

Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

MAY DAY

Please remember that school will be closed on Monday 5th May due to it being a Bank Holiday.

ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

Over the last few years, we have noticed that children's anxieties are on the increase. These can be for a number of reasons. Anxieties about coming to school, friendships, phobias, the unknown and many others are far more commonplace than they used to be and can cause distress affecting a child's ability to function.

Having first-hand experience of this, I am keen to support children and families and help them manage these incidents better and so am constantly on the lookout for different practices which may help.

I was contacted by a lady who has recently moved to Navenby who is a trained Thought Field Therapist. This therapy is used to tackle anxieties in its many forms. She has worked in schools before and I was able to have phone conversations with two of her former Headteachers who told me that she made a big difference to some of their children who accessed this. She has offered her time and experience to bring this practice to the children at our school.

Attached to this newsletter is a bit more information about the Therapy and the lady in question and I am pleased to say that we have organised a short introductory session to Thought Field Therapy on Thursday 15th May starting after school for approx. 30 minutes.

If you feel this is something you would like to know more about or explore, then we would be delighted to see you on the 15th. **Please can you let the office know if you would like a seat.** Thank you.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Through the summer term each class (except Year 6 who do their Leavers' Service) will be having their class assembly. These will be on Fridays and parents are warmly invited to come along to share in these. The children will be showing off the work they have done to date. Please keep an eye on the dates section of the newsletter and the website to see when your child's class is.

MRS THORNTON

As many of you will know, Mrs Thornton is a keen runner and participates in various races throughout the year. She decided to take on her latest challenge in the shape of the London Marathon last weekend. Here are her recollections of that day and her achievements:

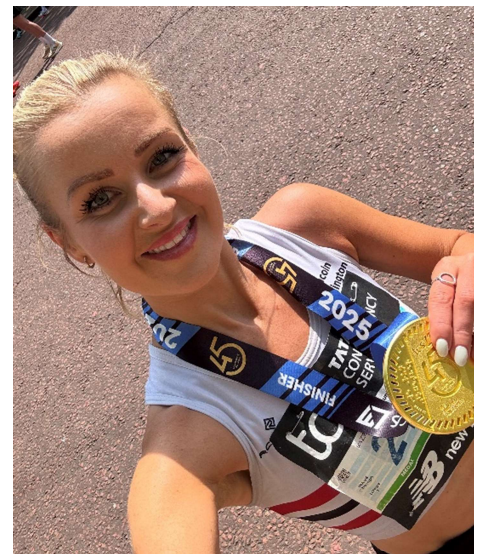
'I stood on the start line the most emotional I'd ever been, alongside 56,500 runners all with a story, a purpose and a 'why?': some to run a personal best and many to grow to be better people for themselves and others.

The crowds of London were like nothing I had ever experienced. The wall of noise lasted the whole 26.2 miles. I felt great up until half way but soon realised it was going to be a long journey to the end in the boiling heat. So I decided to slow down the pace and ran comfortably to the end in a time of 2 hours 48 minutes.

That meant, incredibly, I was the 47th fastest female and placed 1347th overall

The atmosphere was electric and London will always have a special place in my heart. Next up, Valencia Marathon 2025'.

Obviously we are all extremely proud of Mrs Thornton in achieving this amazing feat. She is a clear inspiration to the adults and children here and I know that children's engagement in running, the numbers at the running club she leads and the success in running competitions is largely down to her. We wish her well on her next venture in Valencia!



ARMED FORCES POSTER DESIGN

As part of their work with Mrs Woolsey, our Forces children entered the annual competition to design posters for Armed Forces Week. We have been very successful in this over the years and, I am pleased to say, this year has been no different.

The judging panel agreed that the following children's work deserved these positions:

Foundation Stage Winner: Olivia P
Foundation Stage Runner-up: Rupert D
Key Stage 1 Winner: Daisy M
Key Stage 1 Runner-up: Edith L
Lower Key Stage 2 Runner-up: Trixie T.

All of their winning entries will be used in the design of the programme for the Veterans' Lunch and Olivia, Rupert, Daisy, Trixie and Edith's designs will feature in the programme. In addition all of them will be presented with their prizes and certificates on 20th June as part of our Camo Day celebrations.

Well done to our winners and to all of the other Forces children who took part.

SWRA OPEN EVENING

Sir William Robertson Academy are having an open evening on 26th June, 6 – 8.30pm. To attend, you need to register your interest on www.swracademy.org

STARS

Well done to the following children who have all impressed their teachers with their progress and attainment in DT. Keep it up!

YR Sophie L
Y1 Peter F
Y2 Thomas F
Y3 Esmae D
Y4 Maddison
Y5 Esme & Rihanna
Y6 Matilda & Isobel

Next week we will have our first class assembly which will be Year 4 and we look forward to seeing year 4 parents at this.

FONS UPDATE

Tickets for the FONS Neon Disco are still available and can be bought on ClassList. Please ensure you have your ticket if you want your child to attend.

April's winning numbers in the 100 Club Draw are:

1st: 12
2nd: 2
3rd: 10

Well done to all of you. A member of the FONS team will be in touch about how to claim your winnings.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

C Elliott

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Headteacher

DATES (new dates in bold)

DIARY DATES

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 May: Bank Holiday – school closed
- 8th May: Outdoor Classroom Day
- 9th May: Year 4 class assembly
- 12th May: Year 6 SATs week
- 20th May: Year 6 Church Schools' Festival
- 22nd May: FONS Disco
- 23rd May: Last day of term
- 2nd June: Start of Term 6;
- 6th June: Y2 class assembly
- 9th June: Y1 phonics screening all week
- 13th June: Reception Class assembly
- 16th June: YR to Wild Woodcraft
- **17th June: KS1 and Y3 Sports afternoon 1.15pm**
- **20th June: Camo Day**
- **27th June: Y1 class assembly (new date)**
- **1st July: KS2 (Y4 – Y6) Sports afternoon**
- **2nd July: Y3 class assembly**
- **4th July: Y4 to Sports Crew Community Games**
- **11th July: Y5 class assembly**

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

