



BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



The Nativity- A King is born!





What a wonderful Thursday we shared as the Moles and Hedgehogs brought the Christmas story to life in their sparkling nativity performance, *A King Is Born!* We were incredibly proud of every single child. Their singing, acting, and confidence on stage shone brightly, and they told the story with such joy and enthusiasm.

We hope you enjoy looking through all the action photos—moments filled with expressive faces, tiny stars and shepherds, and big smiles from both the performers and the audience. The reaction in the hall said everything: smiles everywhere, a few happy tears, and plenty of proud applause. A heartfelt thank-you goes to our wonderful teachers and support staff for their creativity, patience, and dedication in bringing the production together. Thank you also to our families for helping with lines, costumes, and all the last-minute touches that make these performances so special.

But most of all, we want to celebrate the children, who were the true stars of the show. Their hard work, excitement, and sheer delight lit up the stage. Well done, Moles and Hedgehogs—you gave us a nativity to remember! The whole school were able to watch the show today and thoroughly enjoyed it!

Well done Hedgehogs & Moles, you all did so well! We were proud of you all.





Hedgehog Class News



Hedgehog class have been very busy this half term!

We have been reading 'Look up' in writing which has encouraged lots of discussions and activities around space. We have even started making our own papier-mâché planets! Both reception and year 1 have been learning about shape in maths. This has included lots of hands on activities such as printing 3d shapes into paint and playdough and testing shapes to see if they roll.

During PSHE we have been learning how to be good friends. This week all children earned a good friend badge for their kindness!

We have also been getting into the Christmas spirit! Our cheeky elf sparkle has been causing mischief. He was even visited by the elf on the bookshelf this week who brought us a brand new story and penguin which we loved reading.

Finally, well done to all the hedgehogs for their amazing nativity performances! I am so proud of every child for their hard work and bravery performing in front of their grown ups! Well done hedgehogs!





Otter Class News



Year 6 have had an exciting and busy few weeks!

In Science, we have been learning all about the heart and the circulatory system.. We also carried out a colourful experiment using Skittles to help us understand diffusion and how nutrients pass from the small intestine into the bloodstream.

After sculpting our own models of the heart from clay, the children deepened their understanding of the circulatory system through a hands-on dissection of a pig's heart. We were also delighted to welcome trainee teachers from the University of Cambridge, who visited to observe our lesson and were incredibly impressed by the children's engagement and maturity.

Working brilliantly as a team, every child took on an important role and supported one another throughout the session. To begin, they identified key structures such as the superior vena cava, aorta, and the pulmonary veins and arteries. By placing straws into these openings, they were able to determine the best place to make the first cut.

They then carefully dissected along the interventricular sulcus, revealing the chambers of the heart. A particular highlight was discovering – and gently tugging on – the “heart strings” inside. Seeing a pig's heart, which is similar in size to a human heart, gave the children a meaningful real-life comparison. The class were fascinated from start to finish, and who knows – we may have inspired a few future heart surgeons! It was a fantastic, hands-on science experience. Well done, Otters – your maturity and teamwork were outstanding!

In Writing, we have been using the book *Can We Save the Tiger?* by Martin Jenkins. This beautifully illustrated text has really pulled on our heartstrings, highlighting the plight of endangered- and even already extinct- animals around the world. Inspired by this, we have been working on discussion texts, exploring different ways to help protect threatened species. We've been practising key features such as modal verbs, question tags and a wide range of adverbial phrases. Our final books looked fantastic, they were beautifully illustrated and included pop-ups!

In Maths, we have been tackling adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. Everyone has shown fantastic determination and made great progress - well done, Otters!

We also enjoyed a brilliant trip to Duxford. We learned about World War II and the impact of American forces on our local area. While there, we filmed our own mini documentaries. We've now watched them back in school and think some of us might have a future in presenting... although our camera work might need a bit more practice—some of the upside-down shots gave us quite a laugh!





Messages from FCBS



Advance Warning- FOBS will be hosting a special recruitment day in the new year and we'd love you to save the date and get involved if you can
- Thursday 22nd January 2026, more details will follow soon.

Butterfly Buddies & Thrive Hive

Butterfly Buddies and Thrive Hive is now taking a break until the New Year.

If your child will be part of Butterfly Buddies or Thrive Hive in the new year, they will receive a letter before the end of term. Please be assured that we always review the impact of these interventions and children and groups are carefully selected. All interventions run for a half term.

Both of these interventions will begin again the first full week back at school- Monday 12th January.

Thank you for your support!





'Shine Like Stars'

Shine with KINDNESS-

Advent Week 2



We hope that you've been enjoying our Advent Calendar that we are sharing daily on our social media stories to celebrate and thank stars that shine brightly in our school community.

This week we have said thank you to lots more stars in our community- there's still many more people to celebrate and thank this advent.

Keep shining like stars Team Barnham!

Our children and staff took on the challenge to bring in donations for Chapter 15 supporting the homeless in Thetford and the surrounding areas. We were so grateful for every single donation and will be passing these on to the charity!

You truly have shone with kindness this week.

Thank you so much!



A HUGE Well done to Otter Class who won an extra playtime for bringing in the most donations- it was a close competition though!

Thank you everyone!



Thank you for your kindness!



Christingles



Our school Community Christingle Afternoon will be on Monday 15th December from 2:15pm.

Please could each child bring in a large orange ready to make their Christingle and a packet of sweets to share with the class.

The ideal sweets for Christingles are ones that can go on a cocktail stick eg: dolly mixtures, jelly babies, mini marshmallows, jelly tots etc. Please remember no chocolate as they will melt! A healthy alternative of raisins/ glace cherries or other dried fruits will also work well.

Please remember no nut products.

School will provide the rest of the equipment needed for this afternoon including: foil, cocktail sticks and candles as we aim for every child to Shine TOGETHER with their Christingle. Our hope is that the weather will be kind and we can all gather on the playground to light our Christingles and have a special Collective Worship to end our school day.

FOBS will then be drawing the winners of the Christmas raffle following this.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

Our Christmas Services Thursday 18th December



We are delighted to share our plans for this year's Christmas celebrations! As our school community continues to grow, we now have more families than can comfortably fit into the church at once. To make sure everyone can join us for this special occasion, we will be holding two Christmas services at St Gregory's Church.

Morning Service - 9:30am

Held just after morning drop-off, this service will feature contributions from

Hedgehogs, Badgers and Squirrels.

Afternoon Service - 2:00pm

Timed to end in time for school pick-up, this service will include contributions from

Moles, Foxes and Otters.

Our wonderful Collective Worship Crew will attend and help lead both services.

The school choir will also sing at both services.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating together as a whole school community. Families with children in different year groups are warmly welcome to attend both services if they wish.

We can't wait to share this special time with you!





Wish List



Has anyone got any old children's magazines?

Has anyone got any old lego that needs clearing out to make way for new sets?

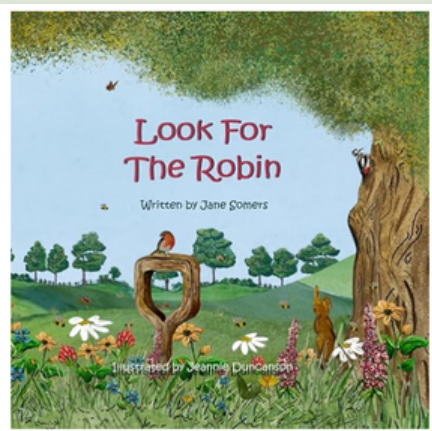
We'd love to rehome them for you to enhance our indoor provision, please just drop them off at the school office.

Alternatively, if you are able to give, here is our school Amazon Wish List:

Our Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much!

Book Recommendation



One of our families purchased this book for school and we are so grateful to add it to our collection of books that support children going through bereavement. Thank you for kindly thinking of us, we know this book will support many children in the years to come.

We'd love to recommend it to you!

A beautifully illustrated, uplifting, rhyming book designed to comfort grieving children.

The friendly Robin acts as a messenger between children and their loved ones, reminding them that they are always watching over them and they are still very much loved.

Look For The Robin shows how love can endure and continue in the hearts of those left behind.



Our Value is Resilience



We started the week by welcoming Tony Heywood to lead us in Collective Worship, we are always grateful to all of our visitors for supporting us in this way.

We are continuing to explore our Advent themes and this week focusing on JOY!

Our big question to discuss this week is:

Joy

Why do you think joy is contagious?

Joy

As you can imagine, our hall has been filled with the sound of Christmas Songs and Carols as we prepare for our Christmas Church Service- we can't wait to share with you. Warm up your voices ready, we're hoping you'll all sing along with us!

Week 3 - Christmas Change Agents Missions

Barnham CEVC Primary School
Advent Project 2025
"Shine Like Stars!"

Shine with hope Shine with kindness



Shine together

"Do everything without grumbling or arguing... Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky"
Philippians 2 v 14-15

Week 3 Monday 15th - Friday 19th December
SHINE TOGETHER

*When we stand together and support each other, we stay strong.
Togetherness helps everyone shine brighter - no one's light has to shine alone.*

Events -

Monday 15th December - Community Christingle Afternoon

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 17th December - Choir out singing

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Church Services



The focus of this week will be to do things together and to make a difference together. What can your class do to shine together and make a positive change?

What can your family do together?

It's over to you, we can't wait to hear about it!

Please do send us any photos of you shining together-
admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk

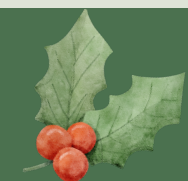
Well done for shining this advent- we are proud of you all!

Shine TOGETHER!

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 15 th December	Tuesday 16 th December	Wednesday 10 th December	Thursday 11 th December	Friday 12 th December
Pizza and rice Fruit	 Christmas Dinner Day 	Pasta Bolognaise & Garlic Bread Cake	Chicken, Rice & Veg Fruit	Sausage rolls & chips Chocolate ice cream

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

Diary Dates

Monday 15th December - Christingle Celebrations, you can join us from 2:15pm at the office
Monday 15th December - The FOBS Christmas Raffle will be drawn after school in the playground

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch (*children can wear Christmas Jumpers today*)

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Church Services
(9:30am Service- Hedgehogs, Badgers and Squirrels &
2pm Service- Moles, Foxes and Otters)
more information to follow)

Friday 19th December - Last day of term

Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January - PD Day (no children in school)

Tuesday 6th January - Children return to school for
Kings Day / Epiphany Celebrations

(please could each child make and wear a crown to wear for this day)

Thursday 8th January - Badger Class Families - Meet Mrs Shepperson 2:55pm

Thursday 22nd January - FOBS Recruitment Day

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

