



BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

19th December 2025
Newsletter 15



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



Celebrating Christmas Together



Our Christmas Church Service took place on Thursday and was a truly special occasion for our school community. This year, in keeping with our Advent theme, the service focused on the true story of Christmas, beautifully told through the eyes of the star, offering a reflective and meaningful retelling of the Christmas message.

For the first time ever, we trialled running two services to ensure everyone could be seated comfortably in the church. This worked extremely well and allowed more families to join us for this important celebration. It was wonderful to see the church so full and to hear everyone singing with such joy and enthusiasm.

Thank you to all the children for their thoughtful contributions, to the staff for their organisation and support, and to our families for attending and helping to make the service such a memorable and uplifting event.

Thank you also to Vicar Sue for warmly welcoming us to church and leading our prayers and the blessing.

Happy Christmas!



*Thank you for joining us to
celebrate at church!*





Community Christingle



Thank you for joining us for our Community Christingle which provided a calm and reflective opportunity for the children to learn more about the meaning behind this special service. Pupils explored the symbolism of the Christingle and what it represents within the Christian faith, including themes of hope, light and God's love for the world.

The children behaved respectfully throughout and contributed thoughtfully to the celebration, making it a meaningful experience for all involved.

We were so pleased that so many of you could join us for this special time together!





Christmas Dinner Day



A huge thank you to Charlotte and Sandra for the wonderful Christmas dinner on Tuesday. They truly went the extra mile – blowing up balloons, decorating the hall, and creating a fabulously festive atmosphere for everyone to enjoy together. The food itself was absolutely delicious and we were all truly spoilt. Thank you as well to Ellie for helping out on the day. We appreciate our kitchen staff every single day – food is truly the heart of Barnham School and they provide the best meals to us all every single school day!

Congratulations to Emily!



Last Friday night saw the annual Dolphins Championship Awards, and Emily had some wonderful achievements to celebrate. She is now the proud holder of the 10-Year-Old Girls Backstroke Champion trophy. Alongside this, she achieved an impressive medal haul of 1 gold, 8 silver and 2 bronze medals.

A huge congratulations to Emily on her dedication and outstanding swimming achievements. Just keep swimming! Don't forget we love to hear of children's achievements outside of school so please feel free to e mail your news in to the school office so that we can celebrate together!





A Carol Singing Choir



Some of the children from our school choir had a very busy day on Wednesday! Firstly, they were invited to sing at a home in the village where a group from St Gregory's Church gather for a home group. They gave us a very warm welcome and were thrilled to even join in with some of the carols.

The afternoon concluded with a visit to our friends at Coronation House Care Home in Thetford to share some singing and Christmas joy with the residents there.

Well done choir you were a pleasure to take out and your singing was simply outstanding!

Thank you for representing Barnham School so well.





Christmas Eve Service @ Barnham Church



5pm Christmas Eve
Candlelit at Barnham
Church

Crib Service

Just arrive by 4.45 and any
child who would like to join in
can be given a costume.

Messages from FOBS

FOBS have raised an incredible profit of £877 over the Christmas period!
Thank you so much for supporting all the events, these really do make a difference to life in school.
They will be sharing news of things that they have funded just this term for school in the coming
days, please keep an eye on their social media pages.

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We are well aware that lots of people like to make charitable donations over the Christmas Period. We didn't have a donation basket at our Christmas Performances this year and didn't charge for our tickets either. So if you'd like to donate, we'd be so grateful. It's super easy, just scan the QR code. All money will go to FOBS and will be used for some really exciting projects that we've got planned for next year. Thank you so much for all your help and support, it really is appreciated so much.

Thank you to all our volunteers who tirelessly work to raise funds for FOBS- you're an incredible team and your commitment and dedication makes such a difference to our school.

Happy Christmas!





Thrive Hive & Cub Club



From January, our nurture provisions will be having a refresh and rebrand. Butterfly Buddies will become The Cub Club, and Thrive Hive will also continue with a renewed focus. If your child has been invited to attend either of these provisions, you should have received a letter today with further information. We have had a very successful first term of these interventions and hope that you have already seen the positive impact for your children. Both provisions will restart in the first full week back, beginning on **Monday 12th January**.

We are expanding these provisions so that more children can benefit.

These clubs will run daily Monday- Thursday but not on Fridays.

Any questions, please e mail Rhonda - rtasker@barnham.org.

A huge thank you to the whole SEND team at Barnham for their hard work and commitment to constantly improving and enhancing the provision we offer at Barnham.

Chapter 15 say 'Thank You'




Chapter 15 visited our school on Tuesday to collect all the kind donations given as part of our advent project.

They were blown away by everyone's kindness and generosity.

These gifts will make a huge difference in our community.

Thank you again!





Kings Day

6th January 2026



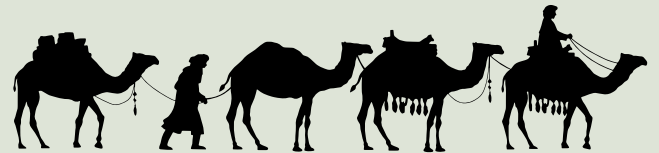
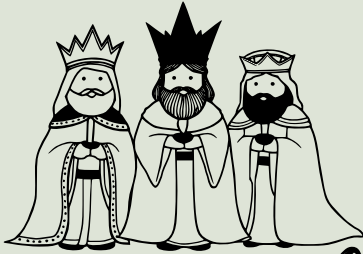
Our first day back at school next term will be a very special one, as we celebrate Kings Day (Epiphany) together. Epiphany is a day we like to use to round off the Christmas season and to begin the new year in style.

To mark this occasion, we are inviting every child to make and bring in a crown to wear for Kings Day. Crowns can be made at home using any materials you like - the more creative, the better! There will be certificates and prizes awarded for the most imaginative and creative crown designs, so start planning your ideas early.

Our teachers are busy planning special activities for the first day back, all linked to the meaning and traditions of Kings Day. These activities will help the children reflect on new beginnings, resilience, generosity, and hope as we start the new year together.

We will finish the day with a special Collective Worship, giving us time to come together as a school community to celebrate Epiphany and look forward to the year ahead.

We can't wait to see all the wonderful crowns and to welcome everyone back for a joyful and memorable start to the new term!



Goodbye and Good Luck

Unfortunately, Mrs Fleet and Catherine were unable to come back to school for a goodbye and a Barnham send off but we wish them well in their new job roles and all the best for the future.

We also need to say Goodbye and Good Luck to Robyn and Sully who are leaving us and starting at a new school in January. We know that you'll continue to make us proud in your new ventures. We want to say a huge thank you to their mum Jodi for her commitment to FOBS and for all the hours that she has given to the school- we appreciate all that you have done and will miss you greatly!

We wish you all the very best!





It's Christmas!



Thank you so much to FOBS for the little Christmas decoration gift that every child was given, they are simply fabulous and we appreciate all the hard work you all do so that our children can enjoy all these 'little extras'. Santa visited each classroom to spread Christmas Joy today!



Our Virtual Christmas Card to you all



Our Christmas card this year uses the drawings from 4 different children in Year 5 & 6 - well done to those artists! We are sure that your art work will bring joy to lots of people we have shared this with.

WANTED Nativity Costumes

If you are considering throwing away your nativity costumes- we would gladly take these from you to boost our supplies for future years and church services!

Please consider donating them to us in the new year.

Thank you very much!



Our Value is Resilience

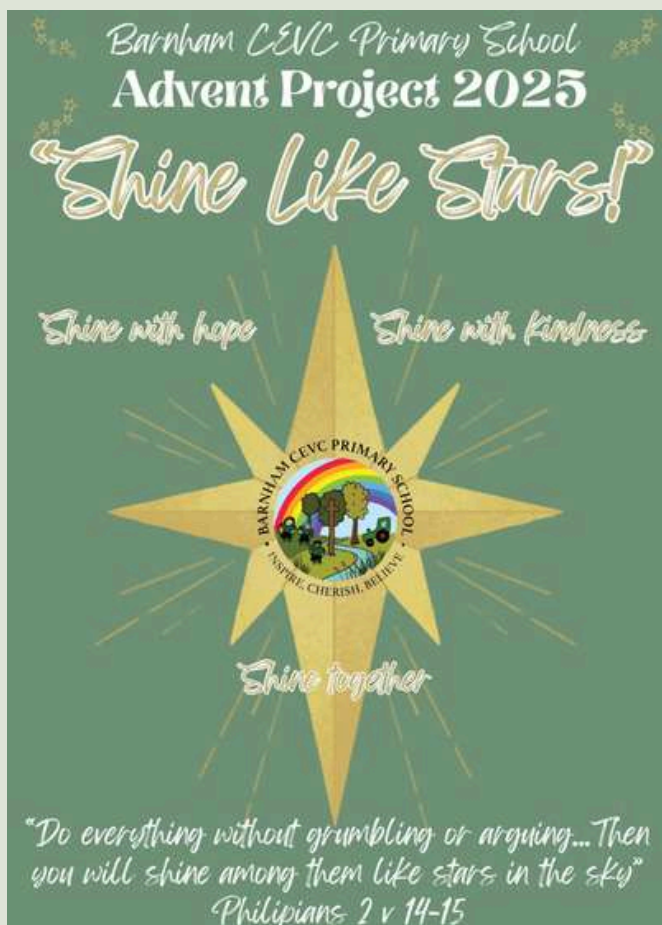
This week in school we have been exploring the true meaning of Advent and reflecting on the Christmas story. The key message has been that Christmas is a reminder of God's greatest gift to us - Jesus. His birth brought hope, resilience, and peace into the world. As we reflect on this season, we can celebrate how resilience in faith and hope can bring light into our lives, just as Jesus brought light into the world.

Here is our BIG QUESTION to reflect on this week:

How did Mary and Joseph show resilience when things were tough?

We will continue to explore this value in the new year together.

Thank you for shining like stars this advent!



Thank you all so much for getting involved in this year's Advent Project- 'Shine like Stars' - you truly have made such a difference to so many.

We've shone with HOPE, KINDNESS and finished SHINING TOGETHER this week!

The message at our Christmas Service was let's not stop shining- let's keep bringing light into this world, making a difference and letting our little lights shine whenever and wherever we can.

We know that Thetford Foodbank and Chapter 15 were very grateful for the kind donations and generosity shared with them that will make a huge difference to so many this Christmas and beyond.



Our RESILIENCE Bible Verse -

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

Philippians 4 v 13

Lunch Menu for After Christmas

Monday 5th January 2026	Tuesday 6 th January	Wednesday 7 th January	Thursday 8 th January	Friday 9th January
PD Day - no children in school today	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

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

Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared cards, gifts, and Christmas wishes with the whole team over the festive period. Thank you too for the donated items from our Amazon Wish Lists. We truly appreciate each and every gesture. The staffroom has been filled with lots of treats for us to enjoy, and your thoughtfulness has made this season even more special. Thank you for helping to make our Christmas so joyful!

Happy Christmas to you all from everyone in Team Barnham

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

