

WE INSPIRE, CHERISH AND BELIEVE  
IN EACH PERSON THAT THEY MIGHT FLOURISH  
AND FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL

## Happy New Year Barnham Family!



We had a wonderful first day back to school on Monday. It was so good to be back together and to celebrate Epiphany or Kings' Day together. Some Kings with their camel visited each class during the morning and popped chocolate coins in the children's shoes which is a Kings' Day custom in some European countries. They chalked a secret code and said a prayer of blessing at each classroom door too.

The afternoon began with Collective Worship, a reminder of the story of the wise men visiting baby Jesus and even more information about Kings' Day celebrations around the world. The children then embarked on a journey around the school following clues from the Kings that ultimately led them to finding the treasure- Baby Jesus and a sweet treat too! Thank you for enthusiastically getting involved and wearing your crowns with pride, this was a memorable and special start to our Spring Term!



Well done to our crown winners:

Hedgehogs - Effie

Moles - Tyler

Badgers - Leo (3D PRINTED)

Foxes - Owen

Squirrels - Sofia

Otters - Evie

# Gifts for the New Year

Following on from Kings' Day, where we reflected on gifts that we would give to Baby Jesus, we considered gifts that we could give and share during 2025.

The children came up with some really thoughtful ideas that we thought we would share with you all.

We hope that your new year will be filled with:

Love  
Thankfulness  
Kindness  
Joy  
Peace  
Care & Help  
Generosity  
Inspiration  
Laughter  
Friendship  
Trust  
Emotions  
Happiness  
Belief  
Patience



# New Year = New Beginnings

You may have spotted that we have some new members in our staff team at Barnham. We are so excited that they have joined our family and we hope that they will feel at home very soon.

Do say hello and make them feel extra welcome if you get a chance.

They've been busy preparing their one-page-profiles to share with you all so that you can get to know them a bit more.

First up, we'll introduce the two new teachers in Mole Class. Mrs Chambers will be teaching on a Monday and Mrs Fleet for the rest of the week.

We'd also like to say a big welcome to Catherine Stocking our new Family Support Practitioner and Stacey Heartford, a TA who will predominantly work in Year 6.

Mrs Emmott will be joining us as a TA in Mole Class from Wednesday 15th January.

Mr O'Connor who joined us this week will no longer be working at Barnham.



Hello, My name is **Jo Chambers** and I am a teacher at Barnham CEVC Primary School, Suffolk.



I am one of the teachers in Mole class. I will be working on a Monday and I am looking forward to teaching PE and RE - 2 of my favourite subjects!

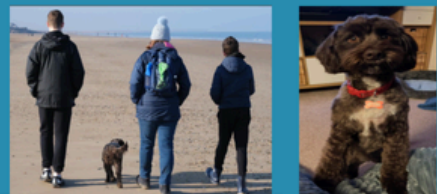


I love my family and enjoy spending time with them. My boys are 15 and 17 so family time is harder to do these days as they are busy so it's more special when we do. I also love having coffee and cake with friends and going to the theatre to see musicals. I love crafting and like to knit, sew, draw and paint - I even had a go at pottery last year! I have a gorgeous dog called Jessie and a wonderful husband. I adore books and am also a librarian so I'm usually surrounded by books - classrooms and libraries are my happy places.

I've been a teacher a long time - over 20 years! People say I am organised and a fun teacher to work with so that always helps. I really love working with children so that's a superpower to have in school. They are inquisitive, hilarious and hardworking. I look forward to working with the lovely children of Barnham school.



Because I like to be organised, I like to know things ahead of time if possible. I love notes, cards and emails so I can look back on something written instead of remembering what people have told me!



Contact me through the school office 01842 890253 or email the school.

Hello, My name is **Lily Fleet** and I am a Class Teacher at Barnham CEVC Primary School, Suffolk.



## What does my job involve?

I am a class teacher in key stage one, which means I teach the children in years 1 and 2. I make the learning environment a safe space for learning and exploration. My classroom is fun and engaging, I love to sing songs and tell stories. My favourite subjects to teach are Phonics, English, Art and Forest Schools. I never mind a bit of messy play (as long as my desk is tidy!)



## What do people like and admire about me?

I ask some advice on this one and people like that I can get on with anyone. I have friends from all walks of life and I love variety. I am generous, non-judgemental, friendly and good fun to be around. I am also forgiving and get over things really quickly.



## What is important to me?

My family are very important to me. I have a husband called AJ who is an architect and I have two sons, Ralph and Edmund. We have an elderly cat called Pumpkin. I also like to spend time with my mum and my grandparents. We are a close family and really enjoy each others company. I also think it is important for us to travel and visit new people and places. We love to spend time in hot places and to visit the beach.

When we visit new cities the first thing I like to do is walk everywhere and get my bearings. I love to visit art galleries and museums and learn about local and social history. In my down time I like to listen to music and dance in the kitchen. We also watch films. I particularly love a musical.

## How do I like to be supported?

I love good communication and for people to be open and honest. I find it hard second guessing what's going on in someones head. I like to have a plan, but also to be able to be flexible and open minded when necessary, I always need a stack of post-its for my to-do lists, so I can stick them all over my laptop.



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# Christmas Reading Bingo Challenges

Well done to everyone who completed the Christmas reading bingo! It looks like you had a great time getting cosy and reading with your pets and cuddly toys!  
Keep on reading as regularly as you can and we will continue to share book recommendations for you all in the coming newsletters!



*Well done Willow, Oscar & Owen!*

*Number Day is coming soon!*

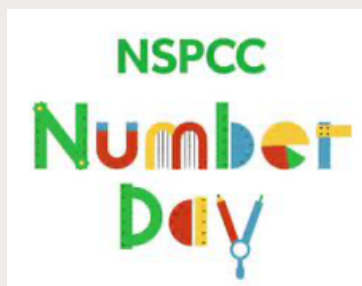
We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in 'Number Day' on Friday 7 February 2025.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. Throughout the day we will be working to solve exciting maths puzzles in and around school; from Treasure Hunts to Bingo, we are planning a day to ignite a love of numbers!


As part of the fun, we would like the children to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative, by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for cash donations. (There will be collections in classes for these.)

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day and we really appreciate your support.

The money we raise will make a difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.




# January - Safeguarding Focus



## Contextual Safeguarding

### Monthly Focus- January 2025

# NSPCC - PANTS



Speak out. Stay safe.

Can you remember the Pantosaurus rules for staying safe?  
Have you read the story or heard the song before?  
Speak out to stay safe!

Talk to a trusted adult if you have concerns.  
There are lots of trusted adults at Barnham that you can talk to if you need to.

We will discuss this topic with the children in class

Do take some time to explore the NSPCC PANTS stories and songs and talk to your children about these important matters that will help them to keep themselves safe.

The NSPCC have a wealth of resources, do check out their website.

## Attendance Matters

We know that before the Christmas break many children were unwell and this was the case for many schools.

Our attendance level across the school has declined rapidly over recent weeks, it is not just illness it is unauthorised holidays, lateness and sporadic days off that have reduced the percentage of children with good attendance.

We now sit in the bottom 50% of schools within Suffolk for our attendance, please see table below. We can expect to fall under a greater level of scrutiny with increased visits by the Education Welfare Officer (EWO). Please can I ask for your support and partnership in ensuring your child comes to school everyday.

We are always here to support in many different ways.

Please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Catherine (our Family Support Practitioner) if your child struggles / is reluctant coming to school.

Overall attendance	94.7%	You are ranked 142nd out of 253 schools
Overall absence	5.3%	You are ranked 142nd out of 253 schools
Authorised absence	4.6%	You are ranked 195th out of 253 schools

# Thrive Activity Idea

It has been a while since we've shared Thrive activities because we were sharing our Advent Challenges but we will try to share one small activity idea each week. We'd love you to share photos/ feedback on how you get on with this. You can do that by emailing the office - [admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk)



Start off the new year positively by creating a gratitude tree of things you are thankful for. Put it somewhere where you can see it regularly so that when there are harder days you can focus on positive things to be thankful for.



## Our Value is Trust

It's a new term which means that it is time to focus on a new value.  
Our BIG QUESTION this week is:

### What does it mean to trust someone?

It was so good to be back together as a school for our first Collective Worship of the new year- we welcomed new staff and then Miss Bacon taught us all about Epiphany and launched a special Kings' Day treasure hunt!

Mrs Arnold led Collective Worship on Tuesday, Mrs Bird on Wednesday and it was fabulous to see Vicar Karen again on Thursday.

Our new welcome greeting is:  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart **and lean not on your own understanding.**

**Our dismissal from Collective Worship says:**  
God, please help us to trust you **and each other today.**

We are looking forward to learning more about trust over the coming weeks.



Our TRUST Bible Verse - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding - Proverbs 3 v 5

# Lunch Menu for Next Week

Monday 13th January	Tuesday 14th January	Wednesday 15th January	Thursday 16th January	Friday 17th January
Pizza, rice and salad OR Tomato Pasta  Ginger Biscuits	Beef lasagne, garlic bread and veg OR Jacket Potato  Sprinkled Tray Bake	Fish finger wrap and sweetcorn OR Vegi Fingers  Crumble & Custard	Chicken Roast OR Quorn Fillet  Jelly & Fruit	Sausages, chips/mash and beans OR Quorn Sausages  Ice cream pot

## Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd January - Year 4, 5 and 6 visiting The O2 for Young Voices  
Thursday 6th February - Bedtime Stories Event (More information to follow)

Friday 7th February - NSPCC Number Day

**Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February - Half Term Holiday**

Tuesday 4th March - Pancake Day Celebration in school

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Monday 24th March - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 25th March - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 1st April - SATS Information Evening for Year 6 Families

**Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April - Easter Holiday**

Tuesday 22nd April - Summer Term Begins

## OUR SCHOOL BIBLE VERSES:

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.

They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Jesus said 'I am the vine; you  
are the branches.

Those who abide in my and I in  
them, will bear much fruit.'

John 15:5

