

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

*"It's beginning to look a lot like
Christmas...everywhere we go!"*



We had a very important job to do this week! Six children visited Elveden Estate to choose our school Christmas tree! After comparing lots of different trees we finally picked the perfect tree! It was hard work carrying the tree back to the truck; so we popped to Elveden Inn for a hot chocolate and a little rest!

A big Thank You to Elveden Estate for donating such a glorious tree!
Thanks Mr Hawthorne for being our tree transporter!



Year 4 & 5 Carols at Thurston

On Thursday afternoon, the children in Fox Class and Squirrel Class joined children from other local primaries to perform in a carol concert at Thurston community College. We teamed up with Elmswell Primary to sing The Angels' Song and No Room at the Inn. All the schools joined together to sing Once in Royal David's City, the Calypso Carol and Away in a Manger. The children sang magnificently!

Afterwards, we were treated to dance and musical performances from Year 11 and Sixth Form students which made it a really special afternoon.



Attendance Matters

We have just eight days left of the Autumn term!

We have lots of magical and exciting activities planned, make sure your child is in school every day! We really do not want them to miss out at this special time of year!



A Sprinkling of Christmas

Hedgehogs and Moles sprinkled some Christmas magic on Wednesday with their fantastic performances of The Nativity. The children performed amazingly, sang beautifully and wowed everyone watching. We are all so proud of each and every child.



Scholastic Book Fair

We are really excited to invite you and your child/ren to our Scholastic Book Fair! The book fair brings a whole range of books from publishers 'Scholastic' for all ages, available for you to purchase at school - just in time for Christmas! We hope that this will give you an opportunity for some Christmas shopping.

Two fairs will be held to give you and your child the opportunity to browse and purchase some books.

Please join us in the main hall on:

Monday 11th December and Tuesday 12th December
2:30 to 3:15 - parents/carers only to do some child-free Christmas shopping

3:15-4pm - all adults and children welcome!

Please note, the fair will be cashless, but we will have a card machine available to use and there will be QR codes to follow to pay online!

If you are unable to attend the book fair in person, please follow this link to browse the books available:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

You can then complete a wish list form of the books you would like to purchase. You can pay online and the books will be sent to school for us to give to you. The wish list forms will be available in the school office to collect. Please ensure all wish list order forms are returned to the office by Friday 8th December to give enough time for orders to be made.

All purchases at the fair go towards Barnham getting free books for our school library and classrooms! The more money that is spent at the fair, the more books our school will receive!

There is also a Book Fair Competition that you might like to enter, please see the details on the poster and check your ParentMail for more information.

We can't wait to see lots of you there!



News from Squirrels

In Science, Year 5 have been learning about materials and their changes. They had a great lesson in the cabin looking and reversible and irreversible chemical changes. They looked at burning and melted and even melted some chocolate and marshmallows to taste! They also looked at evaporation by heating salt water and watching the water evaporate, leaving just the salt.



In D&T Squirrels have been looking at and tasting different breads from around the world. So far they have had some tasty garlic bread as well as Danish open sandwiches known as Smorrebrod! They enjoyed learning how to chop up vegetables and add colour and flavour to their rye bread.



Squirrels are getting excited about Christmas! In Thrive time, they worked as a team to put up the tree and decorate it, as well as create a Christmas and winter themed bookshelf display. Each day they are taking part in 'Bookvent' as part of Advent where they have a Christmas themed book to read and take home!

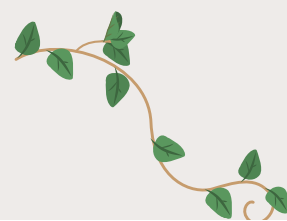


Barnham Bunnies

This Friday was our last Barnham Bunnies session before Christmas. Thank you so much for attending and supporting this group and we can't wait to see you all after Christmas. Here are some photos from our Christmas session.



Barnham CEVC Primary School
Barnham Bunnies
Parent & Toddler Group
for 0-4 Year Olds
Every Friday 9 - 10am
(term time only)
This brand new group launches in the school hall on Friday 6th October 2023
No need to book - just come along and join the fun



You are invited to join us for...

Our Community Christingle

Our Community Christingle will be on the afternoon of Friday 15th December. Families will be invited to join their children for part of the afternoon.

We would like to ask that each child brings an orange to school on that day and we will provide the rest of the equipment needed to make a Christingle.

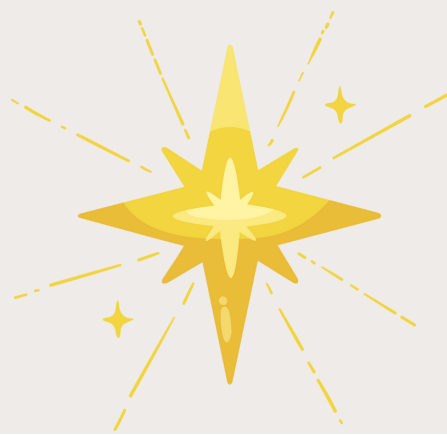
Please join us from 2:15pm.

KS2 Classes will be making their Christingles in classrooms first whilst our younger children gather in the hall for a mini Collective Worship and an explanation of Christingle. Then they'll go back to their classrooms to make them and KS2 children and their families can join us in the hall for a mini Collective Worship and the lighting of the Christingles.



Our Christmas Service

Please join us on Wednesday 20th December, 1:30pm at St Gregory's Church, for our Christmas Carol Service. Do come and join us if you can and meet our extra special guests!!

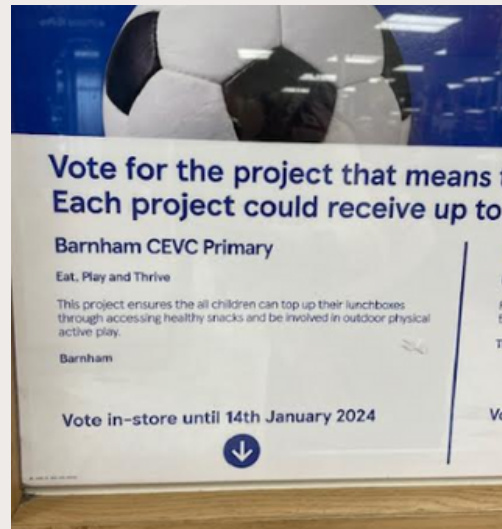


Christmas shopping at Tesco - vote for Barnham Primary School

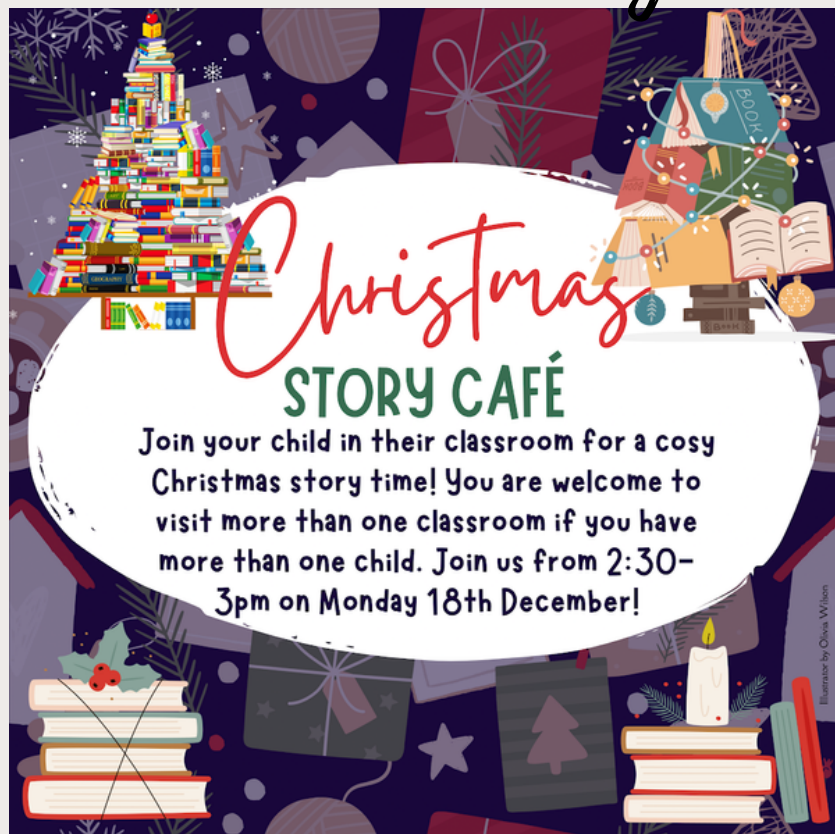
If you are shopping in Tesco Thetford, both the big store and Tesco Express, please pop your blue voting token in the blue box! Please let your friends and family know!

We are hoping get our project: Eat, Play and Thrive of 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!



A Christmas Story Cafe



Christmas Lunch & Jumpers

Don't forget, **Thursday 14th December** will be our scrumptious Christmas lunch day!

Wear your Christmas jumper to school on this day!

There is no charge for this.

Advent Update

We are aiming to craft over 100 stars between us all so that we can decorate school, church and share some with local care homes.

Please do keep crafting and sending your stars into school, we are collecting them all in a box in the hall.



Thank you so much for your generous donations so far, our pew is getting fuller each day which is wonderful and will be very much appreciated by families in need this Christmas.

Here is our wish list for next week's reverse advent calendar

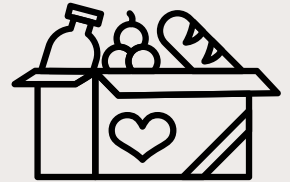
Monday 11th December - Teabags, Coffee, UHT long-life milk

Tuesday 12th December - Jams & Spreads

Wednesday 13th December - Shower gels, shampoo, conditioner, deodorants

Thursday 14th December - Tinned meat/ fish

Friday 15th December - Tins of vegetables



Our Value is Responsibility

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

How does behaving responsibly affect our relationships with our friends? How does behaving responsibly affect your relationship with your parent? How important is that?

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

This week we have been busy learning all about the work of MAF through our daily Advent Challenges. We have also been practicing some Christmas songs so that we are ready for our Christmas Carol Service.

On Wednesday, Captain Diane from Thetford Salvation Army led our Collective Worship too and we heard the story of Zachaeus.

I wonder what responsibilities the children have at home in the lead up to Christmas?



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 11th December	Tuesday 12th December	Wednesday 13th December	Thursday 14th December	Friday 15th December
Pizza & Veggi Rice Or Tomato Pasta	Spaghetti Bolognaise & Garlic Bread Or Jacket Potato	Fish & Chips with Peas/Beans Or Veggi Fingers	Christmas Lunch Day	Sausages & Herby Potatoes with Beans/Veg Or Quorn Sausages
Ice Cream Roll	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Jelly		Jam Sponge & Custard

Diary Dates

Thursday 14th December- Wear Christmas Jumpers for Christmas Dinner

Friday 15th December - Community Christingle

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

