

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

The first week of Summer Term 2 has been fantastic and filled with many learning adventures, this newsletter feels jam-packed and we hope you'll enjoy it!

There's so much planned for this summer term, you won't want to miss a single day!

## *Will Lord Visits Our School*



At the end of last year, we received a very unusual delivery to school—and after months of predicting, investigating, and wondering, the mystery has finally been solved.

The discovery? A septarian nodule—an ancient geological formation uncovered by Euston Farms while digging into clay for a reservoir bank. Clay was key because of its ability to retain water, and in the process of excavation, something remarkable was found beneath the surface.

As part of our investigation, children explored the differences between sandy soil and clay, learning how each behaves and why clay played a vital role in this discovery.

So, what is a septarian? It forms when mineral-rich water seeps into porous sedimentary rock. As the water evaporates, minerals are left behind, eventually forming the beautiful crystal structures inside.

This particular septarian is thought to be over 60 million years old. Students had the rare opportunity to study it up close—an unforgettable experience that sparked plenty of scientific curiosity.

A huge thank-you to Matthew from Euston Farms and Will Lord for helping bring this extraordinary find to our classroom.



# Scarecrows for Euston!



We had an incredible 31 scarecrows made for the event at Euston this week and they were all so very creative and had some excellent names like "Sheryl Crow" and "Haylea". We also loved Barnha-bee! Well done for everyone for entering and thank you families for helping and enthusiastically taking on this challenge- we were so very impressed! Do pop along to Euston at the weekend to see them in place and meet lots of their friends too! Congratulations to our winners: Eva, Isabelle, Ralph, Olive and Ellie, they will be Barnham VIPs all of next week!




# Well done to everyone who took part!

# Farming and Flowers @ Euston





In addition to the scarecrows, we have a lovely display in Euston Church to celebrate this special weekend. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Caitlin Crystal - The Garden Shed (Annie and Ralph's mum) for supplying the beautiful flowers to add to the children's work to create our display. Do pop along to this event if you can and admire all the flowers and displays and of course the scarecrows and everything on offer at EUSTON. It will be a wonderful weekend celebrating nature and community. Have a great weekend!




**FARMING & FLOWERS**  
 A Weekend Celebrating Nature & Community

Join us for a special event combining the popular Euston Flower Festival with Open Farm Sunday. This two-day celebration offers plenty for all ages including:

- Floral displays
- Scarecrow competition
- Handmade cakes & refreshments
- Tractor & trailer rides
- Meet & greet farm animals

Saturday & Sunday  
 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June  
 11am - 5pm

St Genevieve Church, Euston, IP24 2QH  
 Car park and programme: £2\*  
\*with all profits to support our local church

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## Pupil Spaces

We have just a few spaces left in September for:



- Year 3 (current year 2)
- Year 4 (current year 3)
- Year 5 (current year 4)
- Year 6 (current year 5)



If you know any friends or families who are moving into the area or looking for a school space, please do let them know.

# Next Week is Vision & Values Week!

Next week is Vision and Values Week—a chance for us to reflect on everything we've achieved this year at Barnham and to look ahead as we grow together.

Vision and Values Week is a special time dedicated to exploring the core principles that shape our school community. Through a range of activities, assemblies, and classroom discussions, students will reflect on what our school stands for and how these values guide us every day. We'll also be gathering pupil views and memories from across the school to celebrate what's made this year special.

We want to invite our wider community—including parents and carers—to share their thoughts and experiences too!

There will be opportunities to get involved through questionnaires, social media posts, and other activities. Your voice matters, and we'd love as many of you as possible to engage with us. Together, we'll not only celebrate the year we've had, but also help shape our priorities for the future. So watch this space, and thank you for being such an important part of the Barnham community.



## VALUES

## News from Squirrel Class



We've just finished reading the brilliant *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll — and we're sad it's come to an end! To celebrate the story, we wrote book reviews where we shared our favourite characters and moments, and practised our summarising skills. We loved it so much, we gave it a well-deserved 5 stars and would highly recommend it!

Our new book is *I Am Not a Label* — an inspiring collection of stories about people with a range of disabilities who have achieved incredible things. We're really enjoying learning about their accomplishments and how they've navigated challenges in their lives.



# Thrive Activity

## Hope box

Whether you're getting ready to go to high school or just moving up to the next year at Barnham, change can feel exciting but also a little bit tricky. When things feel a bit hard, it can help to have special things around you that make you feel safe and happy. That's where a Hope Box comes in! You can decorate your own box and fill it with things that comfort you and make you smile – keep it somewhere safe and accessible so you know it's always there if needed....

### You will need:

- A sturdy box (shoebox, small storage box, or decorative container)
  - Paper and pen/pencils/markers
  - Photos, mementos, or meaningful keepsakes
  - Inspirational quotes or affirmations
- Small comforting items (e.g., a worry stone, a piece of jewellery, a small cuddly)
  - Glue, tape, scissors (for crafting/decorating)
- Decorative materials (stickers, washi tape, magazine cutouts, paints)

### Instructions:

#### · Choose Your Box

Select a container that feels right to you. It can be plain or already decorative. If you're planning to decorate it, a plain shoebox is a great starting point.

#### · Decorate the Outside

Use your art supplies to personalise the outside of your Hope Box:

- Add your name or a meaningful word like "Strength," "Love," or "Breathe"
- Prepare the Inside

Line the inside with soft fabric or decorative paper if you'd like to give it a cozy feel.

#### · Fill It with Meaningful Items

Here are some ideas for what to include:

Photos of loved ones, happy memories, or peaceful places

Affirmations or quotes that uplift and inspire

A journal entry or list of things that bring you joy or that you're grateful for

Calming items like a smooth stone, fidget toy, or a small soft toy

A list of coping strategies (e.g., "Take 10 deep breaths," "Call a friend," "Go outside for 5 minutes")

Creative prompts or goals for the future (e.g., "Draw how I feel today," "One thing I want to try this year")



# HOPE



# Year 6 Pedal Ahead with Bikeability



This week, our Year 6 pupils have been taking part in the exciting Bikeability training, completing both Level 1 and Level 2 courses. Bikeability is the national cycle training programme designed to give children the skills and confidence to cycle safely and responsibly.

Level 1 focused on mastering basic bike handling skills in the school playground, including setting off, stopping safely, and using control when turning and manoeuvring. Once these skills were confidently achieved, the children progressed to Level 2, which saw them take to quieter local roads, near the church and war memorial, to put their learning into practice in real-life situations. They learnt how to respond to traffic, make safe decisions at junctions, and communicate effectively with other road users.

The instructors were incredibly impressed with the children's enthusiasm, positive attitude, and rapid progress over the course of the week. Not only did pupils gain vital skills for staying safe on the roads, but they also developed independence, resilience, and a real sense of achievement.

Well done to all of Year 6 – we are very proud of you! Happy cycling!

"It was an awesome experience! I liked the part where we could show our skills on our own route" - Isla

"It was great fun, and now I feel safer about being on my bike" - Sophia

"I enjoyed the actual test part, where they questioned me" Logan

"I liked it all; it was fun learning which direction to look and travel" Elliot.

# Children's Gardening Week & Even More planting over half term!



Thank you for sharing your half term gardening adventures with us! We very much enjoyed our in-school planting before the holidays too! We'd say that National Children's Gardening Week has been a huge success at Barnham- fingers crossed that everything grows well and we have a little bit of rain on the way to help out!

Each child who took part in some gardening adventures at home were awarded a certificate in Collective Worship! One winner of a Barnham VIP Badge for the week was then selected from all of these children. Congratulations to Xander! A huge well done to everyone, keep up the irrigation!



**National Children's Gardening Week 2025**

Thank you for sharing your gardening adventures with us as part of this special week.  
Keep up the great work with your gardening adventures!

Barnham CEVC Primary School- Inspire, Cherish, Believe

# Thank you Exolum for helping Barnham School

We have spent the generous donation of £100 from Exolum, a company one of our parents works for on more books about the brain and neurodiversity.

Thank you so much Exolum for helping us!



Thank you also to Rory's family too for donating a series of books that we wanted to add to our collection from our Amazon Wish List.

We appreciate everyone's generosity and kindness so very much.



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HELP?

Amazon Wish List for  
Barnham School

# Happy Birthday Church!

## Happy Pentecost!

This weekend is Pentecost – a very special time in the Christian calendar, often called the birthday of the Church! It marks the moment when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' friends, giving them the power and courage to tell the world about God's love. Badger and Fox Class have been learning all about this in their RE lessons.

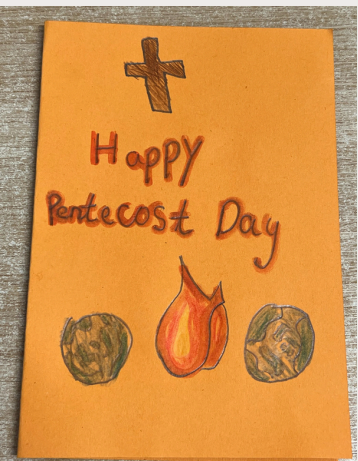
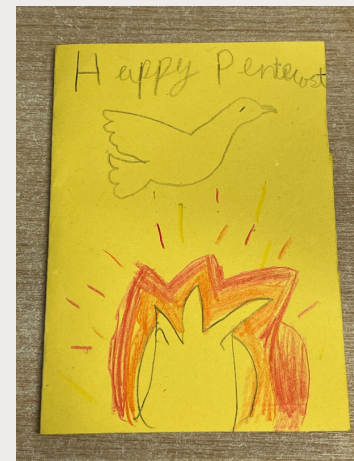
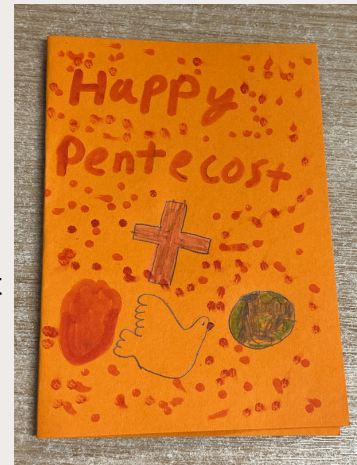
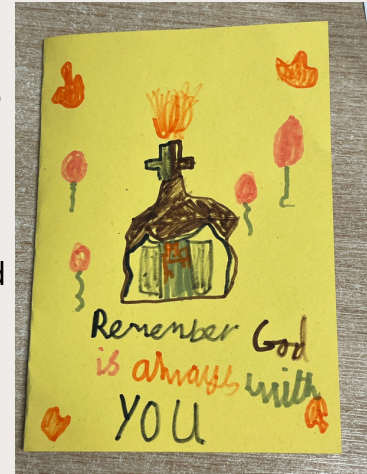
To celebrate, on Thursday, we created bright, flame-coloured Pentecost cards, inspired by the tongues of fire in the Pentecost story. We were thrilled to give these to Vicar Karen, who will be sharing them with her church congregation during the weekend celebrations.

Do you like our designs?

Vicar Karen also led us in a special collective worship all about Pentecost, and the whole school especially enjoyed watching a Lego Bible version of the Pentecost story together – it really helped bring the moment to life!

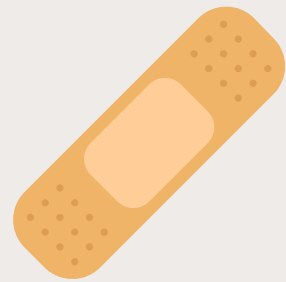
Year 3 and 4 have also been learning about the Five Marks of Mission of the church, which show how the Church tries to follow Jesus:

- Tell** – Telling others the good news about Jesus
- Teach** – Teaching and helping people grow in faith
- Tend** – Tending to those in need and showing kindness
- Transform** – Transforming unfairness by standing up for what's right
- Treasure** – Treasuring God's creation and caring for the Earth



# Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Collective Worship

During our Fearfully and Wonderfully Made assembly this week, five brilliant actors from Fox Class interrupted Miss Bacon to act out a different injury. One had a stubbed toe, a cut elbow, a lost tooth, a headache and a poor knee! The children roared with laughter as Miss Bacon responded to each dramatic injury in the same way: by carefully sticking a plaster on each child's hand, no matter what their complaint was. It didn't take long before puzzled looks and giggles filled the room.



This led to a powerful moment of understanding. One child said, "You treated us all equally, but you didn't give us what we needed." And that was exactly the point.



We talked about how fairness doesn't mean everyone getting the same thing—it means everyone getting what they need. We all agreed that while we love being treated equally when it comes to things like biscuits or sweets, sometimes fairness in the classroom looks a little different.

We talked about how lots of children need different resources to help them in class eg: ear defenders, fidget toys etc but these are not toys and we don't all need them and just because some of our friends need these tools and we have them, if we don't need them- we don't have them but it doesn't mean it isn't fair. Fairness is everyone getting what they need. We also talked about this image of the baseball game. We love celebrating our differences at Barnham and the fact that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made! Please do continue these conversations with the children at home.



## Our Value is Courage



Our new value for this half term is COURAGE, this is the perfect value to end our school year focusing on particularly as we focus on transition and moving on.

Our Big Question this week has been:

## What does it mean to be courageous?

We are sure this will give you something to talk about over the dinner table.

Our greeting that Collective Worship crew say at the start of each Collective Worship is:

*"Be strong and courageous for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

They close each Collective Worship with this dismissal:

*"May God fill you with the courage to face every challenge and overcome every fear."*

***We will face the world boldly and bravely."***

We look forward to exploring this value more over the coming days and weeks as we end the academic year being bold and strong ready for our next steps, whatever that involves!

Our COURAGE Bible Verse - Joshua 1 v 9- Be strong and courageous!  
Do not be afraid for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

# Lunch Menu for next week

## Week 2 Menu:

Monday 9th June	Tuesday 10th June	Wednesday 11th June	Thursday 12th June	Friday 13th June
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 9<sup>th</sup>- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June- Vision and Values Week  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June- Class Photos  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June- Poet, Christian Foley visits Barnham  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - BASC visiting Barnham  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Countryside Week  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June- Year 6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June- Sprinting Workshops for Year 5 & 6 with Athlete, Adam Cross  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day & School Disco  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July- Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July- KidsFest  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5 & 6 Performance Day  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Children break up for Summer Holidays**



*Class Photos are on Monday!*



### 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

