

BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

5th September 2025
Newsletter 1



We Inspire, Cherish and Believe
in each person that they might flourish
and fulfil their potential

Welcome Back to School!



What a wonderful start we've had to the new school year! The first week back has been filled with energy, smiles and a real sense of excitement. Our staff team are thrilled to be back into routines, and on Thursday we all wore blue to help combat the "back to school blues." The children were quick to spot our matching colour choice - their sharp eyes didn't miss a thing!

Around school there has been a real buzz as the children have settled into their new classes and new routines with confidence and enthusiasm. We are so proud of them all.

A special welcome goes to our newest Barnham children in Hedgehog Class. Our 20 Reception pupils have joined us full of curiosity and joy, and it has been an absolute pleasure to see them exploring their new environment so calmly and happily. They have already shown us just how ready they are for their learning journey at Barnham.

We are also delighted to welcome 7 new children across other year groups. Each one of them has settled in brilliantly and already feels like part of our Barnham family.

A warm welcome, too, to all the new families who have joined our community - we are so glad to have you with us.

It's been a fantastic first week, and we are looking forward to all the learning, growth and fun this school year will bring.

Our First Week Back



Fox Class are aiming to fly high this year! They each wrote their goals and what they're most excited about onto colourful kites, decorated them beautifully, and then took them outside to fly their dreams into the sky!

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Otter Class have been counting in millions and exploring some fun maths in the first few days back at school- we are very proud of them!

Just a few reminders

Our school website is www.barnham.suffolk.sch.uk - we are in the process of updating this for the new school year so please bear with us for the time being.

We'd love you to follow us on social media. Our Facebook Page is 'Barnham CEVC Primary School' and our instagram is @barnhamcevc.

Children do not need to bring pencil cases or fidget/ sensory toys into school- we have provisions for them at school, so please leave all these items at home ready to help with homework.

If you need to contact your child's teacher their e mail address is their first initial of their first name followed by their surname @barnham.org

eg: rbacon@barnham.org or you can e mail the school office admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk or give us a call on 01842 890253.

Catherine Stocking is our Family Support Practitioner and is always available for a cup of tea and a chat if you need any support. She can be contacted through the school office or by e mailing her directly cstocking@barnham.org





We are a Thrive School of Excellence

At our school, we use the Thrive Approach, which helps children develop their social and emotional wellbeing alongside their learning. Thrive is all about building positive relationships, understanding feelings, and supporting every child to feel safe, valued and ready to learn.

As a Thrive School of Excellence, we celebrate this relational approach in everything we do - from the classroom to the playground. We also know how important families are in helping children thrive, so each week we share a simple Thrive activity in our newsletter. These activities are fun, practical and designed for families to enjoy together at home.

Together, we can help every child flourish!

Here is this week's activity:

You've just finished your first week back at school - that's amazing. Sometimes school can feel really fun, sometimes it can feel a bit tricky, and sometimes we're excited about what's coming next.

This activity will help you think about your week in three simple steps. We're going to use roses, thorns, and buds to show our feelings.

What you need:

A jar, box, or bowl

Some pieces of paper and a pen or pencil

Stickers or colours to decorate

How to do it:

Decorate your jar or bowl so it feels like your safe place for thoughts and feelings.

Take three pieces of paper. On each one, write or draw:

Rose: The best thing that happened this week.

Thorn: Something that was tricky or not so nice.

Bud: Something you're excited about or looking forward to next week.

Now fold up your pieces of paper and add them to your jar. You can tell your grown up what you wrote or drew, or you can keep it private. Both are ok!

At the end of every school week add new roses, thorns and buds - over time you'll see how many different things you've been through and how much you've grown!

Feel free to share any photos with Catherine - cstocking@barnham.org - we may even share them in our newsletter!



Messages from FOBS

FOBS is our wonderful Parent Teacher Association (PTA). They work hard all year round to raise funds, organise events and create extra opportunities for the children at Barnham School. From school discos and fairs to cake sales and special treats, their efforts make a real difference to our school community.

FOBS are always looking for more volunteers - whether you can spare a little time now and then, or would like to get more involved. Every helping hand is welcome, and it's a great way to meet other families, support the school, and be part of something special.

If you'd like to know more or join in, please speak to the school office or one of our FOBS members - they'd love to hear from you!

Their first meeting will be on Friday 12th September at 7pm - The Warrener, Thetford. They will be discussing this year's calendar of ideas, so please come along and share any ideas you have so that we can plan for another successful year of fundraising for our wonderful school.

The FOBS AGM will be held on Tuesday 7th October in the evening. A zoom link will be sent out nearer the time.

FOBS have their own instagram for you to follow - @friendsofbarnham
Their e mail address is ptabarnham@gmail.com

Finally, please save the date - they are planning our Autumn School Disco for Friday 3rd October- more information will follow soon.



Barnham's 'Book-Nic'



Calling all readers who completed the Summer Library Reading challenge

We would love to celebrate all the children that completed the summer reading challenge at the library. If your child did this, please could they bring in their certificate and badge/medal so this can be shared with the whole school in celebration assembly next Friday 12th September.



Our Value is Resilience



This year, instead of having six different values we are just going to explore one in depth. Our school value is RESILIENCE. We launched this together in our first week back, reflecting on the idea of "not limiting our challenges, but challenging our limits."

The children shared thoughtful examples of how they have been resilient over the summer holidays - from trying new activities and keeping going when things felt tricky, to overcoming worries and showing bravery in different situations.

We also talked about how resilience will be important for us throughout the school year - whether that's learning something new, adapting to change, or bouncing back when things don't go quite as planned.

We are proud of the positive mindset our children are already showing, and we look forward to seeing resilience in action across all areas of school life.

We'd like to introduce our new Collective Worship Crew to you - they help lead assembly each day. They are: Olivia, Sofia, Elliot and George and they've already taken on this role with enthusiasm- well done!

Here's a resilience themed big question for you to think about as a family over the week:

*What does it mean to
be strong inside?*

Our RESILIENCE Bible Verse -

"I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength."

Philippians 4 v 13

Lunch Menu for Next Week

| Monday 8 th September | Tuesday 9 th September | Wednesday 10 th September | Thursday 11 th September | Friday 12 th September |
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| Jacket Potatoes Choice | Pasta Bolognese OR Tomato Pasta | Fish finger wrap and salad OR Vegi Fingers | Sausage Roast OR Quorn Sausage | Sausage Roll & chips OR Quorn Fillet |
| Strawberry ice cream | Vanilla Cake | Jelly & fruit | Ice lolly | Chocolate cake & ice cream |

Please note, our menu is subject to changes and these will be communicated via ParentMail

Diary Dates

Friday 12th September - FOBs First Meeting of the year at The Warrener, 7pm
 Wednesday 15th September - Friday 19th September - Year 6 Residential to Grafham Water Centre (more information coming soon!)
 Thursday 18th September - Barnham's Booknic from 2:30pm
 Tuesday 7th October - FOBs AGM Meeting

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

