

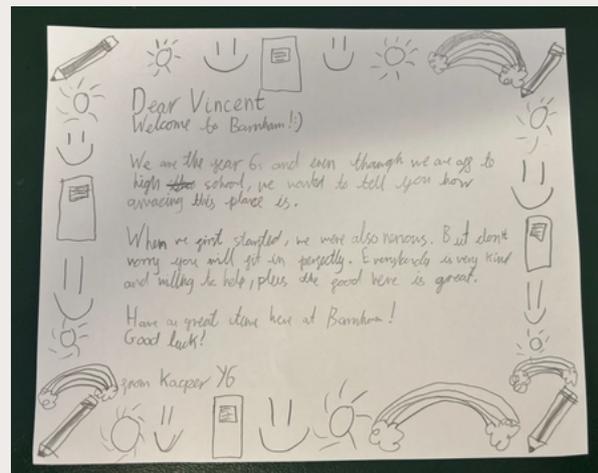
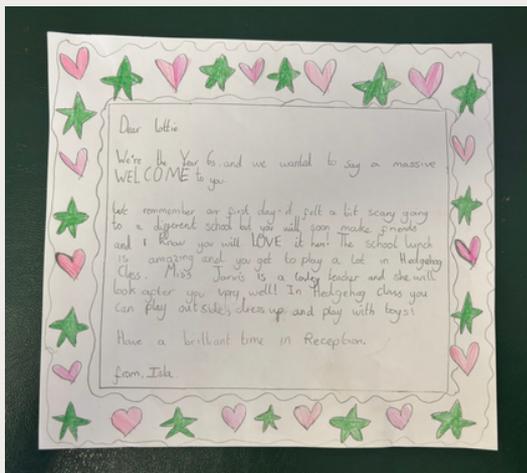


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IN EACH PERSON THAT THEY MIGHT FLOURISH  
AND FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL**

## Moving On Up!

Last Friday afternoon and all day this Friday we have had our transition days in school, we have been so very proud of how our children have been embracing the change positively and with real excitement and anticipation as we look forward to the new school year starting in September.

Hopefully you have all received a little booklet with a social story to share with your child to support their transition and to read regularly over the school holiday. This will also have information about what is happening on the very first day, all the exciting learning opportunities coming up through the year and some information about your child's teacher. Please do keep these documents to refer to over the holidays and ask if you need a new copy!



We are very grateful to the children in Year 6 who wrote special welcoming letters to some of the new reception children joining Barnham School in September!

Lots of them know what it is like to spend many happy years at Barnham and so want to wish the new children all the very best as they start their journey here.

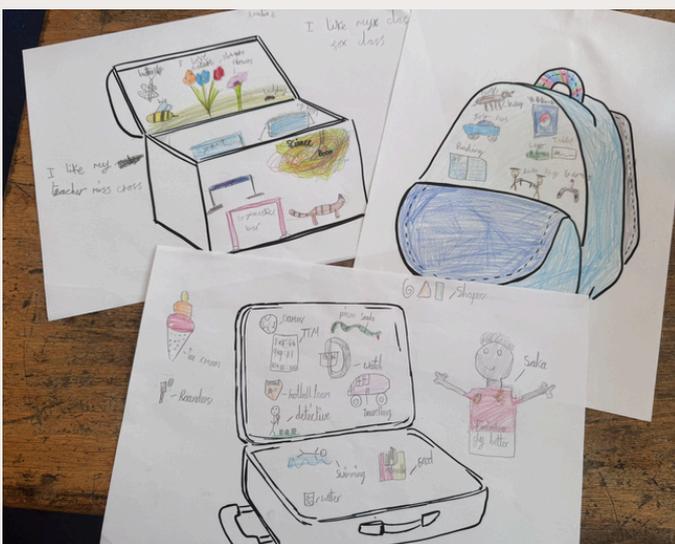


As part of our transition activities, Year 4 children performed an exclusive guitar gig for Year 3 to prepare them to learn guitars in Fox Class. This was incredible and I am sure we have some inspired musicians in the making! Well done Year 4!

# More transition activities

As part of their transition activities, our soon-to-be Year 6 pupils spent an engaging afternoon exploring data handling in Otters class. The children challenged themselves to see how many star jumps they could complete in one minute, showing great energy and determination throughout the task.

After the physical challenge, they got to work turning their results into bar charts, carefully constructing neat and accurate representations of their data. It was wonderful to see them combining stamina with strong mathematical skills; a fantastic start to their Year 6 journey!



The new Fox class learned all about Miss Cross with her basket of things where they had to guess what each item meant to her! The children then created their own bag/box/suitcase of things about them.

Foxes also had fun making fox bookmarks ready for all the reading they will be doing next year!

# Top Tips for Transition



Help your child feel confident and ready for September with these quick summer tips:

**Stay Positive** – Talk about the new class or school with enthusiasm to ease worries.

**Keep Routines Going** – Stick to regular sleep, meals, and activities to maintain structure.

**Visit or Visualise** – Walk past the school or look at photos to build familiarity.

**Read Together** – Try storybooks about starting school or moving up a year or keep reading the Barnham transition booklets and have them readily accessible to read through the holidays.

**Build Independence** – Practice dressing, toileting, and packing a lunch or school bag.

**Connect with Friends** – Arrange playdates or meet-ups if possible.

**Countdown to School** – A fun calendar can help your child prepare mentally. (We will send one home next week that you can use!)

**Listen and Reassure** – Let your child share any worries and remind them it's normal.

**Label Everything** – Avoid lost property by naming clothes and belongings!

**Have Fun!** – Enjoy summer together—happy memories build confidence.

## Archaeological Dig

Journeying Back 400,000 Years...

This week, Year 3 & 4 stepped into the ancient past with Dr. Nick Ashton and Marcus from British Museum at a truly remarkable archaeological dig – just minutes from our school! The land beneath our feet told stories from the early Paleolithic era – and we were there to listen, in awe.

We saw the reddish clay that revealed traces of fire, helping us unlock the importance of fire in early human life – for gathering, cooking, protection, and storytelling and communicating. This site is one of the most significant in Europe, and today, it came to life before our very eyes.

We gasped as we saw the leg bone from a 4-metre tall elephant that once roamed the land – and just as we caught our breath, out came a giant lion toe ... from a lion even bigger than the African lions we know today!

A tooth from a beaver... and even a macaque monkey's tooth helped paint a vivid picture of the wildlife that once thrived where we were standing. It barely seemed believable – yet the evidence was right there in front of our wide eyes!

Holding shimmering pyrite – a natural iron that would have been struck against flint to create fire – felt like holding the key to our ancestors' survival.

As we gathered around what would once have been a pond or watering hole, we learned about 17 species of reptiles and amphibians that lived there. So many questions, so much curiosity sparked! Huge thanks to Dr. Nick for bringing history alive – and for inspiring the next generation of natural history explorers!



# Thank you FCBS!

## You are an incredible team!

Here are just a few snapshots from the incredible KidsFest 2025 – the ultimate event to end the school year in true style!

A massive thank you to our amazing team of volunteers – you were absolutely sensational. From months of behind-the-scenes planning to setting up, running the event, and packing everything away (all on the hottest day of the year!), your dedication and effort did not go unnoticed.

Everything you do for our school is deeply appreciated. Please know that you are truly valued, and all your hard work has been seen and celebrated.



# KidsFest 2025

# FBBS Need YOU!



*Without a large team of volunteers, amazing events like this can not happen. We really need some more members to join our FBBS team. Look out for more information coming soon and please do get involved and please encourage new families to our school to do the same.*



# Summer Reading Challenge

We would love you to sign up to Thetford Library Summer Reading Challenge! We can't wait to hear all the books that you are reading.

THE  
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Summer Reading Challenge

## Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

### Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at  
👉 [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)  
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

# THRIVE Activity

This week, I had the wonderful opportunity to spend two days in the woods completing my Forest School Leader training. One of the highlights was making patterns using natural materials—each item chosen to represent something positive in our lives.

I'd love for you to give it a try this weekend! You can do it on your own, with friends, or as a fun family activity. All you need is a collection of natural materials—sticks, leaves, pebbles, pine cones, flowers—and a flat space like your garden lawn or a patch of soil.

Start from the centre and build your design outward. This relaxing, creative activity is a great way to reflect on the good things in your life and enjoy the beauty of nature.

I'd love to see your creations! Feel free to email your pictures to [cstocking@barnham.org](mailto:cstocking@barnham.org) – They might even be featured next week's newsletter!



## Reading Books Amnesty



*We need  
your help!*



## *Our Value is Courage*

Our Big Question this week has been:

### **How can we show courage when we see someone being treated unfairly?**

This week in Collective Worship, Vicar Karen shared the story of The Good Samaritan. In the story, a man is hurt and ignored by others, but a Samaritan stops to help him, showing kindness and bravery.

This links to courage because the Samaritan did the right thing, even when it was difficult.

It reminds us to stand up for others when they are being treated unfairly and to show kindness, even when no one else does.



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

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Pizza, rice and sweetcorn OR Jacket Potato	Meatballs, spaghetti and peas OR Tomato Pasta	Chicken goujons and herby potatoes OR Quorn Fillet	Chicken Roast OR Quorn Fillet	Fish fillet, chips, beans and veg OR Vegi fingers
Ice cream choc pot	Ginger shortbread	Pancakes & ice cream	Ice lolly	Lemon drizzle cake

## Diary Dates

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5 & 6 Performance Day  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm- Leavers Collective Worship  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Children break up for Summer Holidays**

## Term Dates 2025-2026

### Autumn Term

1st September 2025 - 19th December 2025 (PD days 1st and 2nd - children start back on 3rd September)

Half-term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October (PD day Friday 24th October)

### Spring Term

5th January 2026 - 27th March 2026 (PD day 5th January - children return on 6th January)

Half-term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

### Summer Term

13th April -2026 - 20th July 2026 (PD day 20th July- children finish on 19th July)

Half-term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

## 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

