

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

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wow! We all enjoyed the most delicious Christmas lunch! An enormous 'Thank You' to Charlotte and Sandra, our incredible kitchen team, for preparing and serving such a wonderful Christmas lunch! Festive spirit was most definitely in plentiful supply!



Attendance Matters

Well done! It's a long term and we have loved seeing everyone enjoying lots of Christmas activities this week, along with a few end of term assessments too!

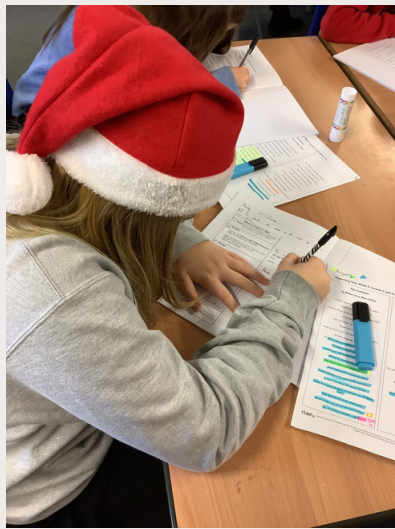
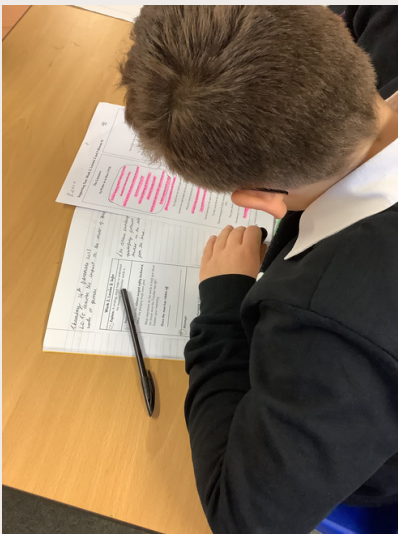
We have lots more planned for next week with Hedgehog Class going out Christmas Tree Planting, our Christmas Story Cafe, Carol Service - to name just a few things!

Together, we can do this and ensure that your child attends school so they can flourish and thrive every day.

News from Otters

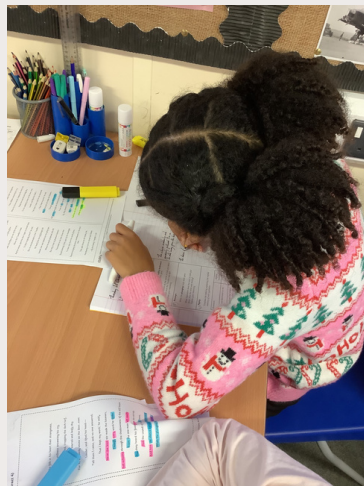
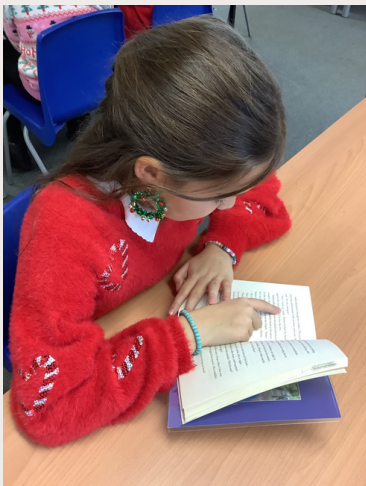


Christmas lunch day in Otter Class; all the children are ready and full of seasonal cheer!



Otters have been analysing the poem, 'The Listeners by Walter De La Mare (1912)'. The children were using their inference skills to unlock the meaning behind words and phrases in the poem.

Also, we are nearing the exciting end of our class book 'The Rooftoppers', I can confidently say that the children have enjoyed the imagery this book has portrayed.





Visit from Will Lord

On Tuesday morning the children in Badger Class and Fox Class enjoyed a visit from a bearded man with a sack full of surprises. No, it wasn't Father Christmas . . . it was Will Lord! Will brought a bow and arrows, a hunting knife carved from obsidian and fire lighting materials and showed the children how to survive as a Stone Age hunter gatherer. He told lots of spellbinding stories and answered all of our amazing questions. he also demonstrated his flint-knapping skills by crafting a hand axe in front of our very eyes.



Our Community Christingle

Thank you so much to all of our families who were able to attend our Community Christingle!

We hope you enjoyed hearing about the meaning behind the Christingles and making them alongside your child! Of course, for our Key Stage 2 children the highlight had to be coming together for our Collective Worship and lighting 100 Christingles!

Thank you to Tesco's, FOBS and Children's Society for the kind donations.



Christmas Change Agents

“As Tyler and his family decorate the Christmas tree, he begins to wonder: Why are all the Christmas tree angels blonde-haired, pink-cheeked little girls? Aren’t there any black angels? No one can answer his question.”

On Tuesday in Collective Worship, we read a book called ‘An Angel Just Like Me’ by Mary Hoffman.

We reflected on the messages of this book and thought about what we can do as a result of reading it.

We thought philosophically about these questions:

Why aren’t there more Christmas Angels that look like all of us?

Why are most Nativity Scenes filled with people with white skin?

Do you think some people feel left out at Christmas time?

Are all of our friends the same as us?

How do we treat others who may look different to us?

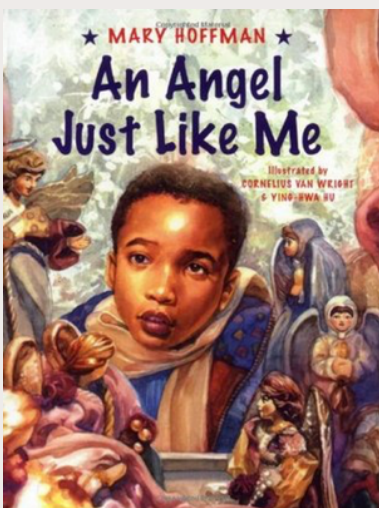
If you’d like to hear this story or share it with our family, you can find various readings of it on youtube.

Keep your eyes open for multicultural angels, Father Christmases and nativity scenes and do share any photos of anything you find.

Perhaps you could design their own Christmas cards or decorations that reflect different races and nationalities?

Perhaps there are people they should talk to or write to about the need for more diversity in Christmas cards and other images?

Be creative Barnham Change Agents! We can’t wait to hear about what you will do following this challenge. Please do share with us by e mailing admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk



Well done to Robyn In Fox Class She has already been a Christmas change agent!

Thank You FOBS

Our FOBS Team have been working their socks off! Thank you so much FOBs for organising a wonderful Christmas fayre last week and having a stall at the Barnham Church Market on Saturday! We are so appreciative of all of your fundraising, it allows us to provide little extras to help our school be the very special place it is.



You are invited to our Christmas Service

Warm up your voices and be ready to join in with us singing some Christmas Carols to end this term together.

Please join us on Wednesday 20th December, 1:30pm at St Gregory's Church, for our Christmas Carol Service.

There will be festive fun and surprises; you don't want to miss out!

We can't wait to celebrate Christmas with you all!

We will have collection buckets for MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), we have been enjoying MAF Advent - if you have loose coins, please bring them!

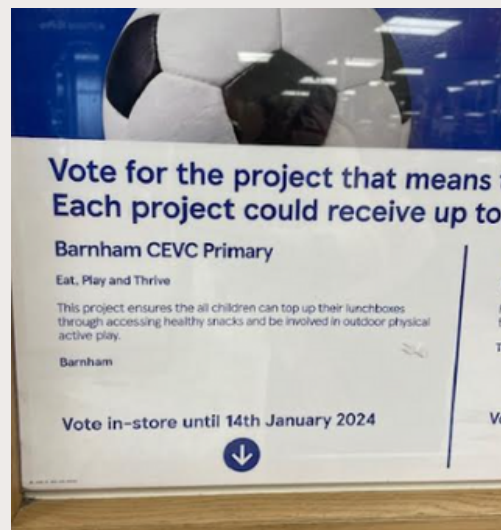


Christmas shopping at Tesco - vote for Barnham Primary School

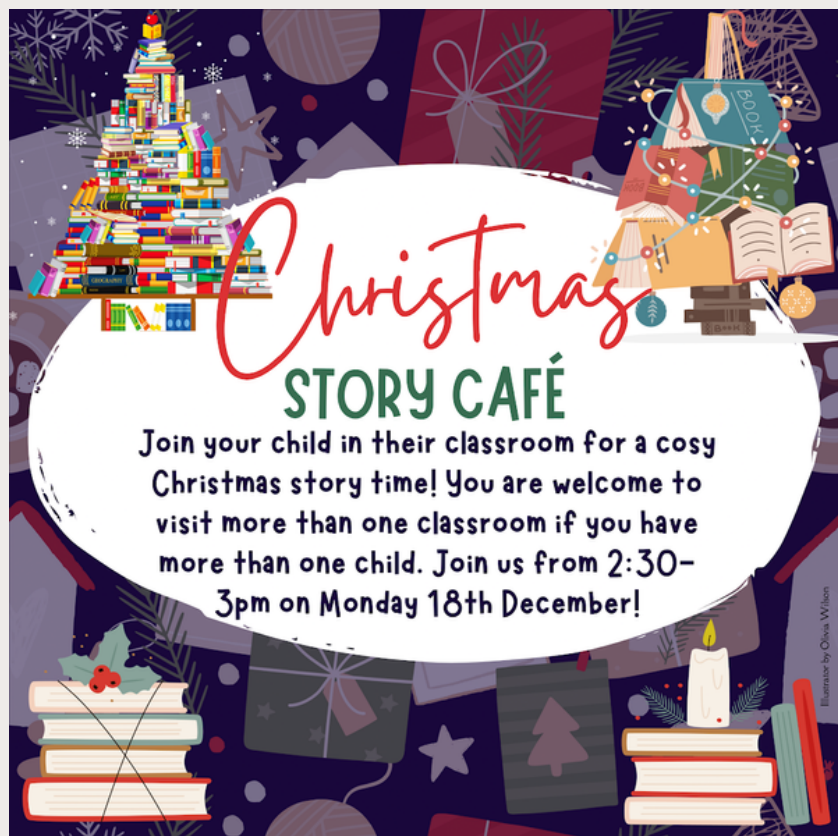
If you are shopping in Tesco Thetford, both the big store and Tesco Express, please pop your blue voting token in the blue box! Please let your friends and family know!

We are hoping get our project: Eat, Play and Thrive on the ground!

This will allow us to have a little lunchbox top up station for the days when the banana has been squished or the sandwich has fallen on the floor! We are also looking to extend the resources for children to play with outside at playtimes and lunchtimes!



Join us for a Christmas Story Cafe



Advent Update

Stars

We have received lots of crafted stars but we'd love even more if possible. We want to decorate our school, church and then share stars with local care homes next week. Please send any stars to school by **Monday 18th December**.



MAF Advent Adventure

We continue to travel the world with our friends at MAF. We hope that you've learned a lot more about this charity throughout advent. Don't forget you can access their advent adventure at home when we break up for Christmas. There are so many amazing craft ideas and stories to enjoy each day. We'd love any feedback on this to share with MAF. After Christmas, we will be looking for ways to raise money and support this charity in school. We were thrilled to receive an e mail from one of our families saying how much they are enjoying this project. Don't forget, we always welcome your feedback so please feel free to e mail us.



Reverse Advent Calendar

We have been blown away by your kindness and generosity through this project. Thank you all very much for every donation given.

Here is our wish list for the final days of our Reverse Advent Calendar:
Monday 18th December - Tins of fruit
Tuesday 19th December - Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Wednesday 20th December - Baby items eg: wipes, food jars, nappies



Our Value is Responsibility

Our value for this half term is RESPONSIBILITY. This week we are thinking about this BIG QUESTION:

Have you ever caused problems for somebody else by being irresponsible? What happened? Would you do things differently if you had another chance?

Perhaps this will give you something to discuss at the dinner table.

This week we have been busy preparing for Christmas and enjoying all that this Advent Season has to offer.

Next week, we are looking forward to a Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Day on Monday with a visit from Rev. Steph and her guide dog called Coco.

We are also looking forward to Matt Heard from Hope Church Thetford joining us on Tuesday.

Our Responsibility Bible Verse - Matthew 5 v 14-16:

You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.



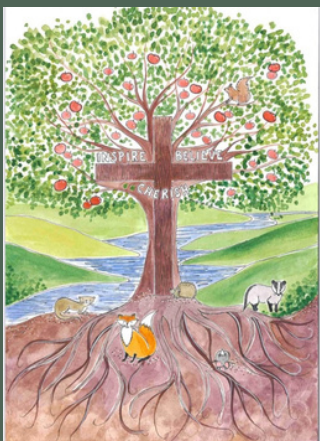


Lunch Menu for Next Week

Monday 18th December	Tuesday 19th December	Wednesday 20th December
Meatballs & Pasta Or Tomato Pasta	Chicken Curry & Rice or Jacket Potato	Mac & Cheese Or Tuna Pasta
Rice Crispy Cakes	Shortbread	Fruit Jelly

Diary Dates

Monday 18th December - Christmas Story Cafe
Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Carol Service
1.30pm at St Gregory's Church
Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 3rd January - PD Day
Thursday 4th January - Children return to school



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

