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IN EACH PERSON THAT THEY MIGHT FLOURISH  
AND FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL

## Celebrating Our Thrive School of Excellence Award



We were so proud to celebrate achieving our Thrive School of Excellence award today with a special 'THRIVE FRIDAY' event in school.

We welcomed Lewis from Thrive to present our award in Collective Worship and many other esteemed guests too.

After the presentation, children went back to class to enjoy a morning filled with Thrive activities and our visitors thoroughly enjoyed a tour and seeing thrive in action.

We are very proud to receive this recognition and enjoyed celebrating this in Barnham Style!  
We are the 47th school in the country to achieve this award!

# Thrive Friday Continued...



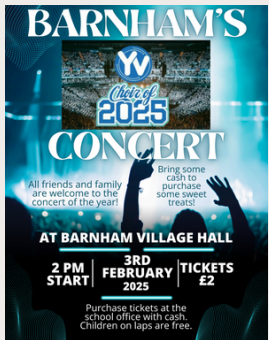
# Children's Mental Health Week is next week, here are a few reminders:



**Musical Monday** - We will be focusing on the difference music can make to our mental health. We'll be enjoying listening to music as we learn.

We will also have a Special Collective Worship to launch Children's Mental Health Week and to share all that we will be doing together.

Barnham Young Voices Concert @ 2pm



**Cheer Up Tuesday** - We will be looking for the children to share their favourite jokes with us for Cheer Up Tuesday- so please start encouraging your child to find their favourite!

Steph from Thetford Foodbank will be joining us for Collective Worship and we'll be focusing on how helping others can have a positive impact on your own wellbeing too.



**Wellbeing Wednesday** - which is also 'World Read Aloud Day' We will have plenty of opportunities to read today and learn about how reading is good for our wellbeing. Miss Cross will be leading Collective Worship today and inspiring us with some book recommendations.

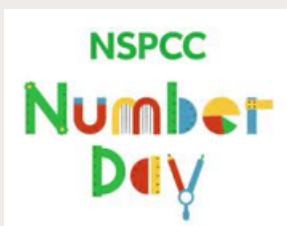


**Family & Friendship Thursday** - we are inviting families to meet our FSP, Catherine for a CONNECT Coffee Morning in The Cabin from 9-10am.

We are also really looking forward to our Bedtime stories Event from 5:30-6:30pm.



**Feel Good Friday - NSPCC Number Day** - Mrs Kennedy is busy planning this special day. You'll remember from previous newsletters that we are encouraging children to dress up in a number or maths themed outfit. We can't wait to see how creative you'll all be! There will also be so many activities to help children to feel good including treasure hunts and bingo! All whilst raising money for NSPCC which will make such a difference to the work that they do.



Hopefully you've had all of this information and some top tips for Children's Mental Health Week sent out in a special newsletter earlier this week, do check out your Parentmail and have a read.

# Number Day - 7th February 2025

In the run up to 'Number Day', I would like you to see where you can find Maths in 'real life'. Maths is everywhere. There is no hiding from it. Maths will appear through every subject you study at school; from measuring quantities for a science experiment to identifying patterns and shapes in Art.

It doesn't stop there though. Most days, we are all faced with problems in real life that require us to apply some form of maths to help solve them.

From big events like travelling to foreign countries, buying your first house and paying taxes, to smaller things like playing your favourite video game, organising your school timetable or even just kicking a football, maths is everywhere. Your ability to apply it to solve every day, practical problems is a key thinking skill that will remain hugely important throughout your life.

As Number Day approaches, I would like you to try to notice maths in the world around you. Take a photo and make a note about why it is 'maths' and send it into school, so we can create a display about all the places you have discovered maths!



*Don't forget to get your outfit organised! Wear something number related!*



# Next Week is also National Storytelling Week!

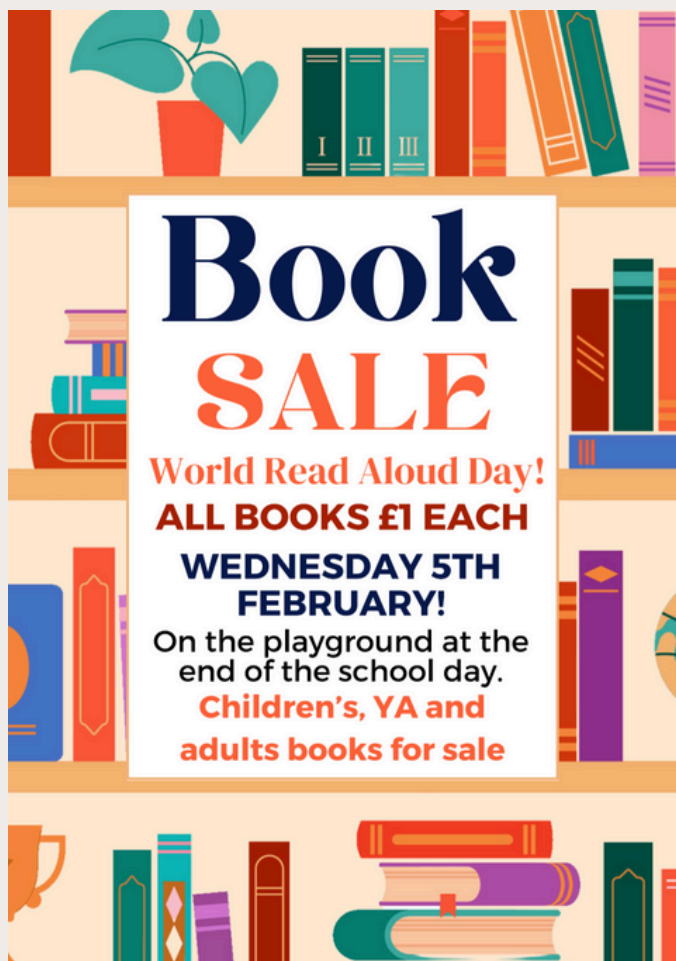
Next week is a big week for encouraging a love for reading in our children - it's National Storytelling Week! We love reading at Barnham so want to embrace the exciting events happening next week and encourage children to read and enjoy stories together.

**All Week: Parents and friends of Barnham school are invited in to read a story of their choice to their child's class as a secret mystery reader, sssshh! Please contact me if you would like to come in and read: [tcross@barnham.org](mailto:tcross@barnham.org).**

Wednesday 4th: World Read Aloud Day! To celebrate, we are holding a book sale after school where all books are £1 each. Please come along to buy some new books to read aloud to one another at home.

Thursday 5th: Bedtime Stories Evening! Children are invited to come back to school at 5:30pm to enjoy some cosy stories with us before bedtime. Please sign up on parent mail if your child would like to come.

Reading is incredibly good for your mental health, so we are excited to combine Children's Mental Health Week with National Storytelling Week to take a break to enjoy reading and feel more positive and relaxed. See the posters below for more information:

A vertical poster for a book sale. The background is a light orange color with illustrations of bookshelves filled with books of various colors (red, green, blue, purple). A small potted plant with green leaves is on the top left shelf. The text is centered on a white rectangular background.

**Book  
SALE**

**World Read Aloud Day!**  
**ALL BOOKS £1 EACH**

**WEDNESDAY 5TH  
FEBRUARY!**

On the playground at the  
end of the school day.  
**Children's, YA and  
adults books for sale**

A vertical poster for a bedtime stories evening. The background is dark blue with yellow stars and a crescent moon. A child with brown hair is sleeping in a bed on a cloud. To the left is a castle on a small island, and to the right is a green dinosaur. The text is in white and yellow.

**Children are  
invited to our  
Bedtime Stories Evening**

**Thursday 6th February  
5:30-6:30pm**

**Join us for some cosy bedtime stories!  
Come in pyjamas or comfy clothes. You can  
also bring a blanket, cushion or teddy too!**

# Shrek - The Musical



We are aware that some of our pupils both past and present are performing in this show in April! We LOVE to hear about the amazing accomplishments that our children get up to outside of school. Do go along and support them if you can!

Good luck to all those performing- we can't wait to hear all about it!

## Messages from FOBS

FOBS are busy planning and preparing for our Valentine's School Disco on Friday 14th February. Pop the date in your diary and please support this event if you can.

We are always so grateful for all the hard work that FOBS put into events that help raise money for our school and we look forward to another successful disco!



# Thrive Activity Idea

This week we are going a bit art and crafty for our Thrive challenge of the week.....

Grab some old newspapers and see what you can make with just newspaper and sellotape. It could be an animal, a robot, an alien or even a new invention ..... or something totally different!

As always, please share your creations with us by sending any pictures to [cstocking@barnham.org](mailto:cstocking@barnham.org) or bring them in to show us!



## Our Value is Trust

Our BIG QUESTION this week is:

### How do we rebuild trust if it has been broken?

On Monday, Tony Heywood joined us for Collective Worship. He taught us a new bible verse and told us that Christians believe Jesus is trustworthy because he doesn't change.

The bible verse he talked to us about was:



We also enjoyed revisiting some songs that we haven't sung for a while this week including 'Power in Me' and 'I have a voice' - these were worth practicing ahead of Children's Mental Health Week next week.

We also really enjoyed singing our School Song, ready to share with our visitors!

*Thank you for completing our Spirituality Surveys- we will feedback our findings from this project very soon!*

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



## Week 1 Menu:

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

Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 5th February- Book Sale after school

Thursday 6th February - Bedtime Stories Event (More information to follow)

Friday 7th February - NSPCC Number Day

Friday 14th February - FOBS Valentines Disco

**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

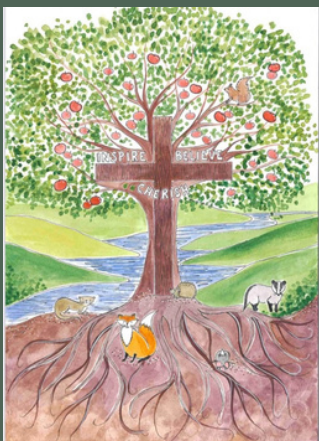
Tuesday 25th March - Parents' Evening

Friday 21st March - Non-Uniform Day for donations for Easter Eggs

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

