

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

Well done Junior Headteachers



Well done and thank you to Logan and Sophia for being our Junior Headteachers this term. They collected pupil views from all the children and then prepared a presentation and shared this with our governors at a meeting on Monday. They did a great job and we were really proud of how confidently they shared and then how well they answered questions too. I wonder which Year 6 children will be out next Junior Headteachers for our Full Governors Meeting in March 2025? We have a long list of volunteers to choose from!

Community Christingle

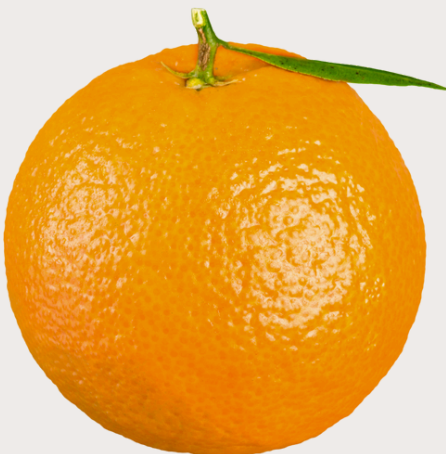
Next Thursday, 5th December, you are all invited to join us from 2:30pm to make Christingles with the children in their classrooms.

We are then hopeful that we might all be able to gather outside for a short Collective Worship with Vicar Karen so please dress for the weather!

Please could your child bring **an orange** into school for this day and **some sweets or dried fruit** that can be used on their Christingle. It would be lovely if the class could all put their sweet contributions together and so everyone can share and have a real variety. They need to be sweets that you can poke a cocktail stick through, mini marshmallows work too but please no chocolate as they will melt to quickly. Also please don't forget we are a nut-free school.

School will provide everything else that is needed.

We can't wait to share together with you as we kick-start Christmas at Barnham, we do hope you'll be able to join us.



Advent is coming!



This year, we have just 3 weeks of Advent to enjoy and countdown together before the Christmas holidays will begin.

As well as the daily Bookvent happening in each classroom over the coming weeks. We will also be focusing on the countdown to Christmas in our Collective Worship and through our prayer spaces.

We have decided to focus on the theme of 'Love, Joy and Peace' (our current value) this year. We would love you to get involved with this and will share some challenges for you all to get involved with.

Week 1 - our focus will be on LOVE

Week 2 - JOY

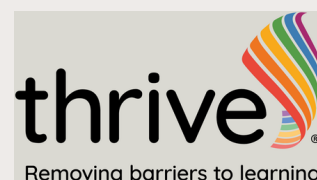
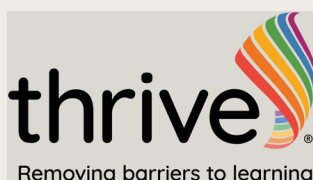
Week 3 - PEACE

This project will include plenty of ideas for Thrive Activities for everyone to enjoy together. We would absolutely LOVE to fill our Social Media pages with examples of you all getting involved in Advent over the coming weeks.

Please do share them with us via e mail at admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk or tag our school Facebook Page when you share them yourself!

Some challenges that we share will have some Christmas prizes available too and we will present these as part of our regular Celebration Collective Worship on Friday each week.

We hope you will get involved as we countdown and celebrate together!





Advent- Week 1 - Love

Monday 2nd December - Friday 6th December
Barnham let's share LOVE this week!



Love your school

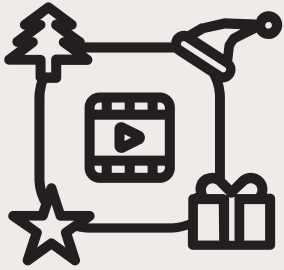


We'd LOVE you to help us decorate our school Christmas tree. Please make a decoration at home that you can bring in and add to our tree! Be creative and if you can link it with our theme of 'Love, Joy, Peace' or our school strapline 'Inspire, Cherish and Believe' we'd really LOVE that! Pop your name on the back of your decoration as we'd love to know who made which decoration. We will have Christmas Prizes to give out too!



Love your family

Spend some quality time together and watch a Christmas film and look for examples of where you see LOVE in the film and talk about this when the film has finished. Don't forget those Christmas Snacks to enjoy as you watch!



Love your community

We will be collecting food donations for Thetford Foodbank all over Advent too! Please bring any donations at any time, we will gather all the donations on the pew near our prayer space. Please give generously if you can and let's share LOVE with those in our community.

As well as the items on the shopping list, please feel free to donate more Christmassy items such as chocolates, mince pies, toiletries etc.

Please NO cereal as after our amazing Harvest Collections they've got lots!

Shopping list

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Coffee/Tea
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Soup
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Tinned pudding
- Jam
- Instant mashed potato



Thetford
Foodbank
Together with Trussell



Scan QR code
to find out more
about our work
and to make a
financial donation

Messages from FOBS



The disco was a huge success, thanks to everyone that came and the whole team of volunteers who organised such a great advent for the children.

Thank you so much for supporting our non-uniform day for donations for the Christmas Hampers- they are going to be simply fabulous!

We hope to see you at the Christmas Fair next week!



CONNECT Coffee Morning



CONNECT is a coffee morning for ALL families of children at Barnham to get together, network and support one another.

Our next one is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday 12th December 9-10am in the school hall.

Focus - Christmas

This will be an informal gathering and a chance to have a cup of tea and a listening ear.

We don't have a guest speaker so there will be plenty of time for you to talk to one another, share any good resources you've found recently or ask any questions from a super supportive group of parents. We will also spend some time talking about how to support children over the Christmas period.

There will be Christmas snacks too- what's not to love? Do come along if you can, we'd LOVE to see you!



Barnham Bunnies

We love seeing our Barnham Bunnies every week!

Please note there will be **NO** Barnham Bunnies next Friday 6th December due to a theatre group visiting our school.

There will be one last Barnham Bunnies before Christmas on Friday 13th December and then we will meet again in January.



Attendance Matters

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

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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.



Eye Tests!



As the Christmas holidays are fast approaching, please remember that if your child hasn't had an eye test recently to book them an appointment. We have recently had several children that have got a prescription and glasses and the difference for improving their access to learning is HUGE!

We can not recommend this enough, please consider booking your child regular eye tests. Remember the opticians don't just look at vision but can look at overall health too through a simple eye examination.

Our Value is Peace

Our BIG QUESTION this week is:

How can we be peacemakers in our school and community?

You've probably guessed by now, we have started to learn our Christmas songs and can't wait to celebrate Christmas together at Barnham particularly with our Christmas Service at the church on the last day of term- do save the date and get your singing voices ready! A song that we've started to learn that fits perfectly with our value is called 'Peace came down at Christmas' and we can't wait to share this with you.

PEACE
ON Earth



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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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

Wednesday 4th December - FOBS Christmas Fayre

Thursday 5th December- Community Christingle

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

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