



Navenby Church of England Primary School

School website: www.navenbyschool.com

NEWSLETTER 16th October 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

Next Wednesday, I will be running our Lockdown practice. Many of the children will have been through this before and are used to the expectations and what they are required to do when the school goes into lockdown. The children are very good at this.

It will be the first time for our new Reception children and so I am alerting parents to this so that you can speak to them about it at home. We don't want it to be a scary event for them. All staff will be forewarning the children and talking through what to expect.

Part of the process is that you will receive an alert text to say that the school has gone into Lockdown. It will be conveyed that this is a practice and not a real event. If you don't receive this text please can you contact the office to let them know as we may not have your latest details on our management system.

If anyone has any concerns about the Lockdown practice or routine then please do come and speak to me in school. We do a second lockdown practice in the Spring Term too.

ALL TOGETHER CHURCH

All Together

Graffoe Parish

Come and join us for relaxed and informal all-age worship, Café style, at 11 am every Sunday at Navenby School. As well as song, prayer and Bible reading, we sit round tables and



chat about our theme and how it impacts in our busy daily lives, whilst enjoying coffee, cake and biscuits. Children can also take part in a theme related craft activity. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information see our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DbARDUaD6/>

CAIRN SERVICE

On Monday 19th October at 9am, we will be holding our first Cairn Service of the year. This service is primarily to welcome new children and staff to the school and to further understand what it means to be part of a church school. The theme is 'belonging' and we will have Rev Stuart and our Bishop's Visitor, Jenny to help us. Our collective worship councillors will also be saying a few words.

Children new to the school should have received a letter outlining the fact that we would like them to decorate a pebble to go on our school cairn. By laying this pebble they are 'signing up' to our school and its values.

All parents are welcome to join us if they wish.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The School Admissions Team at County have asked me to post the following reminder to Year 6 parents about secondary school transfers:

The main deadline for secondary transfer applications is 31st October. For those parents who have a child in Year 6, please apply as soon as possible if you haven't done already. You can apply online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/3> or phone 01522 782030 and make an application over the phone.

They'll do a specific chase after the 'half term' break, and advise us at that time where we can check which of our pupils have already applied, and therefore identify those who haven't.

FOOTBALL

On Wednesday, the school football team played their first competitive league match against Chestnut Street. For a first game it was lovely to see how they played together showing equal levels of skill and determination to do well. After a dominant first half we were 4-1 at half time. We had a chat about the things we could improve on and had an even better second half scoring 4 more goals without conceding any. The final score was 8-1 and our player of the match, as voted for by the opposition, was Samuel.

Well done to all of the team and a thank you to the parents who helped transport the children there and for their support.

LOST PROPERTY

Please can I ask you again to remember to label all items of clothing so that we can return any misplaced items to their rightful owners. We seem to be amassing more and more of it. If your child has lost something please come and have a look at the lost property just inside the main entrance asap as we will be disposing of it at half term.

Can I also ask parents to send children into school with coats or waterproof jackets. Whilst the sun may be shining in the morning, the weather can turn quickly at this time of year. We always aim to take the children out at breaktimes and lunchtimes as fresh air is important. Children can be outside when it is raining and so need a coat. Thank you

LINCOLN COMMUNITY LARDER

I received a 'thank you' from the Lincoln Community Larder in relation to the gifts received from the Harvest Service last week. It said:

'Thank you Navenby School. Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Larder. It means we can continue delivering emergency food parcels to local people. We are very grateful for your kindness and support'.

Thankyou from everyone at the school for helping make our school vision come to life in this way, where we are supporting those less fortunate than ourselves in our local community.

NETBALL

We played our first netball game of the league against Chestnut Street on Thursday. We are fortunate to have a good number training at netball club to select our team from. All our club players have improved over the term already. Our team yesterday played against a young team new to netball. This being said, I was very pleased with the girls who played. They dominated the match, passed well, found space, communicated with each other and took all the shooting opportunities they could. These are things we try to do in training so its very pleasing to see the team putting it in to practice so successfully. Their teamwork paid off with a good win. Player of the match, as chosen by the opposition was Niamh. This morning we saw the same team play the Netball Qualifiers, please see the Latest News on our school website for details..

Mrs Howard



2026 CHRISTMAS CARD COMETITION

As in previous years, Caroline Johnson MP is running her Christmas card competition again. The competition is open to all pupils attending primary schools within her constituency. Entries may be submitted using the attached template, although this is not essential (paper copies are available from the school office). Designs should be no larger than A4 and must not include glitter or any three-dimensional materials. Please note that all entries must be received by Wednesday 4th November 2026 to allow sufficient time for judging and printing. The winning design will be featured on the front of my official Christmas card, which is sent to local organisations, fellow MPs, the Speaker of the House of Commons and even Their Majesties The King and Queen.

Please send original artwork, clearly labelled with the pupil's name, age, year group and school to:

**Dr Caroline Johnson MP,
Units 5 & 6 White Hart Mews,
Sleaford NG34 7RY.**

Alternatively, entries may be scanned and emailed to caroline.johnson.mp@parliament.uk, provided the original artwork is retained. If you have any questions, please contact her office on 01529 306721. She very much looks forward to seeing their creative and colourful designs.

SLEAFORD HUB

There's lots happening at the Hub this October half term, with a range of activities for children, young people and families. I have been asked to share the attached flyer with you, in case you might be interested.

There's everything from dance sessions and SEND creative dance to free creative activities and family sessions, so hopefully there's something for everyone.

October Half Term

Dance sessions:

hub-sleaford.org.uk/dance

All Hub half-term activities:

[What's On at the Hub](http://hub-sleaford.org.uk/whatson)

The full details, dates and booking information are on the attached flyer.

FONS

We're heading into a busy social calendar! Here's the upcoming events.

Movie Night 22.10.26 book your place in ClassList today!

Christmas Disco

Christmas fayre Friday 20.11.26

Huge Christmas raffle

Wreath making 02.12.26 to be confirmed based on your responses to message in your Year WhatsApp groups

Please email hellofons@navenby.lincs.sch.uk if you are interested in becoming a Class Rep, joining us or volunteering at events. We need helpers to run all of these events. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

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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**):

- 19th Oct: Cairn Service 9.05am
- 22nd Oct: New YR 2027 tour 10am
- 22nd October FONS Film Night; Girls' Football Match v Winchelsea (H) – no football club
- 23rd Oct: Last day of term
- 2nd Nov: Start of term 2
- 4th Nov: YR 2027 Parents Tour 10am
- 5th Nov: Y6 to IBCC (Schools' Remembrance Service)
- 10th Nov: Netball v Church Lane (H)
- 11th Nov: 9am Collective Worship led by our Forces Group – all parents welcome
- 12th Nov: Football v Church Lane (A) – no football club
- 13th Nov: Girls Football Tournament at Sleaford Town 10 – 2.30pm
- 16th Nov: Stay Safe Partnership Workshops for Y2 – Y6.
- 17th Nov: Flu vaccination catch up; Parents' Evening 4-7pm
- 18th Nov: Y5 to Sleaford Dance Hub; Football v Rauceby (H)
- 19th Nov: Parents' Evening 4-7pm
- 20th Nov: Football tournament at Sleaford Town 10 – 2.30pm

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

Dr Caroline Johnson MP's Christmas Card Competition



Name:	Age:
School:	Year:

