

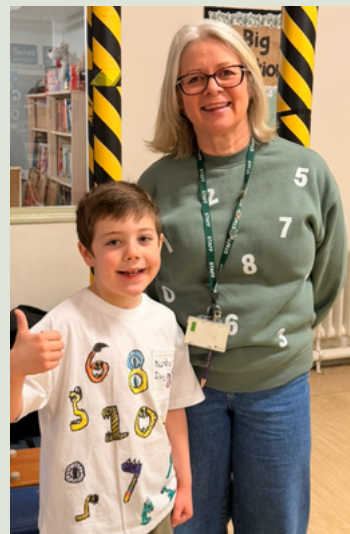
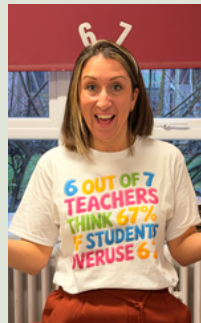
BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 20



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

NSPCC Number Day 2026



We had a fantastic time celebrating NSPCC Number Day and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their generous donations and the wonderful effort put into the number-themed dress code. The creativity on display was brilliant and really helped bring the day to life.

Throughout the day, children enjoyed exploring numbers in fun and imaginative ways. Year 3 especially loved their 6-7 themed day, while other classes took part in a wide range of number games and activities. Year 6 even enjoyed learning a new card game or two!

A special thank you to Mrs Kennedy for delivering an inspiring assembly that reminded us that numbers are truly everywhere and that maths is an essential life skill we use every day. It was a joyful, engaging day of learning for everyone involved.



Visiting Our Friends at Coronation House Care Home



Today, some of our Year 6 children enjoyed a wonderful visit to Coronation House Care Home as part of NSPCC Number Day and National Storytelling Day. We were warmly welcomed by staff and residents, making everyone feel instantly at home.

The visit began with several fun games of bingo, where children and residents played together and everyone had the chance to win. Laughter and excitement filled the room as friendships quickly formed.

Afterwards, the children read stories to the residents, sharing their love of storytelling and creating calm, enjoyable moments together. One particularly special moment was visiting a blind resident in her room, where the children shared conversations, stories, and lots of smiles.

The children represented our school brilliantly, showing kindness, confidence, and empathy throughout. We are very grateful to Coronation House Care Home for such a memorable and heart-warming visit.



Badger Class News



Badger class has been busy with a variety of exciting activities this half term!

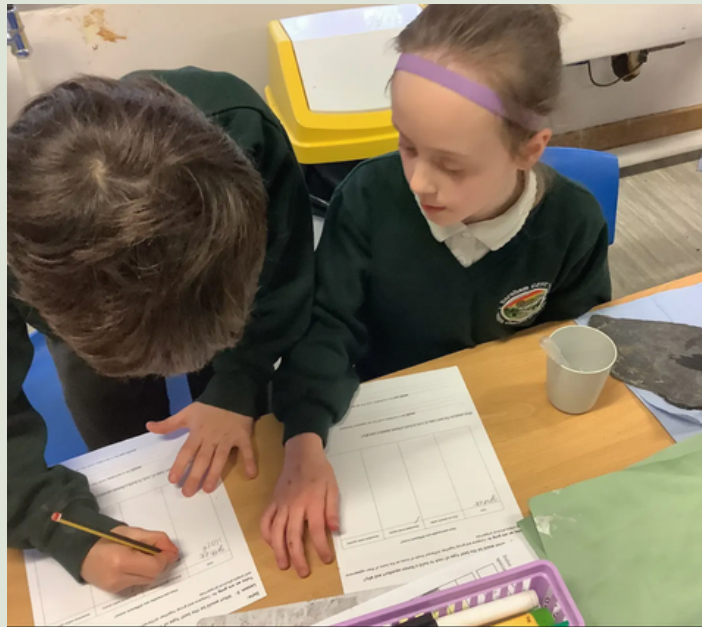
In Art, they've been studying the work of artist Alma Thomas and exploring how she used bold colours and patterns in her paintings. We then got creative tie-dyeing socks, adding vibrant colors to their designs.



In Writing, the children read the book *Cloud Tea Monkeys* to inspire their non-chronological reports, developing their skills in researching and organising information. As part of this work, the class enjoyed a special visit from the Royal Tea Taster and sampled a range of different teas, helping them to develop rich and descriptive language.



Badger News Continued...



In Geography, the class has been studying the United Kingdom and learning all about topography, including hills, valleys and mountains, and how contour lines and layer shading are used on maps to show changes in height and landscape features.

In Science, the class have been studying rocks to investigate which types would have been most suitable for Roman roads and aqueducts. They did this by carrying out a fair test to explore how permeable or impermeable different rocks were, carefully adding drops of water using pipettes and observing the results.

In Music, the children have been listening to the song Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and are practising playing along to it on the glockenspiels, developing their sense of rhythm and melody. It's been a half term full of hands on learning and curiosity!

Next Week is Children's Mental Health Week



The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week is
This is my Place.

That means feeling like you're part of something, such as your family, your school, your group of friends or a team. These happy moments help us feel connected, valued, and accepted. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play. It helps us grow strong in our minds and bodies, and it makes it easier to make friends, do well in school, and feel good about ourselves.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we'll be talking about how we can help everyone feel like they belong. We will share This is my Place so we can learn from each other what makes us feel happy. We'll learn how to be kind, include others, and make sure no one feels left out.

Because everyone deserves to feel like they have a place where they are accepted, cared for, and loved.

Look out for a separate e mail with all the details including the much awaited return of 'Wake Up Shake Up' on Wednesday mornings! Do encourage your child to enter our competition too- there are some great prizes up for grabs!

Competition Details



To help explore this year's theme "This is My Place" – where we think about the people, places and things that make us feel like we belong – we're asking pupils to create a personal map showing what makes them feel happy and safe.

Watch the video on YouTube (click on the link above) to find out more about how to make your map!

Think about the places and people that make you feel you belong – at home, at school, in your community or in your interests. On a piece of paper, draw your map with pictures and labels – include colours, symbols and words to show why those places matter to you. Be creative! Use pens, pencils, paints or collage to make your personal map special. You could even design this on the computer if you would like to. Bring your finished map into school by Wednesday 11th February, don't forget to write your name and class on the back of your map!

Music Assembly - Next Friday 13th February

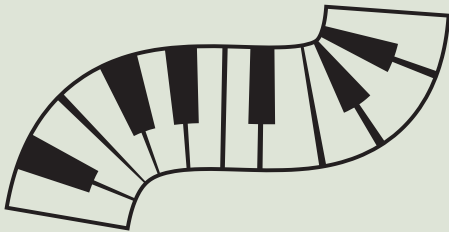
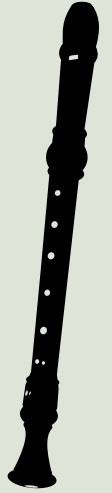


Next Friday we will be celebrating all of our musical learning from this half term.

Each class will be performing with their classes and we can't wait to hear each other performances and evaluate these together.

If your child plays a musical instrument that they learn outside of school and would like to perform to their friends, we would love them to do this as part of this assembly.

Please would you e mail Miss Bacon - rbacon@barnham.org and let her know which instrument and the name of the song that they would like to perform.



SEND News

THRIVE HIVE:

Please note, we are currently unable to staff our Thrive Hive Provision so this will not run next week but the children will be enjoying lots of activities with their classes focusing on mental health and wellbeing as part of Children's Mental Health Week.

We apologise for the inconvenience and hope to have this back up and running again as soon as possible. Please remember that Thrive Hive doesn't operate the first week after a holiday. There will also be new groups for after half term and so we will be sharing these in letters coming out very soon!



CUB CLUBS:

Cub Club will operate next week as usual Monday- Thursday. Our Cub Club groups will be changing after the half term, please look out for letters inviting children to join this nurture club as they will be sent home before the half term holiday.

National Storytelling Week

Mystery Readers

This week we have been celebrating storytelling for National Storytelling Week! The theme this year is 'soundtrack your story,' so in Miss Cross' collective worship we talked about which song we'd choose to soundtrack our own stories. We also listened to music to help inspire our own story ideas and read a book called Harmony House!

We have been lucky enough to have had several mystery readers visit our classrooms this week to read stories to us! Thank you very much to all of our mystery readers for coming to share your stories with us - we have loved it.





Book Sale on Monday

On Monday 9th February after school, we will be holding a book sale! All books will be £1 each. All funds will go towards our upcoming author visit later this month, so please bring some cash along to help support us and get some new books to take home and enjoy for half term!



Book SALE
Raising funds for our upcoming author visit!
ALL BOOKS £1 EACH
MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY!
On the playground at the end of the school day.
Children's, YA and adults books for sale



Our WISH LIST

Please can you help us?

We would love any donations of the following:

A Bluetooth Speaker

An old typewriter

Please bring them into school and hand into the school office if you can help.

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! We appreciate every single gift!



Attendance Updates



Here are this week's attendance statistics, compared to last week.

Hedgehogs - 95.3% - 95.7% an improvement, well done!

Moles - 95.3% - 94.3%

Badgers - 95.7% - 97% an improvement, well done!

Foxes - 91.4% - 94.1% an improvement, well done!

Squirrels - 93.3% - 91.3%

Otters - 96.8% - 98.4% - an improvement, well done!

Four classes out of six had improved attendance this week, this is a great effort.

Congratulations Otter Class for the best attendance again this week- two weeks in a row!



Can we work together to improve our attendance even further next week? Its the last week of the half term and full of fun-filled activities for Children's Mental Health Week- let's all aim for 100% attendance!



Our Value is Resilience

This week in our collective worship, we focus on choosing a positive outlook. Resilience grows when, even in the face of challenges, we intentionally look for the good. By focusing on hope, gratitude, and what is going well, we strengthen our inner resilience and support one another through difficult times.

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

How do we support others in staying positive?

It was lovely to have two visitors again this week to Collective Worship - Steph Williams and Tony Heywood. Steph shared with us the bible story of a paralysed man and his friends who were determined to get him seen by Jesus- even lowering his bed through the roof of the house that Jesus was visiting! She also referred to the song 'Try Everything' from the Zootropolis film and kept reminding the children 'DON'T GIVE UP!' If you haven't seen the film, we thoroughly recommend it to increase the conversations around resilience at home! Tony Heywood spoke to the children about this verse from the bible: *"Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at their face in a mirror and, after looking, goes away immediately and forgets what they look like."* James 1:23-24

Picture News



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

A toy company called Mattel has released a new Barbie doll designed to represent people who have autism, with features such as a fidget spinner and noise-cancelling headphones.

Question: Does seeing yourself in a toy or story help you feel like you belong?

Two of our children in Fox Class have these inclusive barbies and they were keen to bring these in to show their class mates! One of them has even written to Mattel to thank them for making these dolls.

Virtual Picture News: www.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 9 th February	Tuesday 10 th February	Wednesday 11 th February	Thursday 12 th February	Friday 13 th February
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

Monday 9th – Friday 13th February – Children’s Mental Health Week
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

