

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

## Community Christingle



Thank you so much for joining us for our Community Christingle, we were so pleased to see you all. It was amazing to have 86 family members in for an afternoon of creativity!

We hope that you enjoyed the time with your children in their classrooms.

Thank you also to our amazing 'Vicar Christingle', Karen you were a real highlight in your costume!



# A Few More Photos...





# News from Squirrel Class

In Geography, Squirrel class have become travel agents and tourists travelling around the world! They first became travel agents and had to create a city guide poster explaining all of the main attractions and interesting facts about a major city in Europe, North America or South America. They then had to present their posters to some tourists (the rest of the class) and try to sell plane tickets to visit their city!

Tourist then travelled to their chosen city and have written postcards to friends and family telling them all about their amazing trips visiting new and wonderful countries and cities around the world! Test them on their capital cities knowledge - they are quite the experts now!



In art, year 5 have been looking at landscapes, patterns and subtraction. They looked at repeated patterns and abstract art before creating their own abstract landscapes!

Take a look at our maths learning! We now know all about factor pairs and have created our own factor flowers, spiders, octopus, rainbows and more to represent factor pairs of different numbers!

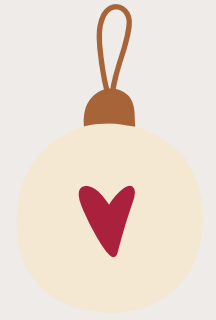




# Week 1 of Advent- LOVE

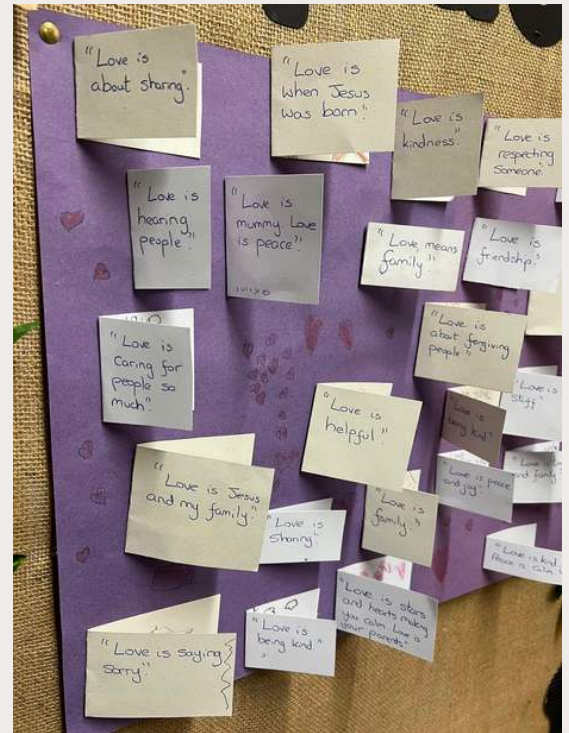


Thank you for  
Loving Your School  
Loving Your Family &  
Loving Your Community  
Barnham Change Agents



Our challenges can always be adapted to suit your family! Instead of watching a Christmas film together for the 'LOVE your family' challenge, Hamish and his family enjoyed a festive trip to the pantomime! We loved hearing all about this, thank you for sharing with us!

Mole Class used some time in their RE lesson to create this amazing advent calendar reflecting on the meaning of love. As they presented it to Miss Bacon for the prayer space, they explained "It's not filled with chocolate but it is filled with LOVE." Thank you Mole Class!



Thank you so much for your donations for Thetford Foodbank, we will still collect any donations until the end of term, so please feel free to continue to donate for this worthy cause and continue to love your community beyond this week.

Well done for loving your school and making decorations for our Christmas tree, it is definitely looking better now it has some beautiful decorations.  
Ash from Fox Class was our winning design and a runner-up prize went to Audrey in Badger Class and Zia in Fox Class.

Thank you for all your amazing entries and for helping our tree to look wonderful!  
We will share more photos on our facebook page so that you can all enjoy them.



# Advent- Week 2 - Joy

Monday 9th December - Friday 13th December  
Barnham let's share in the JOY of the season  
this week! Here are 3 challenges for you.

## Find Joy

What brings you joy?

Create a "Joy List" to list things that make you happy and bring you joy!  
We'd love you to share your lists with us. I wonder who will have the longest list! You can always use words and pictures! They could be typed or handwritten! Bring them into school and pop them on the Prayer Space display by Friday. We'll then share some together in our Celebration Assembly at the end of the week and their might even be some prizes for children who make a great effort!

Find joy in those big moments and the small too!

## Create Joy & Share Joy

Take some time together to have a family baking session or just decorate some cookies together!

We are pretty sure that this activity will bring some smiles and joy but how about taking it one step further?

Could you gift your creations to someone or even invite them over to enjoy a treat together?

Maybe you've got Grandparents nearby or know someone who lives alone that this could bring great joy too!

If baking is a little bit difficult, we are sure that you can be creative and make a festive craft or card for someone too! Please send us your photos so that we can share them and inspire others to do the same!

## Celebrate Joy

At the end of the week, have a family "Joyful Celebration" where everyone shares their happiest moment of the week or just some moments of joy. Celebrate these happy moments in whatever way works for you. It could be with drinks and snacks, it could be by decorating a room in your house or even just sharing your moments with others on social media. Joy deserves a celebration and we hope that this advent and Christmas time will truly be a season of joy for you and your family.



Season  
of JOY

As always, we would love you to share your photos or Advent News with us by e mailing [admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk)



# Well Done Barnham's Best!

Each week, we celebrate Barnham's Best in our celebration assembly. The children are chosen and awarded a certificate in Collective Worship. Usually in the afternoon, they gather with Mrs Arnold or Mrs Bird for a hot chocolate and a treat!

This week, our Barnham's Best children had an extra special treat and a very important job. They went along to Elveden Estate to choose a Christmas Tree for our school and enjoyed a hot chocolate treat there!

Thank you so much Elveden Estate for donating a tree to our school and for letting us come and choose it, we had a great time and really appreciate your kindness and generosity in donating us a tree each year.



This photo was their surprised faces when we congratulated them in Collective Worship and shared the exciting news with them!





# Theatre Friday

Today was a really exciting day in school, we had a visit from the Garlic Theatre Company and everyone enjoyed a performance of The Three Little Pig Tails!

It was sensational; children were gripped all the way through and the hall was filled with gasps, laughter and children joining in with the songs!

Here is some of the children's thoughts...

"It was shocking because the wolf blew two houses down!"

"I thought it was really funny when the wolf's tail blew off and flew in the air!"





# Messages from FOBS

Thank you so much to FOBS for their hard work in organising an incredible Christmas Fair. So many volunteers gave up their time over many weeks to make sure that this event was a huge success. We appreciate each one of you.



FOBS will be at the Festive Farmers Market on Saturday 7th December between 10am and 12:30pm, do pop along if you can! The hampers will be raffled off next Friday (13th December) please bring your tickets and money and pop in the FOBS letterbox on the playground.

## Christmas Jumper Day!



Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday 12th December which is also our Christmas Dinner Day!

There won't be any official donations for this but you are always welcome to donate to The Children's Society and we have a donation pot in the school office for this.

## CONNECT Coffee Morning

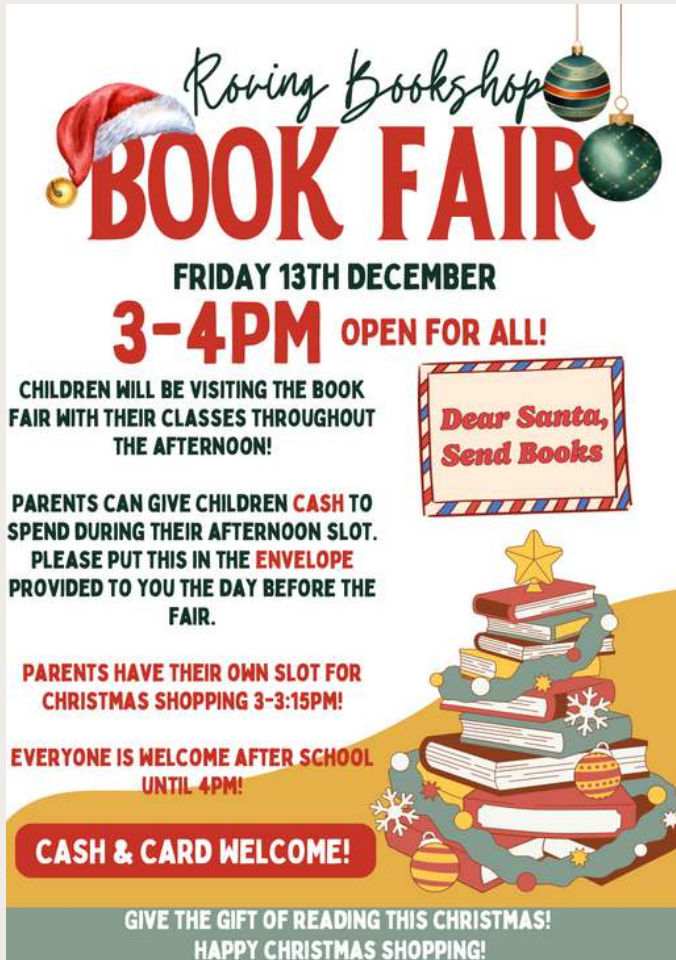


Also on Thursday 12th December, you are welcome to come in and join us for a cup of tea/ coffee, Christmas snacks and a chat with other parents as we host our final CONNECT of the school year! This will be very informal and a chance to enjoy being together and support one another at this busy time!

We'd love to see you from 9-10am in the school hall.



# Book News



*Roving Bookshop*  
**BOOK FAIR**  
FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER  
**3-4PM** OPEN FOR ALL!

CHILDREN WILL BE VISITING THE BOOK FAIR WITH THEIR CLASSES THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON!

PARENTS CAN GIVE CHILDREN CASH TO SPEND DURING THEIR AFTERNOON SLOT. PLEASE PUT THIS IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED TO YOU THE DAY BEFORE THE FAIR.

PARENTS HAVE THEIR OWN SLOT FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING 3-3:15PM!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4PM!

**CASH & CARD WELCOME!**

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING THIS CHRISTMAS!  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

*Dear Santa,  
Send Books*

The poster features a Santa hat, Christmas ornaments, and a stack of books decorated as a Christmas tree.



*Christmas*  
**STORY CAFÉ**

Join your child in their classroom for a cosy Christmas story time! You are welcome to visit more than one classroom if you have more than one child. Join us from 2:30-3pm on Thursday 12th December!

The poster is decorated with a book Christmas tree, wrapped gifts, and stacks of books.

## Bookvent

Thank you so much for bringing in your books for the children to enjoy Bookvent together with their friends in class- this is a real highlight in the countdown to Christmas and it's great for them to read a real variety of favourite books!

Keep on reading Barnham!

Here are a couple of photos from Hedgehog Class, I think you'll agree, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!





# Dodgeball Competition



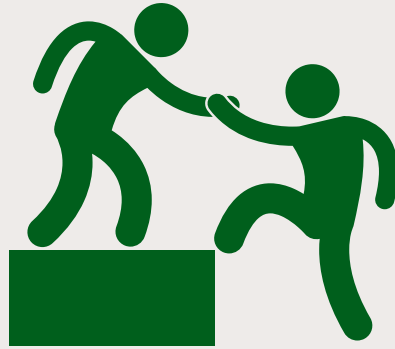
Year 5 & 6 had a great time at the dodgeball tournament at Thurston this evening! Well done to them all for showing incredible determination, team work and resilience. They won most of the games they played! Some children even got rewarded with stickers for their great efforts noticed by the umpires. Well done Team Barnham, you are all stars



# Support

We know that times are tough and the cost of living crisis is taking its toll on so many. Please reach out if there is anything that we can do to help you or send an e mail and we can talk about ways that we can help support you and your family in a discrete and personal way. We also have lots of links and information that we can signpost you to for further support if it is needed.

Let's support one another where we can.



## Our Value is Peace

Our BIG QUESTION this week is:

### What can we learn from Jesus about living a life of peace?

It's been great to have some visitors in this week, we enjoyed listening to Tony Heywood and Matt Heard as they shared with us.

Even in the busyness of the festive season and this time of preparation, we hope that you can find moments of peace or as the book is called "Five Minutes Peace". Mrs Bird shared this story with us all recently.



**We have really enjoyed getting outside for Collective Worship recently! We have found that the children really benefit from getting out in the fresh air and getting in the sunlight especially at this time of year when lots of coughs and colds are going around.**

**Please always ensure that your child has a warm coat and accessories eg: hat, gloves, scarf if you think they'll need it. We will continue to hope for dry days and an opportunity to do this even more!**



Our Peace Bible Verse - John 14 v 27 - I am leaving you with a gift- peace of mind and heart. And the gift I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.



# Lunch Menu for Next Week

Monday 9th December	Tuesday 10th December	Wednesday 11th December	Thursday 12th December	Friday 13th December
Jacket Potatoes Choice OR Vegi tomato pasta  Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Chicken burgers & wedges OR Quorn Fillet  Strawberry Mousse	Mac 'n' cheese and garlic bread OR Jacket Potato  Flapjack	  Christmas Dinner Day!	Filet of fish & chips OR Quorn Vegi Fingers  Marble Cake

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th December - Hedgehogs & Moles Nativity

Thursday 12th December- CONNECT Christmas Coffee Morning (9-10am)

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

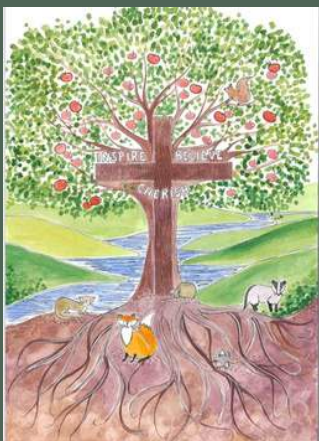
Thursday 12th December - Christmas Story Cafe

**(Families welcome to join us from 2:30pm)**

Friday 13th December - Book Fair

Friday 20th December - Christmas Carol Service at Church

**(Families welcome to join us from 1:30pm)**



### 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