



Navenby Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 25th September 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

HARVEST

This year's Harvest Service is on Friday 9th October at 9.45am at St Peter's Church and all parents are warmly invited to join us. We are kindly asking for any food donations for the Lincoln Larder which the church supports each year.

They say: 'Lincoln Larder are very proud to have supported people in need across our community for many years, thanks to the kindness and generosity of all those who donate to us. As in previous years, we are therefore asking whether you would kindly consider supporting us by donating your Harvest Festival food collection to the Community Larder, a registered charity run entirely by unpaid volunteers. There are many reasons why people may need the support of the Community Larder, including unemployment, low-paid or zero-hours work, and being unable to work because of illness or disability. At this time of rising food and fuel costs, our mission is to provide emergency food parcels to single people and families facing a crisis in their lives. Sadly, our food bank is needed now more than ever'.

You can find information about the history and work of Lincoln Community Larder on their website:

www.lincolnlarder.co.uk

Their list of 'most wanted' food items as well as ones to avoid can be found at: www.lincolnlarder.co.uk/donations/food/

The more popular items are:

Tins of: Fruit, Rice Pudding, Tuna, Meats – (eg stews, meatballs, curries), Hot Dogs, Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes.

'Weetabix' or own brand equivalent, other breakfast cereals, Instant Coffee (small jars), Sugar (250g packs), Jam, Marmalade or Lemon Curd, Pasta sauces. Semi-skimmed UHT milk.

Instant Mashed Potato, Biscuits, Puddings, Jellies, 'Angel Delight'.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this charity whilst also celebrating the Harvest work your children have done in school.

YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY

For those Y5 children who have signed up to Bikeability, this is a reminder that you will need to have your bikes and helmets in school on Monday 5th October until Thursday 8th October. In my experience, they do the training in most weathers, so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to be outside on a bike. Bikes can be left in school overnight but this is done so at the owner's own risk as school can't be liable for any damage or loss.

I have also been contacted by the Travel Plan Officer from Lincs County Council who is coming along to the school on the last day of training (Thursday 8th October) to **security mark bikes**. This will allow any bikes that are stolen to, hopefully, be found quickly and returned to their owner. If any Y5 children who haven't signed up would like to do it, then please complete one of the Bikeability forms which are available from the school office.

HANDBALL

The first activity organised by Carre's as part of their Friday Festival provision was a handball event held at Cranwell Primary School.



The children from all the schools which attended learnt some handball skills and were then put into mixed teams to play some fun, fast games. Our four children, Eva, Freddie, Harry and Lucy all enjoyed the afternoon playing the games and meeting children from other schools. As expected they represented us and behaved brilliantly. My thanks to the parents who helped transport the children to and from the event.

NUT ALLERGIES

There is new legislation out which you may have heard of called 'Benedict's Law' which is looking at schools' abilities to manage allergic reactions. We have a few children in school who are allergic to nuts and whilst we can't promise that we could be a nut-free school, I am asking parents to be mindful of what they send their children to school with as snacks and in packed lunches. Whilst not wanting to dictate what you

send your child to school with, please can you be respectful of the needs we have for some of our pupils. Thank you

Y6 TO IBCC

Last Friday, year six enjoyed a trip to the International Bomber Command Centre for an art and poetry day organised and funded through Aviation Heritage Lincolnshire. In the morning, we were thrilled to work with a wonderful performance poet, Ash Dickinson. The children enjoyed performances of his special brand of poetry and were inspired to write some really emotive pieces which Ash was very impressed with. In the afternoon, we had a hands-on pottery workshop with a local artist and decorated our own mugs with mixed media which we are excited to receive once they have been fired. The children were then given time to explore the centre including placing poppies on the memorial walls around the spire.

The children were real a credit to our school and our staff received many compliments from the guest speakers, IBCC staff and members of the public on their respectful attitudes, behaviour and engagement with the day. We are very fortunate have such amazing opportunities granted to us in Lincolnshire through Aviation Heritage. It was an inspirational day for the children and adults alike.



INSPIRATION WEEK 2027

In 2017, we held an 'Inspiration Week' – a week full of exciting activities provided by external sources who we brought into the school. We had visits from authors, artists, sports people, sculptors, circus skills, BMX stunt bikers and historians to name a few all with a view to opening the children's eyes to the endless opportunities they have now and in the future. My aim is to organise another 'Inspiration week' in May 2027.

Whilst this seems a long way off, I am going to start contacting companies soon and start to fill up what will hopefully be a fun-filled week.

I am appealing to you to see if you or anyone you know would be interested in coming to speak or work with the children as part of this week. You may know an artist who would be able to come and run a workshop or a professional who would like to come and talk about their job. You may know a musician who could run a music workshop or a dancer who could teach us a new dance. If you do think you could help and take part for this week (24th – 28th May) then please do get in touch. I will be putting reminders on the

newsletter throughout the year so that hopefully we can have each year group's timetable full of wonderful enrichment experiences. Thank you

SMART WATCHES

Please can I remind parents that smart watches which can take pictures are not allowed in school. Please ensure these are kept at home so they don't need to be confiscated in school. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL

I have been asked to bring to the community's attention that there are some opportunities to become a Parish Councillor due to the resignations of people currently doing this role. If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Council or Dean Miller directly on ClrDMiller@navenbypc.org.uk. Various soft- and hard-copy adverts are being posted.

PGL

Next week, our Y6 children will be going to PGL. We hope you all have a wonderful time, bonding with each other, rising to challenges and maybe experiencing activities that you haven't done before. We look forward to hearing all about it when you return the following week.

SPORTS CREW

I am delighted to say that we have our new Sports Crew in place. An unbelievable number of children from Y5 and Y6 put themselves forward so that we could have had 20 Sports Crews! Unfortunately not everyone could be chosen and it is always hard selecting children knowing that many are going to be disappointed.

The children chosen are:

From Year 5 – Hugo, Madeleine, Eva and Leo

From Year 6 – Trixie, Evie, Samuel and Henry

We look forward to seeing them develop as leaders and to seeing them lead sports 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.

TABLE TENNIS TABLES

We have two old table tennis tables which we would like to get rid of. If anyone has the capacity and availability to come and take these away to dispose of them for us we would be very grateful.

MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY- Friday 2nd October

We are pleased that Mrs Harrison and Year 4 will be hosting the Macmillan Coffee Day which you are welcome to attend. Only card payment will be accepted on the day for your refreshments or purchasing raffle tickets. You can make a donation through our JustGiving page for your child to receive a cake, or even just to make a donation for this worthy cause. See link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/navenbyprimaryschool2ndoctober2026?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

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**):

- 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
- 14th Oct: Football v Chestnut Street (A)
- 15th Oct: Netball v Chestnut Street (H)
- 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.

MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

All payments on the day
through ~~SumUp~~ so please bring
a card.

Y4 at Navenby C of E Primary

are hosting

'A Vintage Tea Party'

Friday, 2nd October

£3 per person
for tea and cake.

Raffle: £1.50 a strip

£1 donations
For children

To be held in the
Y5/6 Classroom



Y2 & Y3 Parents - 09:45-10:30

Reception and Year 1 Parents – 11-11:45

Year 5 and Year 6 Parents (Y6 at PGL) 1:15 – 2

Year 4 Parents – 2:30-3:15

(Your children will be able to pop out to join you for 5/10 mins during the slot)

All children will be able to get a drink and cake during the day (£1 optional donation can be paid on Just Giving prior to the event)

We would love any support you are able to offer such as:

- Donations of cakes (to be dropped off from 7:45 am on Friday 2nd to the Alice Hales)
- Volunteering to help Y4 serve teas/cake throughout the day.
- Offering raffle prizes.
- Most importantly...attending and eating cake for a great cause!!!!!!