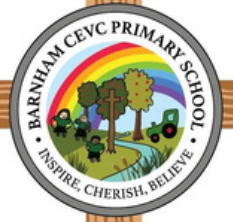


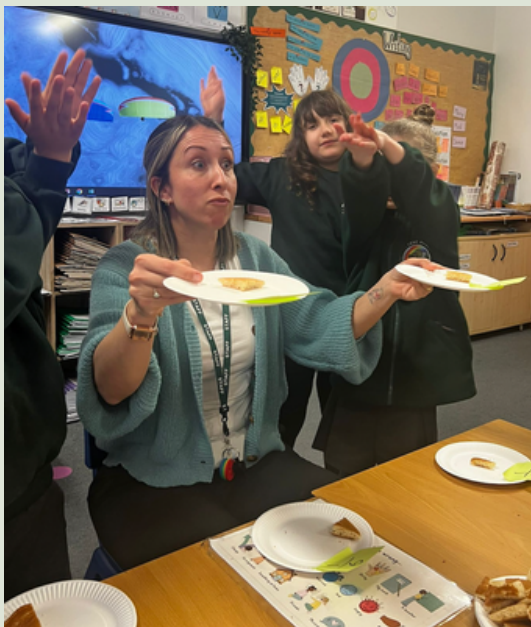
# BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

13th February 2026  
Newsletter 21



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

## Children's Mental Health Week 2026



This week, we proudly celebrated Children's Mental Health Week 2026 with a range of exciting and meaningful activities across the whole school. One of our highlights was gathering everyone together on the playground to create a giant heart shape, captured beautifully by drone photos - a wonderful symbol of how we care for one another. Thank you so much to Neil Garrod (Amber's Dad for capturing this for us!) Do check out his website for all your photography needs. Throughout the week, children took part in active, fun lessons focused on wellbeing, teamwork, and expressing emotions in positive ways. There was also plenty of delicious food to enjoy, including baking and tasting activities that brought lots of smiles (and tasty treats!). It was a fantastic week full of positivity, energy, and togetherness - a true celebration of looking after our minds and each other.

# This is our place!



Well done to our Competition Winners & Runner Ups- we loved all the entries!

# Safer Internet Day 2026

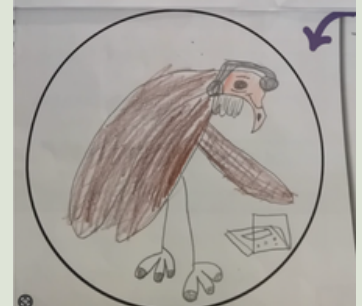
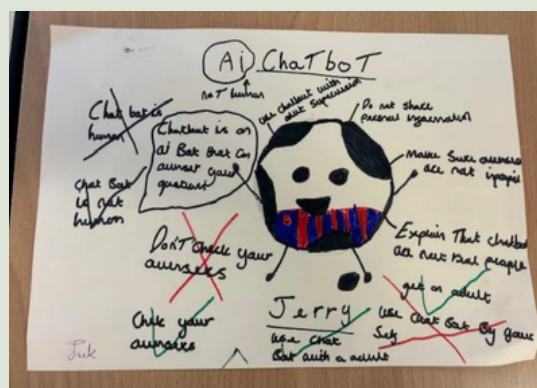
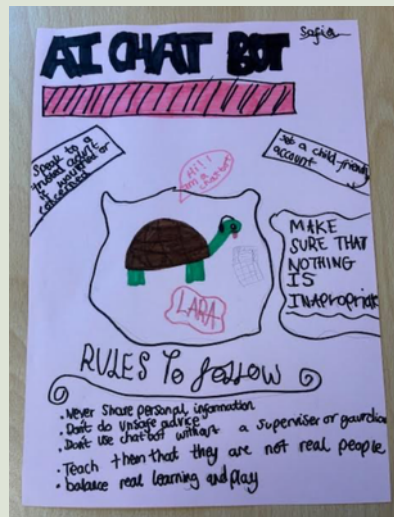
On Safer Internet Day, our KS2 children took part in the BBC Live Lesson, where they learned all about chatbots and how to use them safely and responsibly. The session helped children understand what chatbots are, how they work, and the importance of thinking carefully about the information they share online.

The children discussed key safety messages, including never sharing personal information such as their full name, address, school, passwords or photos. They also learned that chatbots do not always give correct answers, so it is important to check information with a trusted adult or reliable source. Pupils were reminded to be respectful when communicating online and to tell a trusted adult if anything they see or read makes them feel worried, confused or uncomfortable.

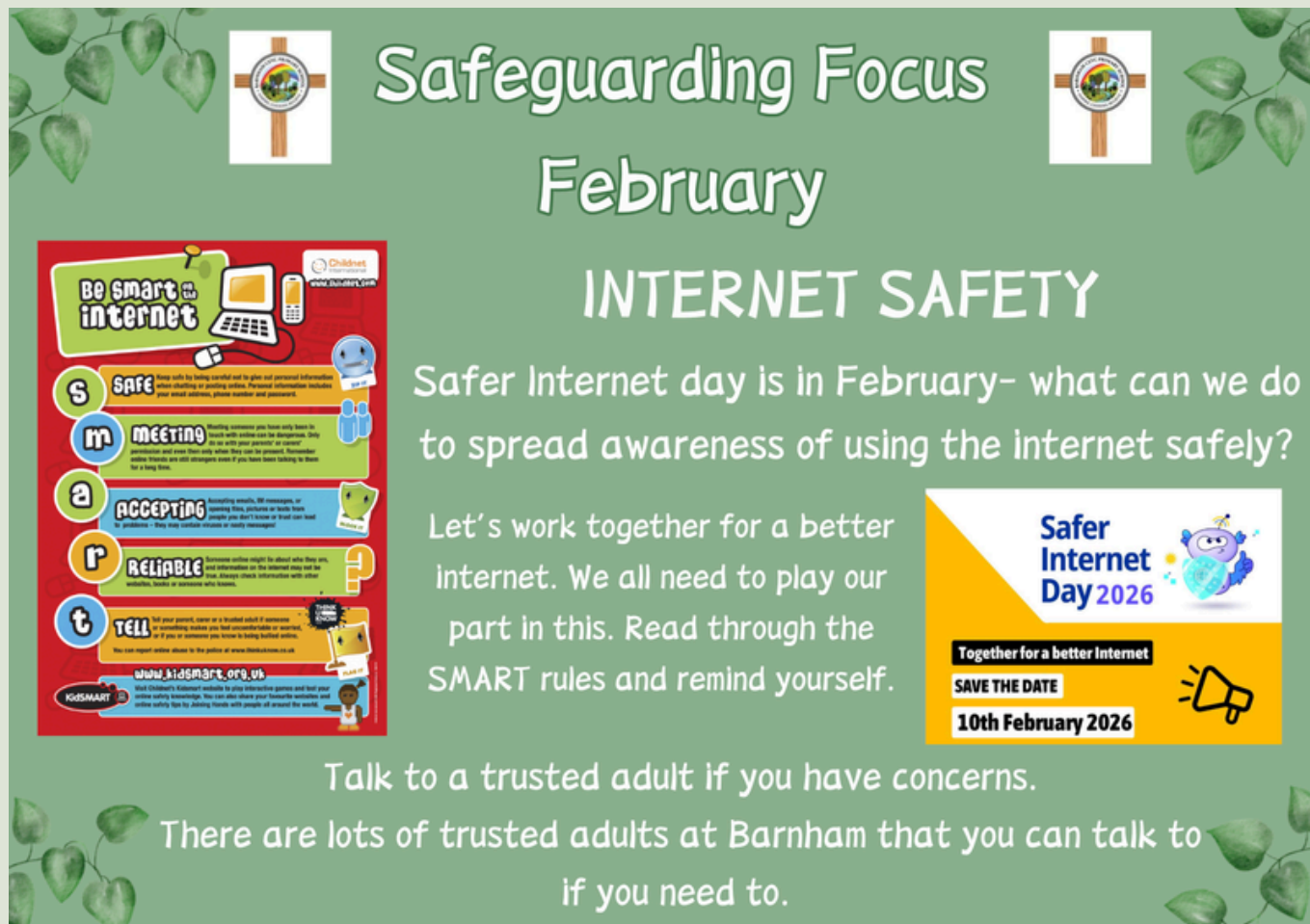
Following the lesson, KS2 pupils created eye-catching posters to offer advice on how to stay safe when using chatbots and other online tools. These posters will be displayed around school to help remind everyone of the important safety rules.

Our younger children enjoyed listening to the story Chicken Clicking, which helped them understand how quickly things can spread online and why it is important to make safe choices on the internet. The whole school also took part in an Internet Safety themed Collective Worship led by Mrs Kennedy. This linked with Children's Mental Health Week and today's theme, highlighting how staying safe online is important for both our wellbeing and our happiness.

It was a valuable day of learning, helping all pupils to become safer, smarter and more confident when using the internet.



# Safeguarding Focus - February




**Safeguarding Focus  
February**

## INTERNET SAFETY

Safer Internet day is in February- what can we do to spread awareness of using the internet safely?

Let's work together for a better internet. We all need to play our part in this. Read through the SMART rules and remind yourself.



Together for a better internet  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**10th February 2026**

Talk to a trusted adult if you have concerns.  
There are lots of trusted adults at Barnham that you can talk to if you need to.

**Be smart on internet**

- S SAFE** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.
- M MEETING** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parent's or carer's permission and make this only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.
- A ACCEPTING** Accepting emails, text messages, or meeting plans, contacts or links from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems - they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE** Someone online might be about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with your teacher, books or someone who knows.
- T TELL** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone is something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone else seems to be in trouble online. You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.kidSMART.org.uk](http://www.kidSMART.org.uk)

With Children's KidSMART module to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also check great family resources and online safety tips for helping friends with people of around the world.

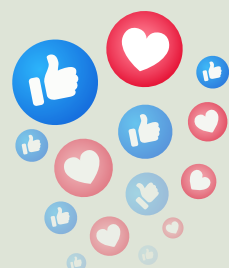
Please do talk to your children about these important matters at home.

## Picture News This Week



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

Adults in the UK are talking about whether children under 16 should be allowed to use social media, as the government is considering new rules to help keep children safe online.



**Question: Should children have social media?**

Virtual Picture News: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

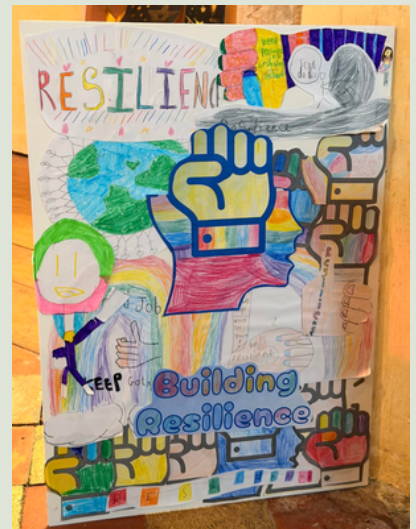
# Music Extravaganza



On Friday, our school hall was filled with the wonderful sound of music as we enjoyed our much-anticipated Musical Extravaganza! Each class proudly performed the songs they have been working so hard to learn over the past half term, and what a fantastic showcase it was. From confident group performances to breathtaking solo moments, the audience was treated to an incredible variety of musical talent. We were delighted by beautiful piano solos, impressive recorder duets, and stunning violin performances. Adding to the excitement, our talented teachers also shared their own musical gifts, making the event even more special. The enthusiasm, courage, and dedication shown by every child who took part was truly inspiring. We are so proud of each and every performer for their hard work and for entertaining us all so brilliantly. A huge well done to everyone involved - we are already looking forward to our next Musical Extravaganza, which will take place just before Easter. We can't wait!

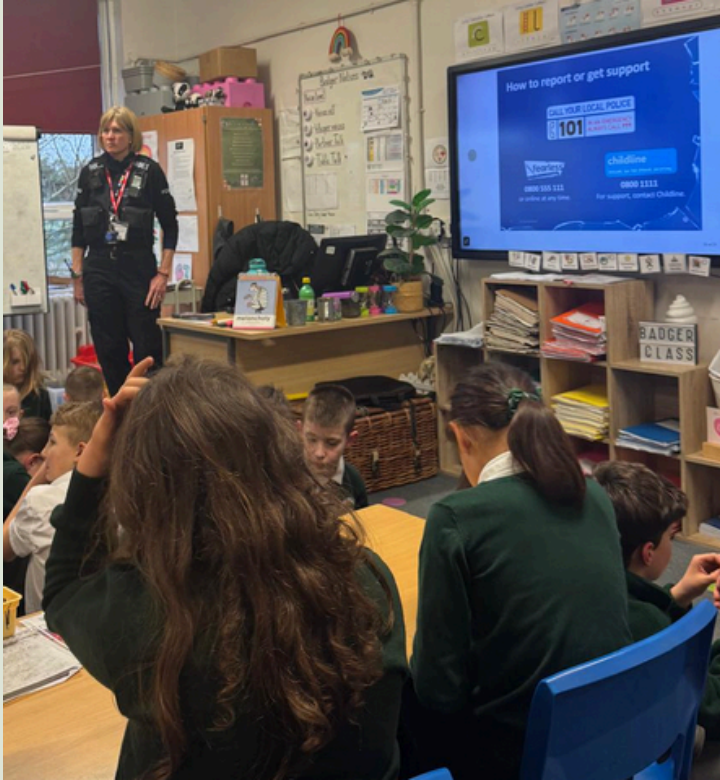


# Visiting St Gregory's Church for Collective Worship



On Friday, we had the pleasure of visiting St Gregory's Church for a special Collective Worship. A huge thank you to Vicar Sue and Vicar Lesley, who gave each child a special Ash blessing - you may have noticed this on their hands or foreheads. Our children led the entire service, sharing their thoughts and learning on Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Children's Mental Health Week, and our school value of resilience. It was a wonderful way to round off the week and celebrate all the learning and growth from this half term.

# PCSO Rachel Darvill Visits School



We were pleased to welcome PCSO Rachel Darvill to school this week to talk to the children about her role in the community. She explained how PCSOs help to keep people safe and support local residents, answering lots of thoughtful questions from our pupils.

She also spoke about protected characteristics, helping children understand the importance of respect, inclusion, and celebrating our differences. It was a valuable and informative visit - thank you for helping us learn more about staying safe and treating everyone with kindness.

# World Book Day is coming soon!

**Come dressed as someone you admire or aspire to be like!**

Children can dress up as someone they admire from the Little People, Big Dreams book series.

There are lots of inspiring people to choose from!

Children could bring in the book about the person they are dressed as, or a photo!

OR

They can dress up as something they dream of being in the future. This could be a job they would like to have (like a doctor, teacher or builder) or something imaginative (like a wizard or fairy).

## WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

**Little People Big Dreams 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration day!**



### March Sponsored Readathon!

We are holding a sponsored readathon for the month of March! This is where we will be encouraging children to read at home every day throughout March. Please help in encouraging children to take part and to complete their sponsorship form to help us raise money towards our exciting author visit and new books for our classrooms! Forms will be sent out after half term as well as a chart for children to tick off each day!

### WIN a book hamper!

We are going to be running a raffle on World Book Day to win a hamper of books! Photos of the hamper to come. All tickets will be sold on World Book Week and the winner will be announced in assembly at the end of the day on the 5th!

### Bring a BOOK!

Children have the chance to share their favourite book with their friends! If your favourite book is one from home, bring it in on World Book Day to share with everyone! We'd love to see any Little People Big Dreams Books you have too!



# Our Value is Resilience

This week in Collective Worship we marked Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day, reflecting on the importance of wellbeing, kindness and staying safe online.

Our key message was that resilience is strengthened in community – we are not meant to face challenges alone, but to support one another and grow stronger together. This linked to the story of Jesus in the wilderness, helping us prepare for Lent as half term approaches.

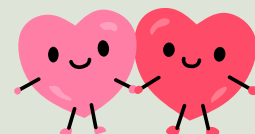
We are, as always, very grateful to our visitors, Victoria Bush and Ruth Winterton, for sharing in our worship.

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

## How does teamwork help us grow?



## Happy Half Term!



Half term this year is filled with events! Valentines Day, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent begins! We will be marking Lent with some Change Agent Challenges but we thought it would be best to leave launching these until after the half term!

But be prepared- we've got some great projects to get involved with to change the world- one 'Change Agent Challenge' at a time! Until then, have a great half term!

## SEND News

Letters for Thrive Hive and Cub Club were sent home with the children on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Cub Club will begin on the first week back but Thrive Hive will start again the week after.

If you did not receive a letter for either one of these it may mean that your child may not be part of these groups for the next half term. Please be assured though, all groups will be reviewed again at Easter.



**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 23rd February	Tuesday 24th February	Wednesday 25th February	Thursday 26th February	Friday 27th February
Pizza, diced herby potatoes and sweetcorn OR Jacket Potato  Chocolate Crunch & Sauce	Hunters chicken, rice and veg OR Quorn Fillet  Strawberry Smoothies	Cottage Pie and veg OR Vegi Sausages  Sprinkled Cake	Sausage Roast OR Vegi Sausages  Jelly & Fruit	Fish fillet, chips and veg or beans OR Vegi Fingers  Chocolate sprinkled ice cream

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

## Diary Dates

### HALF TERM - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Tiny Plays Workshop for Year 5

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Hedgehog Class Dress Up as Superheroes

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Tiny Plays Workshop for Year 6

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Author Visit

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - FOBS Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - FOBS Easter Bingo

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Parents Consultations (from 1:10pm - 6:50pm)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 & 6 Tiny Plays visit to Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 & 4 Performance - 9:30am and 2pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

