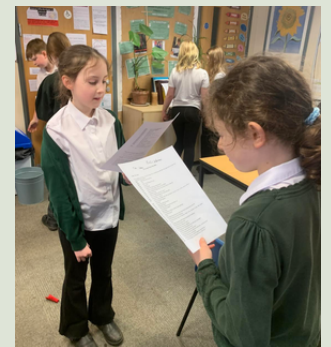
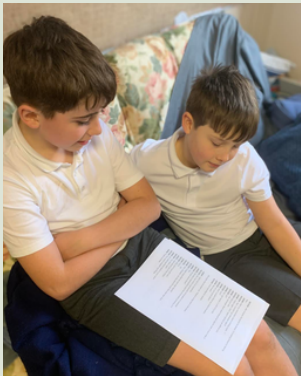
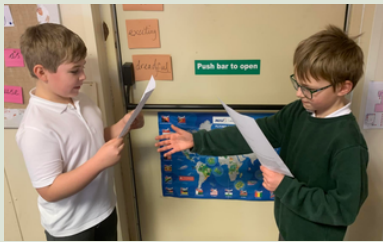


We Inspire, Cherish and Believe
in each person that they might flourish
and fulfil their potential

Tiny Plays, Big Ideas!



We were delighted to welcome Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds and 'Tiny Plays Big Ideas' into school recently to work with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Across two engaging and energetic sessions, the children had the opportunity to explore storytelling, performance and creative expression in a fun and supportive environment. They worked with professional playwright James McDermott to help craft their plays alongside the theatre's Head of Creative Learning, David Whitney.

The workshops encouraged pupils to use their imagination, develop characters and work collaboratively with their peers. It was wonderful to see so many children growing in confidence as they shared their ideas, took creative risks and brought their performances to life. The sessions also helped pupils to understand how theatre can be used to communicate important ideas and emotions, while building valuable skills such as teamwork, listening and self-expression.

The children are now very much looking forward to visiting Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds to watch the full performance within which one of their plays will be selected to be performed by professional actors. This promises to be an exciting opportunity for them to see professional theatre in action and to deepen their appreciation of the creative arts, whilst celebrating everyone's successes (there are 12 primary schools in total taking part in this project).

We would like to thank Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds and the 'Tiny Plays. Big Ideas' project for inspiring our pupils and providing such memorable and enriching experiences. We are excited to see how this experience continues to inspire their creativity in the classroom and beyond.

Author SF Said Visits Barnham



We were absolutely thrilled to welcome award-winning author S. F. Said to Barnham on Thursday afternoon.

It was a real privilege to hear about his journey into writing and how he became a published author. He spoke openly and honestly about the resilience and determination it took to succeed – drafting and redrafting his stories until they were just right, and persevering despite the disappointment of receiving difficult news from publishers at times. His message about not giving up was truly inspiring for our young writers.

Year 4, who are currently reading *Varjak Paw*, are completely hooked, so hearing S. F. Said talk about the ideas behind the story – and even read a chapter aloud – was a definite highlight. Year 5 and 6 pupils, who read the book in Year 4, arrived armed with fantastic questions, while Year 3 are already looking forward to reading it next year.

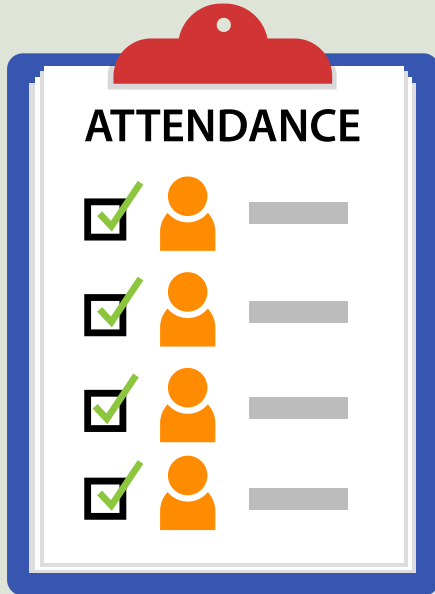
A huge thank you to S. F. Said for such an inspiring and memorable afternoon. We can't wait to finish the book and continue working hard on our own writing ventures.



Attendance Updates

Please find below our attendance for this week.

A huge well done to **Mole Class** for the best attendance this week!



BADGERS	85.70%
HEDGEHOGS	94.30%
MOLES	95.70%
FOXES	92.40%
SQUIRRELS	95.40%
OTTERS	94.20%

Let's work together to make our attendance even better next week!

Picture News This Week



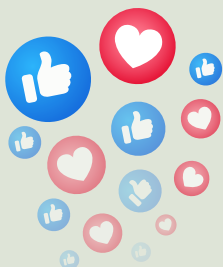
What do you think to this week's big question and news story?



Scientists at NASA are preparing to send astronauts back to the Moon, as part of a new space programme running over the coming years.

Question: Why do people explore space?

Virtual Picture News: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



World Book Day is next week!

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 10th 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!



World Book Day- Win a Book Bundle



We are giving away 3 hampers of brand new books! One picture books bundle, one chapter books bundle and one adult's books bundle - something for everyone!

We will be on the playground next week Monday to Thursday selling raffle tickets - £1 a ticket. The winners will be announced in Collective Worship on World Book Day - good luck!

Thank You and Happy Retirement Mark!



Today we all gathered to sing 'Mark-Life' to our much-loved Caretaker Mark! We would like to thank him for his service to Barnham School and wish him a very Happy Retirement. Enjoy the rest Mark!

Barnham Readathon!

Barnham's March Sponsored Readathon!

Name: _____ Class: _____

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Read everyday at home this March! All reading counts - audiobooks, reading with an adult, recipes, comics, magazines, picture books, chapter books, game instructions, reading to your pets or siblings and more! Cross off each day however you want - this could be with stickers, colouring each box in, drawing a picture, however you choose!

Note down what you read here!

Our Barnham March Sponsored Readathon starts this Sunday, the 1st March! Please help us to encourage your child to read everyday throughout March and gain some sponsorship for their amazing achievements! All reading counts - audiobooks, recipes, comics, sub-titles, reading to pets and more! Your child will be bringing their readathon sheet and sponsorship form home on Friday ready to begin the challenge on Sunday. All sponsorship forms need to be returned with the cash collected by Wednesday 15th April after the Easter holidays. Prizes will be given to those who raise the most money from each class! All money raised will go towards our recent author visit and new books for each classroom. We can't wait to see what everyone reads this March!

CAN YOU HELP?

Please can you help?

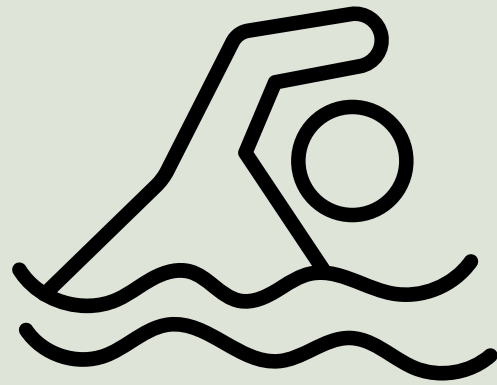
We are embarking on an exciting creative project - as part of a Suffolk Competition!

Do you have any spare net curtains or a rotary dial telephone (any colour!)

We'd love the net curtains for Monday!!



Sporting Success



We are delighted to share some wonderful news about Emily's recent swimming success.

Just two weeks after being promoted to the County Development Squad in Dolphins, Emily has already made fantastic progress. Over the half term weekend, she competed in the Swim England Norfolk Gala at Thetford pool, where she achieved her most successful gala yet.

Emily won an impressive three gold medals and four silver medals, placing fourth in her only remaining event. She achieved personal best times in all her races, including an outstanding seven-second improvement in the 50m Butterfly and an incredible 33-second improvement in the 200m Backstroke.

Emily also demonstrated excellent team spirit and sportsmanship, remaining poolside until the end of the gala to cheer on her fellow swimmers. We are extremely proud of her dedication, determination, and positive attitude. Well done, Emily!

Our Value is Resilience

This week our focus has been on Lent and completing our very first Lent Change Agents Challenge. We are so proud of the whole Barnham family for coming together to bring about positive change for people in our community.

You kindly donated so many bags of clothes that will be donated to GROWKids, Thetford.

Victoria Bush led our Collective Worship to introduce the work of GROWKids and to ask us to collect donations on Monday and then she came to collect the clothes on Friday. The challenge was to fill her car and we did this and have a sofa full for her to come back and collect later on. Thank you so much!

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

Is giving something up a sign of weakness or strength?

Next week, our Lent challenge will change slightly as we focus on bringing about positive change and we all begin a reading challenge to raise money for our school and also make a huge difference to our minds. Will you be able to read every single day in March?

Together we can practice the skills we've learned in resilience!

We can do it Barnham!



SEND News

Thrive Hive begins again next week. Unfortunately, due to staff absences, we are currently only able to run half of the afternoon sessions and not the outdoor provision for now. Therefore, children can just wear their school uniform as they won't need outdoor clothes.

We will look to increase this provision as soon as we are able to.

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 2nd March	Tuesday 3 rd March	Wednesday 4th March	Thursday 5th March	Friday 6th March
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

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

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)

EASTER HOLIDAYS BEGIN ON FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

Monday 13th April - Summer Term Begins

Tuesday 14th April - Year 6 Swimming Begins

Thursday 16th April - Year 3 & 4 Trip - School Farm & Country Fair

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday

Week beginning Monday 11th May - Year 6 SATS Week

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

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

