

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

'Skinny Jean Gardener' Planting Challenge



Today Children's National Gardening Week begins. We were thrilled to receive lots of planting resources from Lee Connolly AKA Skinny Jean Gardener, thank you so much! This has enabled every child in school to have a go at some planting this week, we can't wait to see the wildflowers grow!

They should also be bringing home a leaflet with various activities and a gardening competition to win some great prizes, do enter if you can. We'd love you to share photos with us too. Perhaps the best efforts of fun Gardening photos can earn themselves a Barnham VIP Badge for the week!

Children's National Gardening Week Competition:

How to Enter

Share a photo or video of your gardening fun on Instagram

Tag @nationalchildrensgardeningweek and @skinnyjeangardener

Use the hashtag #NCGW25

We'd also love you to tag the school @barnhamcevc so we can see this too!

Alternatively, you can enter on the website below

<https://www.childrensgardeningweek.co.uk/competition/>

After National Children's Gardening Week (24th May – 1st June), Lee will go through the entries and choose the one that he feels truly captures the spirit of making memories through gardening.

The winning family will receive a £1000 Gardening Bundle packed full of incredible prizes, including raised beds, gardening tools, plant feeds, a year's subscription to a gardening club, a £100 National Garden Gift Card and so much more to keep the gardening fun going all year round!

Good luck, and go make some memories!

We love planting, gardening and caring for the environment at Barnham!



Year 4 have been looking after their test beds and have been excited to see some of the carrots coming through! With the lack of rain, they've had to keep up the irrigation with designated irrigators watering the test beds each day!

Keep your eyes on our social media pages for more carrot updates coming very soon!



National Children's Gardening Week

Together, we help children grow.

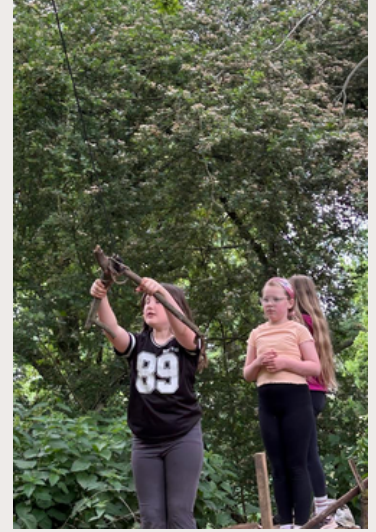
24 May – 1 June 2025

The aim of National Children's Gardening Week is to inspire children's curiosity, whilst the warm weather is a great time to see speedy results of seed sowing, planting and other gardening activities.

Happy Gardening Everyone!



Recent Forest School Adventures in Pictures.- Squirrel Class



More Forest School Adventures - Fox Class



Mini Medics- First Aid Training for Year 5 & Year 6



This week, Otter Class and Squirrel Class had an exciting and very important learning experience! Emily from Outline First Aid came in to deliver Mini Medics First Aid training, and the children absolutely loved it.

They learned all about how to help someone in an emergency, from checking for danger to how to call for help. Emily showed them how to help someone who is choking, put someone into the recovery position, and even talked about the basics of CPR – all in a fun, age-appropriate way. The children were engaged, curious, and asked some fantastic questions. It was wonderful to see them so enthusiastic about helping others and learning life-saving skills.

A big thank you to Emily for making the session so memorable – and well done to all our brilliant mini medics!

Important Reminder

Here is an important reminder to talk to your child about the basics of first aid and what to do in an emergency. It's always worth talking through how to make a 999 call, try and do this over the weekend. One day it might just save a life.



A Creativity Challenge for Half Term



This half term, we need YOU to help bring the Euston Scarecrow Trail to life! As part of their Farming & Flowers: Celebrating Nature & Community festival, we're inviting families to build their own scarecrows to be displayed near the Euston War Memorial. 🌻🚜

👨🌾 What You Need to Know: 👨🌾

Your scarecrow must be built on a stick or frame so it can stand tall and proud in the ground.

Every scarecrow must have a name – the sillier or more nature-themed, the better!

All scarecrows need to be brought into school by Thursday 5th June.

There are prizes for:

🏆 Best Adult Scarecrow

🏆 Best Child Scarecrow

Judged by none other than the Duke and Duchess themselves over the festival weekend!

🌟 **Plus, a few of our favourites will win a Barnham VIP Pass for the week after the festival!** 🌟

This is a fantastic way to get creative, have fun as a family, and be part of something really special in our community. Whether it's a farmer, a flower fairy, or a wild woodland creature – let your imagination bloom! 🌻

We can't wait to meet your scarecrow!

We are also hoping to make some scarecrows in school uniform throughout the week!

What an exciting project!



News from Fox Class

Last Friday we enjoyed preparing a soup fit for a Viking warrior. We chopped and peeled a variety of vegetables including leeks, onions, carrots and cabbages before cooking on an open fire. The broth was very authentic-(there were no potatoes allowed as they did not arrive in England until the Tudor period). Whilst the soup wasn't to everyone's taste, the reviews were favourable and cooking like a Viking had certainly been fun! We might have to add a few nettles next time!

Back in the classroom, we have been learning why the Viking were so feared and so successful. We have also been mastering decimal fractions, teeth and the digestive system and have made our own times-tables games in ICT using the coding program 'Scratch.'

We've worked really hard and have earned our half-term break!



Please leave all toys and cards at home!

We'd like to kindly remind everyone about our school's policy on toys and collectibles. Recently, we've noticed an increasing number of children bringing toys, trading cards (like Pokémon), and small items such as mini ducks into school.

While we know these items are fun and important to your child, we've found that they can cause a number of issues during the school day:

Health and Safety Concerns: Small toys may present a choking hazard, particularly for our younger pupils.

Friendship Friction: Toys can sometimes lead to arguments, jealousy, or fallouts if items are swapped or not shared fairly.

Risk of Loss or Damage: Special toys can easily be lost, broken, or even mistakenly taken by someone else. This can cause a great deal of upset.

Distraction from Learning: Toys can be a distraction in the classroom, making it harder for children to focus on their learning.

To keep everyone safe, happy and focused, we ask that all personal toys and collectible items remain at home. We want school to be a place where all children feel secure and included, without worry about losing something special. Thank you for your support in these matters.



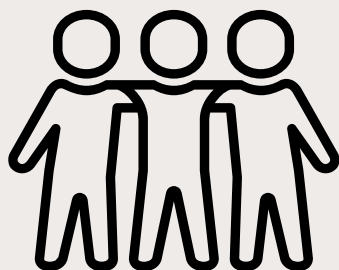
CONNECT Coffee Morning - Thursday 5th June - 9am

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.

There's no need to book in- just turn up and bring along a friend! We'd love to see a few more faces attending these events.



FOBS News



We are on the hunt for a few things for Kidsfest...

- **Any soft cuddly teddies.**
- **Any companies that could donate a cash prize for the big summer raffle.**

Also if anyone has a business and would like to have a stand at Kidsfest to get in touch and email ptabarnham@gmail.com.

Finally, we really need some volunteers for KidsFest- so if anyone can spare us some time at Kidsfest and help run a stall, we would be very grateful. The date for KidsFest is 11th July.

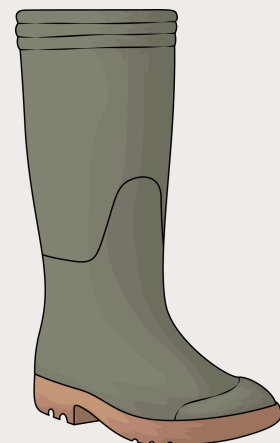
WANTED - Old Boots!



We are still 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.



Pupil Spaces

We have just a few spaces left for Year 3 and Year 4 in September. If you know any friends or families who are moving into the area or looking for a school space, please do let them know.

Helping Barnham School

We know that we keep sharing our Amazon Wish List with you but the donations that we've had from individuals, from families and from businesses are truly making such a difference to our school and we are grateful for each and everyone of them.

Thank you so much!

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[Amazon Wish List for Barnham School](#)

This week, we received a generous donation of £100 from Exolum, a company one of our parents works for. We will be spending it on books about Neurodiversity and will share a photo and more information very soon.



Staffing Update



After receiving many applications, we are delighted to announce that **Miss Poppy Jarvis** has been appointed as Hedgehog Teacher from September 2025.

Miss Jarvis is currently working in a Suffolk School and will be a wonderful addition to our team at Barnham.

We have also recruited for a new role within school - Inclusion and Wellbeing Lead, and are overjoyed to announce that **Mrs Rhonda Tasker** will be taking up the position from 16th June. Many of you already know Rhonda, this role is different to Rhonda's previous role in school!

National College Membership



As a school, we're proud to offer all our parents free access to the National College – a trusted platform filled with high-quality training, expert advice, and valuable resources designed to support you in your parenting journey. Whether you're looking for guidance on online safety, supporting learning at home, or understanding the curriculum, there's a wealth of helpful content waiting for you. Click the link below to create your free account and explore everything the National College has to offer:

[National College Enrolment Link](#)

We highly encourage all our families to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity!

Our Value is Creativity

Our Big Question this week has been:



How can we celebrate the creativity in others?

We are sure this will give you something to talk about and think about over the half term holiday. If you spot people being creative as you are out and about, how might you celebrate that? Perhaps you could give them a compliment or support their initiative.

Here are two further big questions you might talk about at home with your children:

How can being creative bring us closer to God?

What can we learn from the Bible about creativity?

We've really enjoyed learning all about CREATIVITY this half term.

Our next value, the final one for this academic year is COURAGE. This will be particularly important as we think about transitions some to new classes and others to new schools.



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 after half term!

Week 1 Menu:

Monday 2 nd June	Tuesday 3 rd June	Wednesday 4 th June	Thursday 5 th June	Friday 6 th June
Pizza, rice and sweetcorn OR Jacket Potato Ice cream choc pot	Meatballs, spaghetti and peas OR Tomato Pasta Ginger shortbread	Chicken goujons and herby potatoes OR Quorn Fillet Pancakes & ice cream	Chicken Roast OR Quorn Fillet Ice lolly	Fish fillet, chips, beans and veg OR Vegi fingers Lemon drizzle cake

Diary Dates

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

Thursday 5th June - CONNECT Coffee Morning

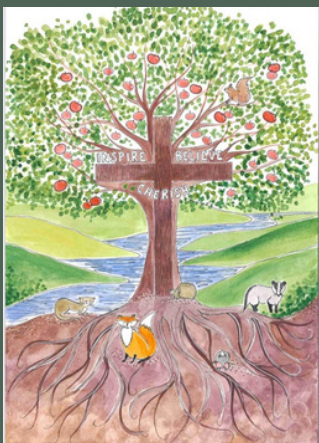
Monday 16th June - Friday 20th June - Countryside Week

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

Friday 27th June - Sports Day & School Disco

Friday 11th July - KidsFest

We wish you all a peaceful rest over half term next week. We will see you back at school on Monday 2nd June.



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