

BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

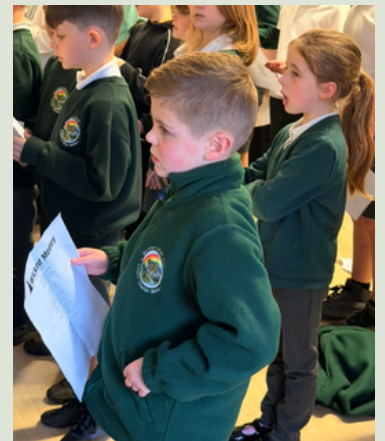
Young Voices- Wicked Sing Along



Yesterday, we were absolutely thrilled to see so many families join us for the Wicked Worldwide Singalong, live-streamed from the O2. It was such a special experience to be part of a global celebration of music, theatre, and togetherness. Over 500,000 children took part online with 8000 more at the O2- this was something special to be a part of!

The children have been working incredibly hard over recent weeks, learning a challenging medley of songs and practising with real focus and enthusiasm. Seeing them sing with such confidence, joy, and pride was truly wonderful—and even more special to be able to share that moment with you.

Thank you to all the families who came along to support, sing, and celebrate with us. Being part of something on this scale was inspiring for the children and a fantastic reminder of the power of music to bring people together.



What a magical moment!

Polite Reminders



We have mountains of lost property waiting to be reunited with their owners – but it's hard to know what belongs to whom! Labelling your clothes is the easiest way to make sure your jumper, coat, or sports kit finds its way back to you.

Even a simple name tag or permanent marker can save you the stress (and the cost!) of lost items. Let's work together to keep our lost property pile to a minimum and make sure everyone gets their belongings back.

Please also check your labels regularly, especially on school uniforms and sports gear, to make sure they're still readable.

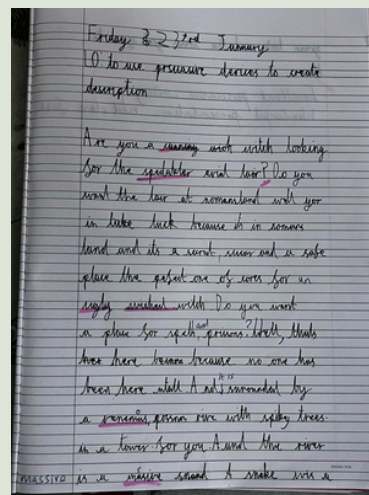
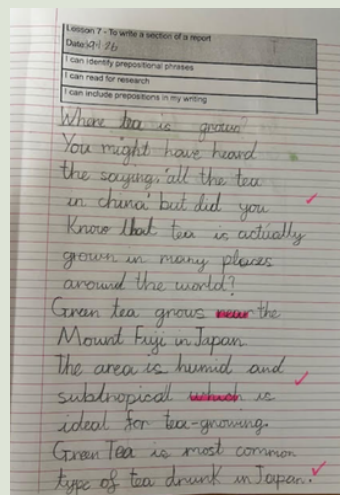
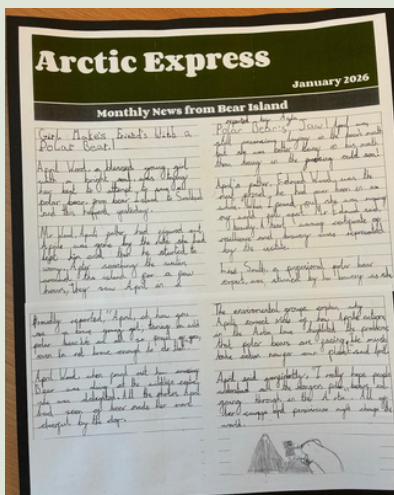
Please leave all toys, fidgets, and keyrings at home. We also ask that no valuable items are brought into school, as we cannot be responsible for them if they go missing.

Keeping these items at home helps everyone focus on learning and ensures that nothing important gets lost or damaged.

Thank you for your cooperation!



National Handwriting Day



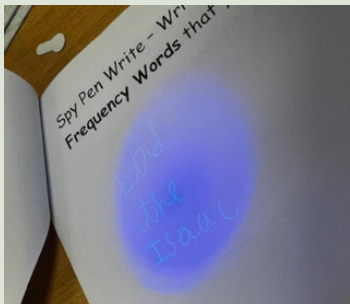
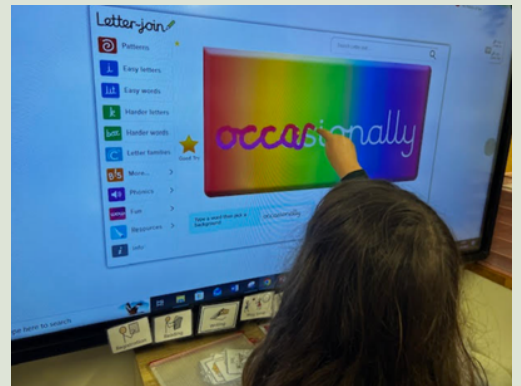
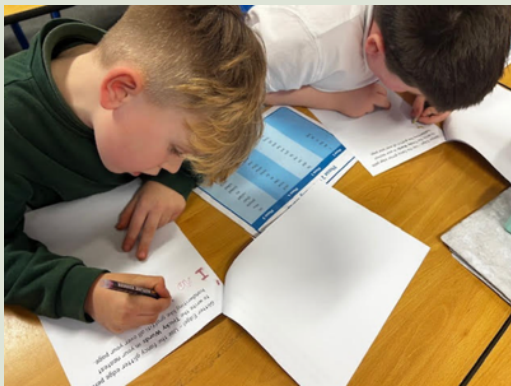
Today, we celebrated National Handwriting Day, a lovely opportunity to shine a spotlight on an important skill that supports so much of children's learning. From forming letters and practising pencil grip to writing with increasing confidence and pride, handwriting plays a key role in communication and self-expression. All of these photos show a range of Handwriting from across the school, showcasing work from all ages.

The children approached the day with real focus and enthusiasm, taking time to practise their letter shapes, spacing, and presentation. It was wonderful to see the care they put into their work and the sense of achievement they felt as they saw their handwriting improve.

National Handwriting Day is also a reminder that progress looks different for everyone. With encouragement, practice, and patience, each child continues to develop at their own pace—and we are so proud of the effort they put in every day.

Well done to all our brilliant writers! We hope that they are inspired to write at home too!

Badger Class Celebrates National Handwriting Day



Badger Class had an afternoon full of awe-inspiring writing activities as they celebrated National Handwriting Day! Each child received a special booklet filled with fun challenges and learning opportunities to take home and share with their families.

The children began by practicing the proper way to hold a writing tool using our signature phrase, "Nip-Flip-Grip," ensuring everyone had a strong foundation for neat and comfortable writing. From there, they explored a range of creative activities that made handwriting exciting and hands-on.

With spy pens, the class practiced high-frequency words in invisible ink, turning writing into a secret mission. They then used glitter pens to write tricky words in their neatest handwriting, creating colorful, graffiti-style masterpieces across their pages. The children also experimented with wooden scrapers, crafting their own special bookmarks with unique designs.

Later, the class took advantage of our Letter-Join programme on the whiteboard, tracing over words to reinforce proper letter formation. And the final activity for Year 3 was a big hit: play-dough! Not only was it fun, but it's also excellent for strengthening hand muscles - an important part of developing strong handwriting skills.

It was an afternoon full of creativity, learning, and fun, and perhaps some of our Badger Class students have inspired families to try these activities at home too!

Attendance Matters!

Regular attendance is key to helping children get the most out of every day at Barnham Primary School. Every lesson, activity, and moment of learning counts—and missing even a small amount can make it harder for children to keep up with new skills, routines, and friendships.

Being in school every day helps children:

- Build confidence and independence
- Keep up with reading, writing, and maths progress
- Take part in exciting activities and special events
- Feel connected with their friends and teachers



We know life can be busy, but arriving on time and attending regularly makes a big difference to children's learning and well-being. Let's work together to give every child the best possible start! Here are this week's attendance statistics, well done Squirrel Class- can we improve on this next week?

Hedgehogs - 93.8%

Moles - 92.2%

Badgers - 95%

Foxes - 92.2%

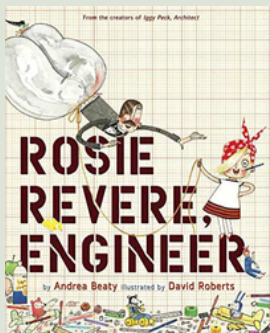
Squirrels - 96.4%

Otters - 95.8%

Creativity from Thrive Hive



This week at Thrive Hive, we brought our Book of the Week, Rosie Revere, Engineer, to life by making our very own Boggarts. Just like Rosie, everyone was given the same materials—but the results couldn't have been more different! The children imagined, experimented, problem-solved, and engineered their creations in completely unique ways. These photographs really say it all: one challenge, endless ideas, and so much creativity on display.



Safeguarding Reminders

If you are a member of the public and have concerns about the safeguarding of a child or adult in Suffolk you can call Customer First on 0808 800 4005 (this is a freephone number).

You can visit the Suffolk Safeguarding website for more information:
<https://www.suffolksp.org.uk/concerned>

If the child or vulnerable adult you are concerned about is in Norfolk here is the website to visit:

<https://norfolklscp.org.uk/people-working-with-children/how-to-raise-a-concern>
You can also call 0344 800 8020

Signposting and Support

We know how challenging life can be sometimes and would like to signpost and share resources, websites and telephone numbers with you of different charities and sources of support. If there is ever anything that we can do as a school to support you and your family in a practical way, please do speak to somebody in school.



0300 111 6000

<https://www.suffolkmind.org.uk/about-us/>

Number Day is coming soon!

We're proud to support
the NSPCC's





We're excited to support the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 6th February 2026! This national event combines fun, maths, and fundraising as pupils across the UK take part in creative number-related activities.

To join in, children can wear an item of clothing with a number on it—like a football shirt, cap, or even a onesie—or dress in a maths or numbers theme.

We're also collecting voluntary cash donations in class to support the NSPCC's vital work, including Childline and the Speak out Stay Safe programme, helping protect and empower children across the UK.

We can't wait for a day full of fun, learning, and numbers—and we really appreciate your support in making a difference!



Our WISH LIST

Please can you help us?

We are looking to enhance our play provisions across the school.

We would love any donations of the following:

An old typewriter

Old Cable Reels

(anyone got an electrician in the family?)

Potato peelers

Please bring them into school and Miss Anderson will be co-ordinating this exciting project if you have any questions.

If you know any businesses or have any links to companies that might be able to help, we'd love to hear from you!

We know that lots of you have found it much easier to support the school by buying small gifts from our Amazon Wish List, so here's the link for that if you can help in anyway:

[Barnham's Amazon Wishlist](#)

Thank you so much for all the donations
that we have received so far!

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Messages from FOBS



A huge thank you to our incredible FOBS team for their efforts with running the recruitment day on Thursday. They held 3 different opportunities throughout the day to meet and chat all things PTA related with potential new volunteers. There was great food and refreshments at all the events and we are thrilled that 9 people have agreed to get involved.

It has been brought to our attention that lots of people worry that if they sign up they have to be committed to attend endless meetings and offer many hours of their time- this is not the case at all! Even if you can help very practically with a task like stapling envelopes to raffle tickets or designing some posters - every effort is appreciated!

Please do e mail and get in touch if you can be involved even in a small way - ptabarnham@gmail.com without the volunteers we can not run events that support our school.



Our Value is Resilience

This week in Collective Worship, our focus has been on resilience, specifically learning how to overcome self-doubt and grow in confidence. We have explored the idea that confidence is not about being perfect or never feeling unsure, but about trusting that God has equipped each of us with gifts, strengths, and purpose.

We reflected on the story of Moses and his mission (Exodus 3-4). When God called Moses to lead His people, Moses was full of doubt. He questioned his abilities, his confidence, and whether he was the right person for the task. Despite this, God reassured Moses that He would be with him and provide everything he needed. This powerful story reminds us that feeling unsure does not mean we are incapable—sometimes it simply means we are stepping into something important.

Here is this week's Big Question to discuss as a family:

How can we build confidence in ourselves?



Picture News

What do you think to this week's big question and news story?

"Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world?"

Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world.

Children have already discussed this in their classes, you can have you say on the Picture News website:

<https://picture-news.co.uk/discuss>



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 26th January | Tuesday 27th January | Wednesday 28th January | Thursday 29th January | Friday 30th January |
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| Loaded Jacket Potatoes Choice Shortbread Biscuits | Fish Finger Wrap, rice and salad OR Vegi Finger Wrap Fruit Crumble and Custard | Pasta Bolognese, garlic bread and veg OR Tomato Pasta Bake Flapjack | Chicken Roast OR Quorn Fillet Jelly & Fruit | Beef Burgers & chips OR Vegi Sausage Bap Iced Tray Bake |

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

Diary Dates

Friday 30th January - FOBS Disco
 Tuesday 3rd February - FOBS AGM
 Friday 6th February - NSPCC Number Day "Dress up as digits"
 Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day
 Tuesday 10th February - Tiny Plays Workshop for Year 5
 Wednesday 11th February - Tiny Plays Workshop for Year 6
HALF TERM - Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026
 Tuesday 24th February - Tiny Plays Workshop for Year 5
 Wednesday 25th February - Tiny Plays Workshop for Year 6
 Thursday 26th February - Author Visit
 Friday 13th March - FOBS Non-Uniform Day
 Thursday 19th March - FOBS Easter Bingo
 Monday 23rd March - Parents Consultations (from 1:10pm - 6:50pm)
 Tuesday 24th March - Year 5 & 6 Tiny Plays visit to Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds
 Wednesday 25th March - Year 3 & 4 Performance - 9:30am and 2pm
 Thursday 26th March - Church Services - 9:30am and 2pm (Split similarly to Christmas)

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

