



Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 11th September 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP COUNCILLORS

I am delighted to say that we have our new collective worship councillors in place for the first half of the year. Many of the Year 6 class put themselves forward for the role and it was a tough decision for Miss Sheardown, Mrs Woolsey and I as to who was selected.

The four chosen, who will be presented with their CW badges on Monday by Mr Housam, are:

Harriet, Clara, Damian and Alice.

We look forward to seeing them develop as leaders and to seeing them lead collective worship in the near future.

SAFETY ZONE

At the start of this school year, can I once again remind parents of respecting the safety zone and its purpose. Please refrain from parking or stopping in the safety zone so that we can ensure our/your children's safety when coming to, and leaving, the school site.

Councillor Overton has put forward, on our behalf, a number of proposals about the safety zone and a Traffic Regulation Order is now being sought in order to have them implemented. We are continuing to work hard with the authorities to make access to and from the school as safe as it can be so please help us meet these goals. Thank you.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

As many of you are aware we have been working hard to develop our outdoor learning space and I am excited to share that we will be having a qualified external practitioner, Danny Smith from The Smiths Outdoors, coming into school once a week to lead bespoke forest sessions. Each class will have a half term slot with Danny where they will explore outdoor activities and learn bush craft skills. The children have all been introduced to Danny and the area this week and he will begin his direct class group sessions next week. For the term that your child will be attending these sessions please ensure that appropriate clothing and footwear comes into school so they are able to participate as the sessions will be outdoors whatever the weather! Also, if you have any wood, pallets or other natural items that we can use, please get in touch as we are always looking to add to our resources; my email address is torie.pridmore@navenby.lincs.sch.uk

UNIFORM

You will have received a letter about our school uniform expectations. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform in school so that they are not put in the awkward position of having to be challenged about it by teachers. If there is a reason why incorrect uniform is being worn (eg waiting for new shoes because they have outgrown the old ones) then please let us know.

Please also ensure that PE kits are in on the correct days and that they are being washed weekly. And please label all clothing so that we are able to easily return any that the children may have misplaced. Thank you

11+

Good luck to all of the children who are taking the 11+ test tomorrow and next Saturday. I am sure that all of the hard work you have put into preparing for it will pay off!

OFSTED

It seems an age ago since we had the inspection, but I have now received our official report which is available for you to view on our website

Naturally we are very pleased with the outcomes, showing that we are operating at the expected standard in every area of the inspection criteria. The inspection is no longer a 'best fit' based - all bullet points have to be met in each area, so we were disappointed to not achieve the 'strong' grading in two areas as we missed by one bullet point in each set of criteria.

The framework has changed significantly since our last inspection in 2021 with much more focus on leadership, routines, procedures, progress and inclusion. Every angle was scrutinised by the inspectors, leaving no stone unturned and it was a tiring two days for everyone.

Inspectors commented that 'staff know pupils well, which helps pupils feel that they belong' and this sits perfectly alongside our school vision of 'family' which was also recognised in the church school inspection we had in February. Inspectors were impressed with the excellent start the children get in EYFS and they could see the progress they made through the school due to a purposeful, accessible curriculum, effective teaching, inclusive practice to give all

children the chance of success and a clear understanding of pupil wellbeing.

Our Diocesan representative who attended the final briefing said to me that it was 'unusual' for a school to be expected in all areas, as there are usually one or two areas that Ofsted would mark down due to lack of evidence.

We have a couple of targets, as expected, which we will be working on directly through the new School Development Plan which we will be putting together over the next few weeks.

Can I, once again, thank the parents who spoke to the inspectors on either of the two days or completed the online parent survey forms. Your support for, and kind words about, the school were much appreciated. Hopefully, when you read the report, it will further show that your children are in good hands, being cared for, supported and challenged by people who care.

We are determined to keep working hard to make Navenby even better in all areas and look forward to working with you through 2026/27.

BEHAVIOUR

Last Friday, I reminded the children of our behaviour expectations.

- One-offs and 'minor' poor behaviour choices, which we all make from time-to-time are dealt with by the adult in the child's classroom.
- Repetitive poor behaviour choices or more serious ones will be escalated to the key Stage leads: Mr Swain for KS1 and Miss Sheardown for KS2.
- If behaviour choices don't improve or the behaviour is deemed deliberately hurtful or defiant then it will be escalated to Miss Sheardown in her capacity as deputy head.
- And finally, if any behaviours are completely unacceptable or consistent to a daily basis and children have not responded to guidance and advice then I will be involved. If it gets to this level, then please assume (if you are contacted by me) that the matter is a serious one-off incident or your child has been through our behaviour procedure.

Depending on the nature of the behaviour, stages can be bypassed if the staff feel it necessary. All poor behaviour choices are recorded on our internal system (CPOMS) which myself and Miss Reeder, in her capacity as safeguarding lead, see. Likewise any behaviour incidents in Key Stage 1 will be seen by Mr Swain and any in KS2 will be seen by Miss Sheardown.

The behaviour of the children is usually excellent with matters not going beyond the Key Stage leads. Hopefully this structure will help you and the children see how and why things may be escalated if necessary.

As always, we appreciate you speaking to your children about making good choices and being respectful to everyone in school.

MARKING

We will be shortly updating our marking policy to reflect the recent discussions we have had on INSET Day about teacher workload.

In summary (although the full policy will be available following approval at the Governors' meeting):

- Teachers and teaching assistants will be using 'rapid feedback' more widely in lessons; this involves speaking to children and addressing misconceptions within the lesson. This will be denoted by a D in a circle in books.
- If, following evidence gathering (including observations, verbal responses and work in books), the adult feels the child has understood the learning a tick will be placed by the learning objective.
- A series of lines looking like steps will be used to denote that the child needs to go back and correct something fundamental in their work (such as spellings, grammar or a misconception); it will also be used to ask children who are showing a particular love for the learning (for example greater depth pupils) to carry out an extension task.
- Teachers will mark work in blue pen and children will use purple pens for editing or self-marking.

All work will continue to be looked at and valued by staff who may want to add things beyond the minimum expectations above. By alerting you to this change now, it will hopefully avoid any questions at parents' evenings when it may look like teachers haven't 'marked' the children's work.

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.

SWRA

SWRA are holding an Open Week for primary school students with Open Mornings running from 9:30am-11:30am (Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September) and Open Evening running from 6:00pm-8:30pm on the Wednesday.

Please click on the link below to register, so they know how many pupils to expect over those three days.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Kx9jt01S6u?origin=lprLink>

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 (**new dates in bold**):

- 12th Sept: 11+ verbal reasoning
- 19th Sept: 11+ non-verbal reasoning
- 28th Sept – 2nd Oct: Y6 to PGL
- 29th Sept: New YR 2027 tour 1.30pm
- **1st Oct: Governors meeting 4.30pm (new date)**
- **2nd Oct: Y4 MacMillan Coffee Morning; Football friendly v Winchelsea (A)**
- 5th – 8th Oct: Y5 Bikeability; FONS meeting 8pm
- 7th Oct: New YR 2027 tour 1.30pm
- **8th Oct: Individual photographs**
- 9th Oct: 11+ results; Harvest Festival at St Peter's 9.45am
- **15th Oct: Football v Chestnut Street (A)**
- 16th Oct: Nasal flu vaccinations; **YR Teddy Bears' Picnic; Netball Qualifiers**
- 19th Oct: Cairn Service 9.05am
- 22nd Oct: New YR 2027 tour 10am
- 23rd Oct: Last day of term

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

Who are FON's?

Friends of Navenby School is our school's Parent Teacher Association – a group of parents, carers and staff who work together to make school life even more enjoyable and enriching for all our children. Through fun events, fundraising and community activities, the PTA helps provide those “extras” that make a big difference but aren't always covered by the school budget. Most importantly, it's about creating moments our children will remember, while building a strong, supportive network for families.

We've got lots of activities planned for this new year to fundraise for this year and we'd love some new faces to spread the load and also inject some new ideas.

How Can You Help?

To make our fundraising efforts a success we really need your help. Here are a few easy ways you can help FONs raise money.

- Volunteer help at an event (email us or sign up on the Classlist app).
- Sign up to *easyfundraising* (details below) whenever you shop through them we get an automatic donation.
- Purchase childrens nametags through *My Nametags*.
- Join the *The Parents Lottery* - top prize £25,000.
- Come to a general meeting - we always love seeing new faces and getting fresh ideas.
- Make a donation - however small, every bit counts.

Booking Events

Book for all our events id one via the Classlist App



Classlist





SIGN UP TODAY AND RAISE FREE FUNDS



How to get involved

- 1 Download the easyfundraising app
- 2 Choose us as your cause
- 3 See retailers donate whenever you shop



NO MORE LOST ITEMS!

Our nametags are perfect to label all of your child's possessions. From clothing to shoes, stationery, toys - everything is identified!




School ID: **30033**

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CLASS REPS NEEDED

We Need You

This year we'd love to have a class representative for all year groups, making sure the whole school is represented. This is a simple, flexible role that makes a real difference to our school community.

What does a Class Rep do?
You'll help share PTA updates with your class group, gather ideas and feedback from parents, and help keep everyone informed about events and opportunities.

Why get involved?

- Be more connected to your child's school life
- Help shape fun events and fundraising activities
- Meet other parents in your year group

Time commitment
Just a few messages here and there, and a bit of coordination around PTA updates or events. It really won't take up too much of your time we promise.

You don't have to do it alone
You can volunteer as a pair, so you can share the role and support each other. Perfect if you're short on time but still want to help. If you'd like to get involved or find out more, we'd love to hear from you!

Please message us at hellofons@Navenby.lincs.sch.uk

Committee



Chair:
Jo Ewen



Co Chair:
Emma Devenish



Secretary:
Jane Rickaby



Co Secretary:
Gemma Horsley



Treasurer:
Emily Potter



Communications Officer:
Lianne Taylor



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Evonne Austen

Committee members:
Jennie Lewis, Dan Smith & Scarlett Warmoth

Get In Touch
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First Meeting
Mon 5th Oct
8pm @
Lion & Royal

Our general meetings are open for anyone to who would like to join us. There is no pressure to commit enormous amounts of time, but 'many hands make light work' when it comes to putting on the events etc FONs arrange for the children. We usually meet in one of the local pubs or school.



Refreshments
Raffle

Join Us For
**FASHION
SHOW**

**&
PRELOVED
CLOTHING SALE**

A fantastic evening of fashion, fun and bargains
in support of All Saints Church, Wellingore

SATURDAY
19TH
SEPTEMBER
2026

DOORS OPEN
5.15PM

TICKET ONLY EVENT

TICKETS

£8.00
£6.50 for FASW

Includes a glass of
prosecco and canapés

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE –
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

**WELLINGORE
MEMORIAL HALL**

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TICKETS
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