries which can easily be treated and where the child concerned is not overtly upset. If we deem contact with parents necessary you will be informed by text explaining that first aid has been administered and that your child has returned to class. Obviously if things are more serious you may be notified to come to school to collect your child. All head injuries will be reported to parents by email with a letter indicating the area of injury. Again, if we feel we need to call we will.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Once again, we will be putting on a variety of after school clubs which we hope children will want to join. Staff kindly give up their time freely to run these clubs purely for the benefit of the children. Please can I ask that you communicate with us if your child no longer wishes to attend a club (particularly if numbers are limited) or they are going to miss a club for any reason. We need to know children are safe and if they are not where they are meant to be we have to investigate. Children must not just walk off home at the end of the day if they don't feel like attending the club that night. This could lead to the child being asked to leave the club permanently.

Any child that is permitted to walk home on their own after the club should have the necessary form completed for them by their parents. The 'permission to walk home' form is available from the school office or on the website.

We expect the same behaviour standards at clubs as in school. Please remind your child to be courteous and respectful to any adult leading the clubs. Thank you.

PARENT LUNCHES

This term we are inviting parents to come and join their child(ren) in school for lunch. The dates for each class are on the dates section of the newsletter below.

If you wish to come in, the lunches must be booked via Wisepay by the deadline given because we need all numbers in advance. If a parent wants to bring a pack up we must also know this the week before the date. Unfortunately due to space and seating arrangements, parents can't just turn up on the day.

TOPPS CARDS

I have again been sent some Premier League Trading Card packs from TOPPS which I am happy to distribute to the children. I am aware that these are collectable items and therefore incur a cost if children want to start collecting them. I am not advocating them nor am I forcing these onto you. If anyone would like them then please send me an email before the end of next week.

FONS

Welcome back we hope you all had a great summer break and big hello to the YR children and parents!

We are the Friends of Navenby School (PTA) who fundraise through the year to support our school. Last academic year we raised over £6000 towards a new school library.

We are a small committee and we always need help so please do come and join us on the first Monday of every month to discuss ideas and support the school.

Our first meeting of the year is on Monday 8th September 8pm at the Lion and Royal pub in Navenby. We hope to see you there.

You can always contact us on hellofons@outlook.com

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:

- 8th Sept: FONS meeting Lion and Royal 8pm
- 12th Sept: Parent volunteer meeting 3.30pm
- 13th Sept: 11+ verbal paper
- **17th Sept: Farmer visit to Year 5**
- 20th Sept: 11+ non-verbal paper
- 29th Sept – 2nd Oct: Y5 Bikeability
- 29th Sept – 3rd Oct: Y6 to PGL
- 29th Sept: Y1 Parent Lunch
- 30th Sept: Y2 Parent Lunch
- 1st Oct: Y3 Parent Lunch
- 2nd Oct: Y4 Parent Lunch
- 3rd Oct: Y5 Parent lunch; **MacMillan Coffee Day (Y4)**
- 8th Oct: Reception 2026 open morning 10am
- 9th Oct: Photographer in for portraits
- 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**
- **23rd Oct: Last day of term**
- **24th Oct: Staff training (safeguarding)**
- **3rd Nov: Start of Term 2**

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