



Navenby Church of England Primary School

School website: www.navenbyschool.com

NEWSLETTER 23rd October 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL GATES

As you will be aware, the school gates have now been repaired. Please can I ask you to always use the Pedestrian access when coming to, and leaving, school. The main gates are on a sensor so will keep opening and closing whenever anyone goes through them. If people are doing this regularly there is a chance that the sensor will fail. If you see the gates closing then please allow them to close rather than triggering them to re-open mid close.

Whilst not technically on the school site, please could I ask parents/carers to refrain from smoking or vaping outside the main school gates. Providing children with a safe, clear access to school is our priority and exposing children to this as they come to school is something we would like to avoid. Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Orders for the individual photos, which were taken on the 8th October, need to be handed to the school office by 4th November as they are being collected from us the next morning. We will not be accepting any forms after this date and so late ones will need to be directed straight to the photographers, Braiswick.

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.

PGL QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to the parents who kindly returned the PGL questionnaire form and for the comments that were made on them. As a result of these the following arrangements will be in place for PGL in September 2027 (current Y5 class):

- Parents were overwhelmingly in favour (13/14 responses) of taking their own children to PGL on the Monday morning.
- 71% (10/14) said they preferred the flexibility of children coming in on the Monday morning so this will remain. Parents can send their children into school before collecting them to take them to PGL if they wish.
- 86% (12/14) said that they would prefer for their children to be collected from PGL and taken home on the Friday as they would be too tired for school. Therefore, we will ask parents to collect their child from PGL on the Friday next year.

Thank you for all of your comments. We will keep an eye on the price as some parents felt that it was approaching the limit of what they would be happy to pay.

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 we held our first Cairn Service of the year to welcome our new children and new staff to the school. Unfortunately, we had to do the main part of the service in the hall due to the wet weather. Jenny spoke to the children about what 'belonging' means and Rev Stuart spoke to them about 'belonging' in the sense of a wider group of church schools. I spoke about our school vision of 'family' and quoted lines from our Ofsted report which highlighted our ethos of 'belonging', and Miss Jones, our RE lead, led us in prayer.

Then the children went to the cairn to lay their pebbles, signifying that they were signing up to our church school values. My thanks to all of the parents who came along to support this.

Our second cairn service will be in March 2027, so any children who haven't yet laid a pebble can do so then.



SAFEGUARDING: Understanding what our children may be experiencing online – free event.

Are you a parent who is concerned about what your child may be experiencing online? Would you like to feel more confident in supporting them to stay safe?

A series of free events have been organised giving parents and carers the opportunity to get their questions answered on a raft of online safety issues, including age-appropriate apps, online trends, parental controls, social media, and more.

The online event will be hosted by experts from Lincolnshire County Council's Stay Safe team. The event takes place on 1st December, 6pm to 7.30pm online, through Microsoft Teams. Tickets are free but places need to be booked in advance. Follow the link to book your space.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2476488>

If you have any questions, please contact our designated safeguarding lead, Miss Reeder on safeguarding@navenby.lincs.sch.uk

HAF ELIGIBILITY

I received this from County to promote to our community:

Whilst Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility has expanded to include all children from households receiving Universal Credit, the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) eligibility has not changed and remains linked to Targeted Free School Meals (Targeted FSM). Children who are eligible for Targeted FSM will continue to be eligible for HAF-funded places throughout the school year.

As transitional protections for FSM ended at the end of the 2025/26 academic year, some children who previously accessed HAF may no longer be eligible because their family circumstances no longer meet the Targeted FSM threshold. We recognise this change may impact some families and would welcome your support in communicating this sensitively.

Where families are no longer eligible for HAF-funded places, we encourage schools to signpost them to alternative support, including:

- Tax-Free Childcare - [Tax-Free Childcare - Best Start in Life](#)
- Universal Credit Childcare Support - [Universal Credit Childcare - Best Start in Life](#)
- Local holiday provision and childcare schemes [Lincolnshire Family Services Directory](#)
- Other local family support services

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring eligible children and families can access the HAF programme this Christmas.

Y2 FIRE ENGINE

A huge thank-you to one of our former parents James Roberts and Ash, who gave up their spare time to show our very excited Year 2 class a real life fire engine! They absolutely loved looking at the equipment, using the hose and asking lots of *burning* questions! What a fantastic experience.

Mr Swain



NETBALL

On Wednesday the school netball team played their second league game away at Rauceby. It was a cold and damp afternoon but the team kept trying, despite cold hands that probably hurt with every catch. Rauceby competed well and marked our team, restricting our ability to be free in space, but we took advantage of every chance to shoot and conceded no goals. We ran out winners 10-0 which was another great result for Navenby. Emily was voted as our player of the match.

Well done to all the children for taking part and thanks to the parents for assisting with transport.

Mrs Howard



POPPIES

As usual, we will be supporting the Royal British legion but selling an array of poppy-related items in order to raise money for this worthwhile charity. All items will be available in school from Monday 2nd November. There will be limited amounts of some items and once they have gone, unfortunately there won't be any replacements. As we are a cashless school, parents will need to come to the main reception with their children to purchase any items, using the QR code from the Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your support.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

As an allergy-aware school, the safety and wellbeing of pupils with allergies is extremely important to us.

Following the introduction of Benedict's Law and the strengthening of allergy-safety requirements for schools, we have reviewed the measures we have in place to reduce the risk of allergic reactions and ensure staff are prepared to respond effectively in an emergency. This has resulted in the formulation of a new Allergen and Anaphylaxis Policy, which can be accessed via our school website. We cannot guarantee that our school environment will be completely free from nuts or other allergens. However, we ask all students and families to refrain from bringing nuts or products containing nuts into school. This includes peanuts, tree nuts (such as pistachios and almonds), nut spreads and nut-based snacks. This is an important precaution to help protect any members of our school community who may experience severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reactions should they come into contact with such allergens.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, inclusive and allergy-aware school.

FOOTBALL

On Thursday the girls' football team had their first match – a friendly against Winchelsea. This was the first time that some children had represented the school competitively but they certainly gave it their all and there was much determination and resilience on show. The contest was very even with good play on both sides but two goals from Niamh helped us to a 2-1 victory. Trixie was voted our player of the match but well done to all the girls who took part and thank you to the parents who supported.

Hopefully this gives us some confidence to go into the Girls' Football Tournament on 13th November with some confidence!

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.

TOYS

Can I issue another reminder to please ensure that children are not bringing toys to school. They are not needed in lessons and can, of course, be distracting. We certainly wouldn't want any getting lost or damaged. Thank you

FONS

Many thanks for your support for yesterday's Film Night, we hope the children enjoyed it. Big thanks to the parent helper

for giving up your time to help at the event too, it's very much appreciated.

We're pleased to share lots of other brilliant events coming up too!

🌿 **WREATH MAKING** (adults only): Join us for a magical evening of festive fun, creativity and Christmas cheer as we make our very own beautiful, fresh Christmas wreaths! We'll provide pre-mossed wreath rings and all the gorgeous greenery and decorations you need to create a stunning wreath to take home and proudly hang on your door. LIMITED PLACES, booking via Classlist.

🎄 **CHRISTMAS AT NAVENBY:** Come and join us for our Christmas Fair at Navenby School! Year 6 Enterprise Stalls, Christmas stalls, Christmas wrapping paper, Delicious mince pies, Raffle, and lots of festive fun for all the family! We'll finish in time for Navenby Village Christmas Lights Switch-On at 7pm!

🎟 **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Buy your tickets on Classlist now to be in with chance of winning some amazing prizes, such as: vouchers for Bainland, Kinema, Penells, Jubilee Park Swimming Pool, Hampers, Power Tools and more!! TICKETS ON CLASSLIST and drawn at the Christmas Fair. <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/FONS Christmas raffle>

🎵 **DISCO:** Christmas Disco for KS1 and KS2, party tunes, hot dogs, biscuits and squash. BOOKING COMING SOON

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 the above events. Thank you.

Thank you everyone for your support over the first term. It has been lovely to see the new Reception children settle in so quickly and to see the existing children adapt to their new classrooms. Please try to dedicate a little time to doing some reading and number work through the half term to ensure they come back prepared for Term 2.

Have a lovely half term and see you all again on 2nd November.

Yours sincerely,

C Elliott

M C Elliott
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**):

- 2nd Nov: Start of term 2
- 4th Nov: YR 2027 Parents Tour 10am
- 5th Nov: Y6 to IBCC (Schools' Remembrance Service)
- **9th Nov: Netball v Church Lane (H) – new date**
- 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; **Navenby Switch On 7pm**
- **21st Nov: Navenby Xmas Market 3-7pm**
- **23rd – 27th Nov: UK Parliament Week**
- **26th Nov: Governors' meeting 4.30pm**
- **27th Nov: Cross Country competition at PGL 10am**
- **8th Dec: KS1 Nativity to parents 2.30pm**
- **9th Dec: KS1 Nativity to parents 2.30pm**
- **10th Dec: KS1 panto in school; FONS Xmas disco**
- **14th Dec: KS2 to panto at Theatre Royal (pack up needed for KS2)**
- **16th Dec: Carol Service at St Peter's Church 6pm**
- **17th Dec: Xmas Lunch**
- **18th Dec: Last day of term**

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

CHRISTMAS *Disco*

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER

KS1 - 4.30PM - 5.45PM

KS2 - 6.15PM - 7.45PM

**£7.50 INCLUDING
HOT DOG & DRINK**

**BOOKINGS VIA CLASSLIST
PLEASE BOOK BEFORE 4TH DEC**

PLEASE NOTE: BOOKINGS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE



FONS PRESENTS

Christmas Fair

one magical night in Navenby

DATE

Friday 20 Nov

Save the date

CHRISTMAS FAIR

3.30pm to 6pm

Festive fun for all

LIGHT SWITCH-ON

7pm

In the village

Festive stalls

Christmas raffle

Mince Pies

Children's games

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

Every penny raised supports the school



Christmas Wreath Making Evening

**WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
AT SCHOOL
TIME TBC**

Join us for a fun festive evening
whilst raising money for the school

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST - LIMITED PLACES

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Dr Caroline Johnson MP's Christmas Card Competition



Name:	Age:
School:	Year:

