



# Navenby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Through terms 5 and 6, each class will be leading an assembly to showcase the work they have done this year. Parents are warmly invited to join us for these occasions (all 9.05am)

Dates in place are:

1<sup>st</sup> May: Year 3

**14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 4 – corrected date**

22<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 2

26<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1

3<sup>rd</sup> July: Reception

TBC: Year 5

## COMPETITION WINNER

You may recall the Sleafordian Coaches Easter competition that I advertised on the newsletter a few weeks ago.

Here is what Sleafordian Coaches had to say:

*This year, we were absolutely blown away by the number and quality of entries we received. The creativity, imagination, and effort on display made judging incredibly difficult. Originally, we had planned to select just **three** winners, but the standard was so high that we simply couldn't choose so few. As a result, we're thrilled to share that we have selected **twelve** winners this year - and Primrose's fantastic design is one of them! Her design will be displayed on our Into Town bus for passengers to enjoy this week in the build up to Easter weekend.*

Primrose's winning design is shown here. Well done Primrose!



## HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Please can we remind you to order your meals with Good Lookin' Cookin' ready for next term over the Easter break. The deadline for orders for the first week back will be 3pm on the **16th of April**. Thank you

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Wednesday our collective worship councillors led collective worship. They spoke to the children about this term's value of respect, delivering various messages using reflection time, drama and questions such as 'should you respect someone who doesn't respect you?' and 'why is self-respect important?' The rest of the school responded well sharing their thoughts with Zavier saying 'you need to respect yourself before you can respect other people' as an example of a response.

The councillors will be visiting classrooms after Easter to continue delivering their 'prayer' worship to those classes who have not yet had it and they will be planning their summer term collective worship too.

My thanks to Mr Housam who comes in to work with the children to help them with ideas and develop their confidence in delivering to a large group of people. Well done to Esme, Lexie, George and Ines!



## SPORTS TOPS

We have had a lot of sporting events this term and have given out many of the red and black sports tops. If your child has worn one of these (plus the football kit and black jackets) please can it be washed and returned to school at your earliest convenience so we are ready for the summer term's sporting activities. Thank you

## CARRE'S EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

Over the Easter Holidays, Carre's will once again be putting on a variety of sporting opportunities which you may deem suitable for your child(ren). Activities include: handball, gym, tennis and kinball. Information on how to book and cost are on the flyer attached to this newsletter.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to the parents who completed the questionnaire for us. Here are the results from it:

I am happy with the progress my child is making	96%
The school values my child as an individual and encourages them to do their best	98%
The school meets my child's individual needs	98%
Navenby School's curriculum encourages my child to be an independent motivated learner	98%
I feel I can approach the school with any concerns and matters are dealt with efficiently	99%
The school is well led and managed	97%
Overall I am happy with my child's experiences	98%

The results are extremely pleasing. As always, we will continually try to find ways to improve our practice.

## COMIC RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who gave donations to Comic Relief. I am pleased to say that the total amount we raised was **£166** through the Just Giving Page. Thank you for your generosity.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

I have been sent an exciting opportunity from Better Gym about swimming lessons for your child. Please see the attached poster and the information below:

*Water safety is a vital life skill. Each year, preventable water-related incidents highlight the importance of ensuring children are equipped with the knowledge and confidence to stay safe in and around water. Early, structured swimming education not only builds physical ability but also awareness, risk assessment skills, and confidence.*

*Our swim programme is designed to support schools in achieving the KS2 National Curriculum expectations, ensuring that by the end of primary school, pupils can:*

- Swim competently, confidently, and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively (e.g., front crawl, backstroke, and breaststroke)
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

## *About our lessons:*

*Our lessons are delivered by qualified swim teachers in a safe, supportive environment and cater to all abilities—from non-swimmers and beginners to more advanced swimmers. We focus on:*

- *Water confidence and safety awareness*
- *Stroke development and technique*
- *Personal survival skills*
- *Building lifelong healthy habits*

## *Exclusive Offer for Your School Community:*

*To support your pupils and families, we are offering:*

- *50% off the basket fee when booking swim school lessons*
- *Flexible lesson times to suit busy school and family schedules*
- *A structured pathway aligned with national standards*

## GIRLS FOOTBALL

On Monday I hosted a football competition for the girls. Five other schools came to take part. In our group we had Rauceby and Metheringham, with Cranwell, Winchelsea and Walcott making up the other group.

We won our first game against Metheringham and then lost our second to Rauceby, both by 1-0 score lines. In the semi-final we played Winchelsea and unfortunately lost 2-1 after extra time. That meant we played Cranwell in the 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> play-off. I am pleased to say that we finished on a high winning the game and thus finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. I know the girls were delighted to win a medal and I am pleased that we concluded the season with something to show for all of their efforts this year.

I hope the Year 6s continue to play football next year and that the Year 5s will want to continue here at Navenby.

My thanks to the parents who came to support the team.



## NETBALL

Just a reminder that Netball Club has now finished. We do still have a friendly match and a playoff next term, but would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for transporting the children to all of the matches this term and for the children who have played – Mrs Howard

## **STARTING SCHOOL SEPT 2026**

EYCC have developed some free online sessions to support parents/carers of children starting school in September 2026 with some practical ideas and resources.

They say:

*We know that starting school is a big step for your child and for you as a family and it can be an exciting but also a daunting time. You may have questions or you may just not know where to begin, don't worry we are here to help.*

*We wanted to invite you to some exciting opportunities to help you and your child to get ready for school. Attached to this email are posters with dates for face to face and online sessions for parents/carers of children starting school in 2026. Please choose the session with a time that suits you. Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub also has all sorts of free sessions available which will help with socialisation, turn taking, sharing and communication skills. Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub timetable is available on this link [Find a children's centre – Lincolnshire County Council](#)*

*Click here for useful information on Starting Reception - [Home - Starting Reception](#)*

*We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our sessions, but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.*

*Kind Regards  
The Early Years Team*

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Our cross country team performed amazingly throughout the last term competing at various locations around Lincoln against some of the biggest schools in our community. Mrs Thornton has kept us informed as to how the team have done after each event, being particularly pleased with their resilience and team spirit. Individual finishing places are awarded which are then collated to give team totals which are then combined across all of the races.

I am pleased to say that the team finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 18 schools. They have run in some tricky conditions but have always competed to the best of their ability and with smiles on their faces. Mrs Thornton has been amazed by their performances, many of whom have improved at each event. Thank you to all of the parents who have helped take children to the events and my thanks to Mrs Thornton for leading the Running Club and supporting our young runners at these events.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Please can we remind you to name all of your children's clothing so we can return lost property to the correct owners. Children often take jumpers off during break and lunchtime (particularly in the summer term) and fail to remember to collect them before they go back into school. FONS have joined *mynametags* where you can purchase labels for all sorts of clothes and shoes and raise funding for them too. Please quote code 30033.

Can I also remind you about the 'good as new' rail in the main entrance. Please do have a look if you need to replace outgrown uniform for your child to avoid paying increasing prices in the shops. Thank you to everyone who has donated pre-loved clothing.

## **FONS**

We had a great egg hunt on the school field today. All classes looked for coloured eggs and there was a lucky golden egg for each class!

Happy Easter from the FONS Team

We are always in need of volunteers for our events so please do contact us if you'd like to help out  
[hellofons@navenby.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:hellofons@navenby.lincs.sch.uk)

On behalf of everyone at the school, have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,

*C Elliott*

M C Elliott  
Headteacher



**“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”**

## 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**):

- 20<sup>th</sup> April: INSET Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> April: Start of Term 5
- **22<sup>nd</sup> Apr: Chance to Shine Cricket (6/6) – last after school school club**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> Apr: Girls' Cricket Festival at Lincolnshire County Cricket Ground 9.30 – 12.00; Road Safety Sessions (Y2 and Y4); Mr Elliott's after school Cricket Club starts**
- **24<sup>th</sup> Apr: Road safety sessions (Y1, Y3 and Y5); Carre's Quidditch event 1 – 2.30pm**
- **28<sup>th</sup> Apr: Re-arranged football v the Alvey (H)**
- **1<sup>st</sup> May: Year 3 Class assembly – all parents welcome; Carre's Dance event 1.30 – 3pm**
- **4<sup>th</sup> May: May Day – school closed**
- **7<sup>th</sup> May: Football v Potterhanworth (Y4/Y5 children)**
- **8<sup>th</sup> May: Carre's Cricket event (KS1 and Y3/4)**
- **11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs**
- **14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 4 class assembly**
- **15<sup>th</sup> May: Carre's event: tri-golf**

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