

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

## *The Gruffalo- Theatre Trip for Hedgehogs, Moles & Badgers*

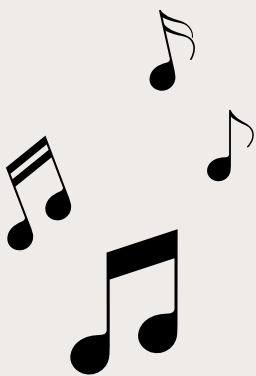


What a fabulous Friday afternoon! Hedgehog, Mole and Badger Class visited the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds to watch The Gruffalo!

The children were mesmerised, captivated and enthralled throughout the whole performance - we would have loved to capture their faces for you to see, however, photography was not allowed during the performance!! It was so lovely to see!

Everyone loved joining in with the catchy songs and big loud Gruffalo 'Rooooaaarrrrrss'!!

I hope your child has come home singing:  
G-G-G-G Gruffalo....



# Staffing Updates



We are incredibly proud to share that Mrs Bird has been appointed as Headteacher of Ixworth Primary School, from September 2025.

Mrs Bird has been at Barnham CEVC Primary School for an incredible 21 years!



We all know how much she will be missed here at Barnham.




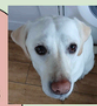

Let's enjoy the Summer Term together before we send her off with love and kindness.

A big Congratulations to Mrs Bird!

Of course, you will be kept updated with recruitment news as it unfolds!

## Welcoming Miss Tuffen & Mrs Veary to Barnham

 Hello, Poppy Veary and I am a TA/ HLTA at Barnham CEVC Primary School, Suffolk. 


    



**What does my job involve?**  
I work in different classes throughout the school. Sometimes helping as a TA and sometimes covering lessons. I love teaching RE and PSHE.

**What is important to me?**  
I have two children, Edward, 12 and Isabelle, 7. Edward loves playing rugby and is a mastermind on the Chess board. Isabelle loves arts and crafts and enjoys gymnastics. My parents and sister live on the coast, with my dog Daisy. I love beach days and BBQs there in the summer months. I also enjoy seeing friends and having a good natter.

**How do I like to be supported?**  
Being surrounded by positivity is important to me and a smile always makes the difference. I like to be supported by knowing that I work with a team. Positive and constructive feedback is important to me.

**What do others admire about me?**  
I asked my family and friends this question. Their reply was that I'm a very caring, loving and bubbly person. Also they admire my resilience and passion in what I want to succeed to do in life.






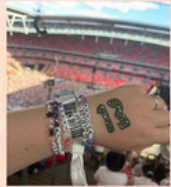


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**Hello, my name is Megan Tuffen and I am a Teaching Assistant at Barnham CEVC Primary School, Suffolk!**

**What does my job involve?**  
My role at Barnham is to help the children I work with thrive to be the best versions of themselves. I am working in Moles class currently and have loved supporting and encouraging them through their lessons!

**How do I like to be supported?**  
I feel best supported when people around me show great communication. I am a very friendly individual who is always happy to have a chat, please feel welcome to speak to me!



**What is important to me?**  
My family are very special to me, their love and support has helped me to become a kind and confident individual. I also have lots of amazing friends who I love spending time with and make me smile. Not to forget all the lovely children who I have had the pleasure to work with are very important to me!

**What do people like and admire about me?**  
Speaking to family and friends my most admired qualities are how caring, kind, funny and selfless I can be, which is so lovely to hear! I have also been told I'm lots of fun to be with, and I love going on trips out to the theatre or to different concerts! My favourite so far must be seeing Taylor swift!

# News from Hedgehogs

## Perfect for 'Caring for animals' Week



In Hedgehogs we had a lot of fun in Forest School building "The Best Nest" for a baby bird. The designs started traditional but eventually became more creative - by the end we had waterslides and cinemas in some of our nests!

It was lovely to see the teamwork between all of our Hedgehogs, and all their happy faces. As you can see, they were very proud of their designs!

"My nest is very comfy with a leaf base" - Winston

"The bird will be protected from the rain with the waterproof chair" - Hadley

# News from Squirrel Class

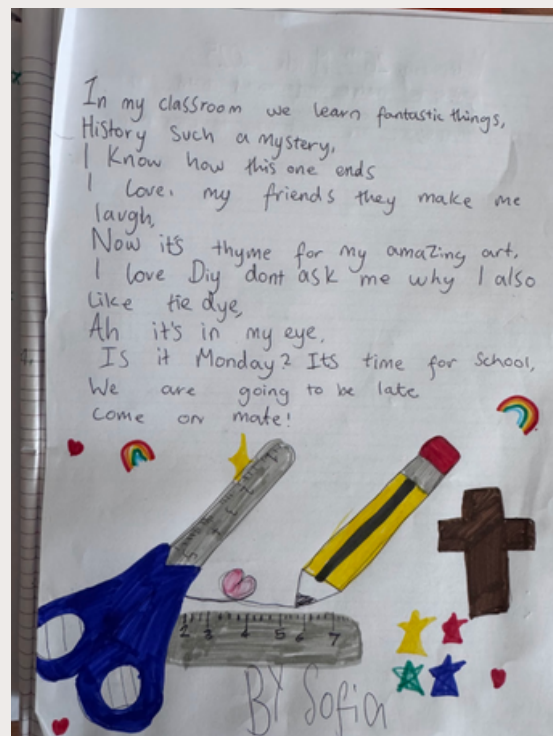
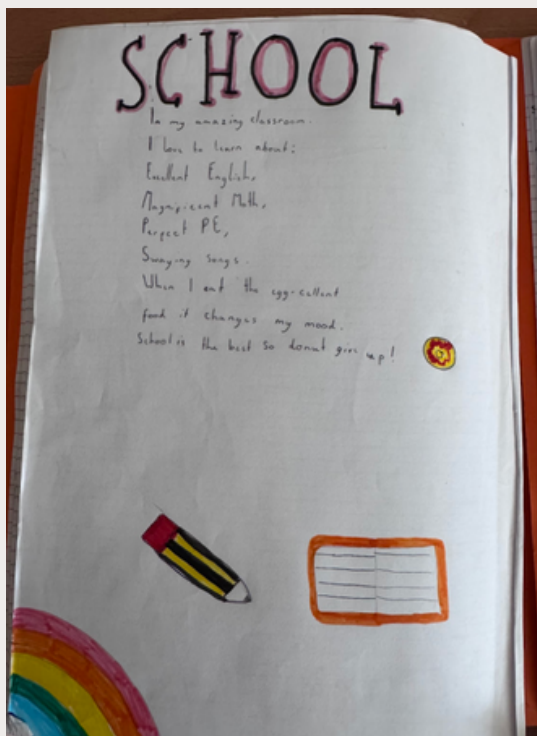
In Geography, Year 5 have been learning about biomes from around the world! From polar deserts, to tropical rainforests, to montanes and steppes, they have learnt about different climates and animal and plant adaptations. They recently shared their learning at their Geography Exhibition open to parents! Here they presented their biome posters detailing their own research on their biome, as well as their fantastic biomes in a box creations! They showed incredible creativity and knowledge of their biomes when designing and bringing them to life.



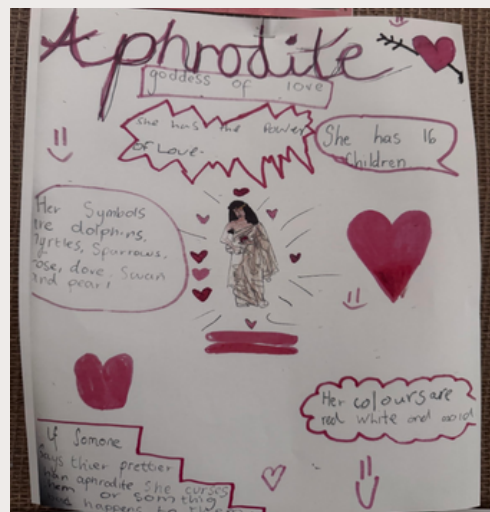
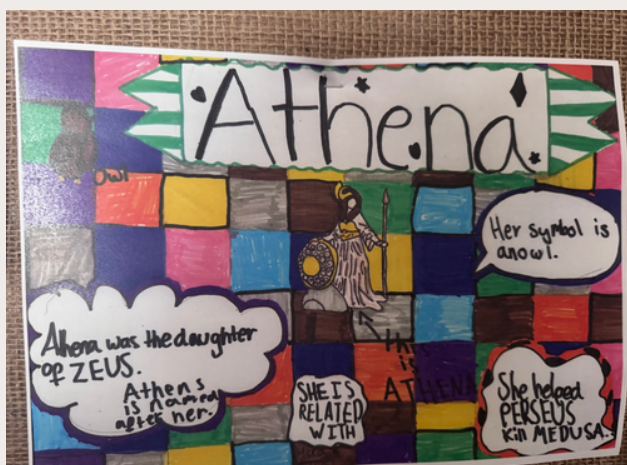
In Science, Squirrels are learning about forces and for Science Week they investigated water resistance, upthrust and gravity by creating and testing their own boats on water!



Squirrels have been enjoying writing their own poetry in writing lessons using word play such as puns, alliteration and rhyme. Their poems are all about school and they have all performed them to the class showing amazing confidence and humour!



In History, Year 5 are enjoying learning about the Ancient Greeks, including who they worshipped, having a debate about which city-state was the most powerful (Sparta or Athens), as well as how they used democracy. Next they will be reenacting some Ancient Greek myths as they learn about amphitheatres and plays and their importance in Greek culture.



# Blue Tokens at Thetford Tesco



*Strictly come reading!*

Recently, we rallied together to support Thetford Foodbank by putting our blue tokens in their box at Thetford Tesco. This time we have a chance to collect as many blue tokens as we can for Barnham School!

We are looking to buy lots of new books particularly about themes of Mental Health and SEND. and would love you to help us by putting your blue tokens in the box and encouraging your family and friends to do the same.

If you'd like to help our book collection by sponsoring a book, here is the link to our amazon wish list:

[Amazon Wish List for SEND/ Mental Health Books for Barnham School](#)

Thank you so much for your support!



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# Lent - Photos from Week 4 Challenges

## Caring for Animals



Calling all Barnham Change Agents  
**'Act, Love, Walk'**  
A Justice-Filled Lent

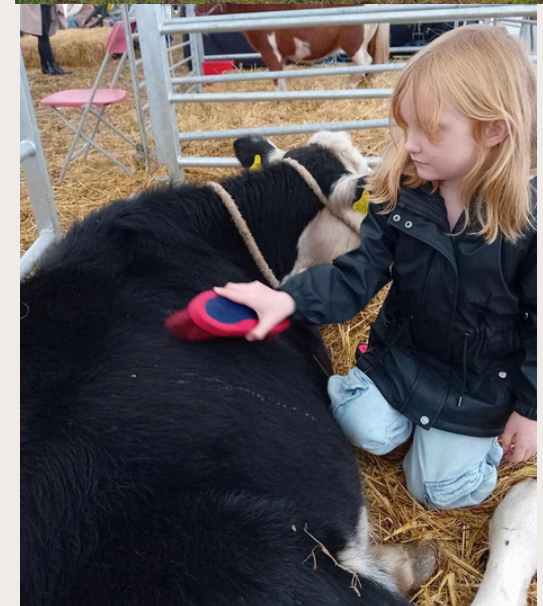
**Week 4 - Caring for Animals**

**ACT:** Find out where your eggs, milk, fish or meat come from and choose ethically-sourced food items if possible.

**LOVE:** Thank God for animals and think about how they help provide food and support nature. We'd love to create a farmyard of all your favourite animals. Draw, paint or make a 3D Model of your favourite animal to add to our display OR bring in photographs of you caring for different animals.

**WALK:** Take a walk and look out for wildlife—how can we protect their habitats? What might you do to be a Barnham Change Agent?

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6 v 8



We love animals great  
and small at Barnham!  
Keep caring for them!

We've met lots of animals this week at school... everyone has loved it!

(Even the adults!)

## Biscuit - The Rabbit



Biscuit belongs to Emily Hawthorne and she kindly brought her to visit after-school club on Tuesday. Some of you may have also had the chance to meet Biscuit at Parents' Evening. She was so friendly and soft to touch, she behaved very well and we all enjoyed a bit of bunny therapy to end a busy day in school. You might even notice that she tried to help Mrs Arnold with a few technical issues on her laptop!

## Barney & Fred - The Tortoises



Barney and Fred have visited Barnham School for a week-long holiday. They have spent a lot of time in Hedgehog Class but other children have enjoyed getting to know them too. They even came to Collective Worship when Sofia got to hold her favourite animal for the very first time!

We love making dreams come true at Barnham School!

Our thanks to The Cocks Family and The Pines School, Red Lodge for loaning us your tortoises for the week- we hope they enjoyed the holiday as much as we enjoyed having them and caring for them over the week.

# Waterways Farm & Countryside Classroom

We were very fortunate to receive an invitation to go and visit Waterways Farm this week and were able to take just a very small-group of children with us. This meant even more animal encounters and learning to look after some different creatures- great and small! Waterways is in East Harling and so a quick stop off at the Aquatics Shop to get some tortoise supplies meant meeting lots of fish too!



I wonder if you can identify and name all the various animals that we met at Waterways?  
I wonder if you are brave when encountering different animals?



# Charlie - The Dog

Miss Bacon also brought in her dog Charlie to visit this week. You may remember from past visits that he is a retired therapy dog and so was thrilled to be back in a school again and obviously received a very warm Barnham welcome and lots of love and attention.



# Here's your next challenges for Lent - Week 5, the final week!



Calling all Barnham Change Agents

## 'Act, Love, Walk' A Justice-Filled Lent

### Week 5 – Justice for others



**ACT:** Donate food to Thetford Foodbank – please bring in your donations of chocolates and biscuits to school this week for us to share.



**LOVE:** Let's share love with our friends, neighbours and the local community this Easter. Design an Easter card and bring into school and we will ensure these are used to make a difference and share smiles with others.



**WALK:** Take a walk and notice places in your community where people might need extra help —how can you support them as a Barnham Change Agent?

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6 v 8

# Act, Love, Walk - A Justice-Filled Lent



# Book SALE

Find some new books for  
the Easter holidays!

**ALL BOOKS £1 EACH**

**WEDNESDAY 2ND  
APRIL!**

On the playground at the  
end of the school day.

**Children's, YA and  
adult's books for sale**

# Thrive Activity Idea

When you get home from school every day see if you can remember to ask your adult how their day has been – not only will you find out what they've been doing whilst you've been away, but you'll also make them feel valued and special!



## CONNECT Coffee Morning

Please join Catherine, our family support practitioner for our CONNECT Coffee Morning with Hot Cross Buns on Tuesday 1st April - 9-10am  
Everybody is welcome.



## FOBS News

Paul Mleczek (Soph and Josh's Dad) is running the London Marathon for FOBS. The Mleczek family have been involved in FOBS for a few years now with Beth being the treasurer and Paul helping us out at events so any support is greatly received.

The link to support Paul is below...

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/paul-mleczek-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/paul-mleczek-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Thank you for your donations of Easter Eggs that you gave on the non-uniform day on Monday.

We hope you'll be able to join us for Easter Egg Bingo next Wednesday!

Don't forget FOBS would love to hear from new volunteers. Please e mail [ptabarnham@gmail.com](mailto:ptabarnham@gmail.com) to find out more.

**£5**

**BINGO**

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12	16	42	42	61
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14	58	70		

**EASTER EGG**

# Bingo!

**WIN** Chocolate prizes!  
**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**  
**Barnham Village Hall**

Doors open 5.00pm | **£5.00**  
Eyes down 5.30pm | for 6 games

Pay on the night however please note spaces are limited!

Hotdogs, snacks and refreshments available to purchase.  
Kids FREE raffle on the night too!



# Easter Church Service

Don't forget that you are warmly welcome to join us next week for our Easter Service at St Gregory's Church, Barnham.

Friday 4th April - 1:30pm.

Please do not arrive before 1:15pm and avoid sitting in the front section of the pews as the children take up most of that space, thank you.

Let's celebrate Easter together.

We'd love to be able to give a big box of donations of biscuits and chocolates to Thetford Foodbank as part of our collections for Easter, so please bring these along to school before the service. Thank you.



## Our Value is Justice

Our Big Question this week has been:

### How can we help those who are treated unfairly?

In Collective Worship this week, we were visited by Victoria Bush who is working for the diocese and is currently doing a project with a number of schools around themes of Spirituality. She talked to the children about them having 3 parts- their body, their mind and their spirit. She is planning to return after Easter for a couple more sessions too.

Also in Collective Worship this week we looked at the story of creation from the bible- this was a must with all the animals coming to visit our school. The children were able to share their favourite parts of creation. We also talked about how we need to treat people and animals with care and kindness always.



Our JUSTICE Bible Verse - Micah 6 v 8 And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

# Lunch Menu for Next Week

## Week 2 Menu:

Monday 31st March	Tuesday 1st April	Wednesday 2nd April	Thursday 3rd April	Friday 4th April
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	Sausage Roast OR Quorn Sausage  Jelly & Fruit	Filet of fish & chips OR Quorn Vegi Fingers  Marble Cake

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st April - Fox Class Visit Biogas Visit  
 Tuesday 1st April - CONNECT Coffee Morning with FSP, Catherine 9-10am  
 Tuesday 1st April - SATS Information Evening for Year 6 Families  
 Thursday 3rd April - Year 3 and 4 Performance  
 Friday 4th April - Mole Class Visit to see the lambs  
 Friday 4th April - Easter Service at Church - 1:30pm  
**Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April - Easter Holiday**  
 Tuesday 22nd April - Summer Term Begins  
 Thursday 24th April - School Farm and Country Fair- Trinity Park- Year 3 & 4  
 Thursday 24th April - Pig Heart Boy @ Theatre Royal, Norwich- Year 5 & 6

### 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

