

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

Barnham Remembers VE Day - 80 Years On



We had a fantastic day at Barnham celebrating VE Day with a wonderful mix of creativity, reflection, and fun. We were so proud of the children how they stood at midday for a respectful two-minute silence, during which we could hear the village church bells—an incredibly moving moment for all. The children designed their own bunting and recyclable picnic bags, which were used for a themed picnic lunch to the sounds of wartime music. Thanks to our amazing kitchen team for their hard work. One of our eldest pupils captured a striking drone photo of the whole school forming a V-shape on the field. Everyone looked wonderful dressed in red, white, and blue for the non-uniform day, and the donations you gave made some fabulous hampers. Our grateful thanks to you all, we raised over £200! The day ended on a high as the whole school came together for a dance they had learned throughout the day—a joyful finale to a memorable celebration. We hope that the children will remember how we marked this special occasion for many years to come.

VE Day Celebrations Continued



A huge well done to all our hamper winners and to the creativity competition winners too, we are proud of you!



News from Mole Class

Moles have had a very busy few weeks since Easter. We have been really making the most of the weather and moving our learning outside. We have spent time doing maths in the outdoor area as well as learning how to use compasses in Geography. We stood on the field and discussed the physical and human features we could see to the North, South, East and West. In science we have been getting outside planting sunflowers for our topic on plants.

We are going to measure these weekly to see how well they grow. We have also put three pots inside to see if there is a difference. We will discover what you need to grow a healthy plant!

In DT we have been doing lots of cooking and talking about nutrition and what makes food processed. We have made overnight oats and potato rosti so far. These had a mixed review!

This week we will be making quesadillas which will hopefully be really tasty. In literacy we have been writing Non-chronological reports about sheep. We are using the information we gathered on our trip to see the sheep at Euston Farms before the easter holidays. In maths we have just moved on to statistics and the children have been very excited to gather their own data in a tally. Next week we will put this data into a pictogram. We are very excited about our VE Day celebrations this week and can't wait to perform our dance for the parents



Attendance Matters

On Tuesday evening, I attended a meeting for Governors with Angela Coote, Head of School Attendance Service, Suffolk County Council.

Angela was very clear in reminding schools and governors of the legal requirements regarding school attendance, particularly every child's right to a full-time education, as specified below:

The law on school attendance and the right to a full-time education

10. The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.

11. Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances, such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

School leaders and governors were reminded that holidays cannot be authorised as outlined below:

The Department for Education's guidance, Working together to improve school attendance, clearly states that schools should not authorise term-time holidays. The guidance specifies that requests for leave of absence should only be considered for exceptional circumstances, such as attending a performance (i.e a pupil participating in a performance), an interview, study leave, or other exceptional circumstances. It expressly confirms that requests for term-time holidays should not be granted.

Suffolk County Council, Education Welfare Officers (EWOs) regularly attend school to check registers, attendance patterns and reasons for absence.

As a school, we have to provide evidence that we are fulfilling all of our legal requirements regarding school attendance.

Please, can I ask you to consider the above when requesting any leave of absence.

I urge you not to call in with false illnesses when you are on holiday, as this completely undermines our safeguarding culture, if you are expecting children to keep 'secrets' from safe and trusted adults. Also, we always know.

Thank you so much for your support!



We recently received all of these books. Kindly donated to us from Vantage, a company that one of our parents works for.

We are so very grateful!

Thank you very much, these will certainly be very well used across the school.

If you know of any local businesses that might wish to help our school, we'd be so grateful and love you to share our Amazon wish list with them.

THANK YOU!

[Amazon Wish List for Barnham School](#)

CONNECT Coffee Morning

CONNECT is an informal gathering open to all parents and family members. It's a chance to meet with and get support and encouragement from other parents over a cup of tea/ coffee.

Catherine our family support worker will be ready to welcome you.

It will be a chance to chat and be supported by our school community. We really hope you'll come and join us! Sign in at the office and we will see you there.



FOBS News



Collect as much sponsorship as possible!

The children will be taking part in our sponsored

COLOUR RUN OBSTACLE COURSE

FRIDAY 16TH MAY
Just before pick up so head over to the back field to watch the children take part!

Ice creams will also be for sale after!



Please wear an OLD white top and PE trousers/shorts!



£3 A TICKET

Summer SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE	HEDGEHOGS, MOLES & BADGERS	5.00-6.00PM
	FOXES, SQUIRRELS & OTTERS	6.15-7.30PM

TUCK SHOP TREATS AND HOT DOGS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

Friday 11th July will be Kidsfest- more information coming soon!

WANTED - Old Boots!

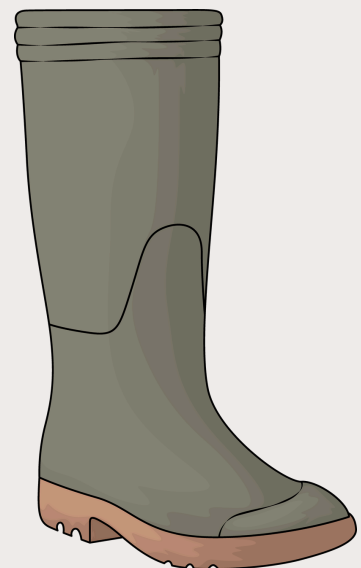


Has anyone got any old boots that they no longer need?

We are looking to use some for a project! We are especially keen for some yellow wellies but can spray paint any other colours that you may have.

Happy to accept old working/ used working boots too (in adult sizes!)

Please bring them into school if you have any and we would be very grateful.



Thrive Activity

Cloud Stories

Take a moment to look up at the clouds—what shapes can you see drifting across the sky? Maybe there's a sleepy bear, a rocket ship, or even a wiggly worm! Let your imagination take over—can you turn those shapes into a little story? You could draw your cloud creatures or write a few sentences about the adventure they're on. I would love to see your drawings or hear your stories so please share them with me by emailing cstocking@barnham.org



Our Value is Creativity

Our Big Question this week has been:

Why do you think God gave us the ability to be creative?

This question might generate some interesting conversations at the dinner table. Our thanks to Vicar Karen and Matt Heard for coming in to lead Collective Worship this week. Here's a little poem to encourage you to be bold, bright, colourful and creative this week:

***Be Bold, Be Bright,
Draw your dreams in colours wide,
Let your thoughts not run and hide.
Sing a tune that's all your own,
Plant a seed you've never known.
Build a world from what you see—
That's the heart of creativity.
So paint, invent, explore, begin—
The magic starts from deep within.***



Our CREATIVITY Bible Verse - Colossians 3 v 23

Whatever you do; work at it with all your heart; as working for the Lord.

Lunch Menu for next week

Week 2 Menu:

Monday 12 th May	Tuesday 13 th May	Wednesday 14 th May	Thursday 15 th May	Friday 16 th May
Jacket Potatoes Choice	Pasta Bolognese OR Tomato Pasta	Fish finger wrap and salad OR Vegi Fingers	Sausage Roast OR Quorn Sausage	Chicken burger & chips OR Quorn Fillet
Strawberry ice cream	Vanilla Cake	Jelly & fruit	Ice lolly	Chocolate cake & ice cream

Diary Dates

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May - Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 16th May - Colour Run

Monday 19th May - Mini Medics First Aid Course for Year 5 & Year 6

Monday 19th May - CONNECT Coffee Morning

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - Half Term

Monday 16th June - Friday 20th June - Countryside Week

Friday 20th June - Sunday 22nd June- Year 6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes

Friday 27th June - Sports Day & School Disco

Friday 11th July- KidsFest

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

