BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

World Book Day 2026!







Little People, Big Dreams!

More from World Book Day!












World Book Day 2026 was extra special this year as we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Little People, Big Dreams series!

Children came dressed as someone who inspires them or someone they aspire to be, and we were blown away by the creativity of the costumes – from David Attenborough and Coco Chanel to Harry Styles and Neil Armstrong.

The day was full of reading, both independently and together. Foxes visited Moles and Hedgehogs to share stories, with reading happening inside and outdoors. Hedgehogs created a sunny outdoor reading nook, while Foxes built cosy classroom reading dens.

Everyone also took part in a Little People, Big Dreams book hunt around the school grounds, with clues leading to an exciting prize – brand new books for every class!

Some classes took their learning outside too. Badgers enjoyed a David Attenborough-inspired animal observation trip, while Hedgehogs searched for creatures in the field and trees.

Further up the school, Years 5 and 6 performed play scripts for one another and Year 4 created fantastic posters celebrating their favourite authors and books. Many Little People, Big Dreams stories were shared throughout the day, and some children even created their own mini books about the inspiring people they dressed as.

Congratulations to our book hamper winners, and thank you to everyone supporting our March Readathon – we hope this wonderful day inspires even more reading!

A Magical Day!

















An Exciting Adventure for Badger Class!













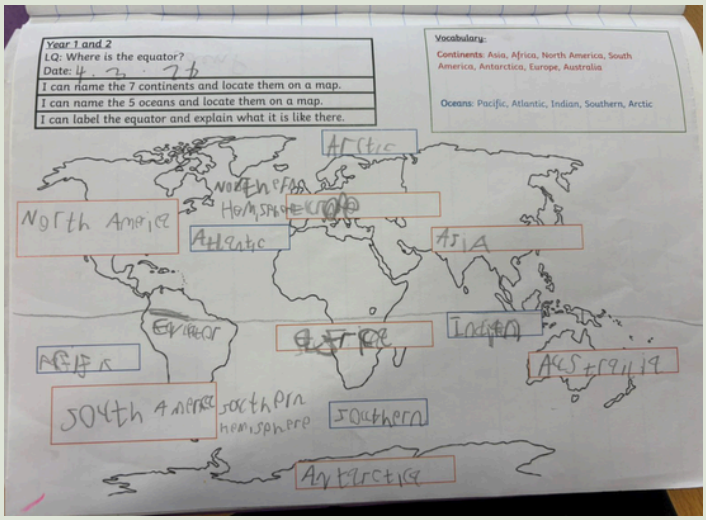


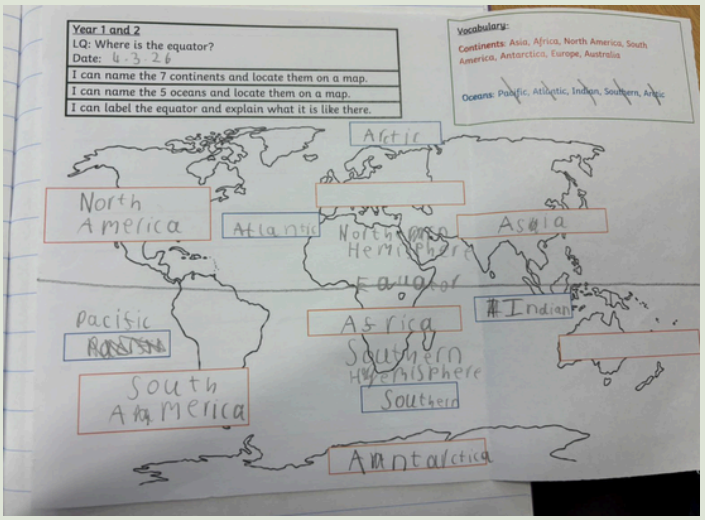


Badger class had a fabulous morning, starting with a trailer ride to Euston Farm, where we stopped to see a busy beehive! We learned that bees work together as a colony to build their honeycomb from wax, shaping it into neat hexagon cells where they store honey and raise baby bees. Did you know that scout bees fly out to search for good places for the colony to live and then return to tell the other bees where to go. When they found the hive at the farm, they knew that it would be a great place to live!

After that, we went to meet the shepherd, James, who told us about the lambs that have recently been born. He explained how he checks on them every day and makes sure they are healthy and safe. We also learned that being a shepherd is a very hard job. James sometimes has to wake up as early as 3am to check on the sheep, especially during lambing season, and he may not finish work until around 11pm. It showed us how much care and dedication it takes to look after the animals on the farm.
Thank you to James and Ollie for helping us learn so much on this adventure!

News from Mole Class









This week, Moles have been busy planning and writing their campaign posters. We have been reading 'We Are Water Protectors' and learning about different types of water pollution. This sparked lots of interest and discussion, and the children were keen to spread the message about protecting our water and encouraging everyone to help prevent further damage to our water sources.

In Geography, we recapped our knowledge of the seven continents and five oceans. We also learned about the Equator, an invisible line that circles the Earth and divides it into two hemispheres. The children were fascinated to learn about the 'Coriolis Effect' and how it changes the way water spins down a plug hole in each hemisphere and at the Equator.

In Art, we have been exploring printing techniques. Last week, we experimented with printing using a range of objects, including our hands, Lego, stickle bricks and bubble wrap. Next week, we are going to print over objects to create shadow-like shapes, hopefully creating some amazing results.

On Thursday, we had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. The children loved dressing up, designing their own 'Little People, Big Dreams' book covers of themselves, making bookmarks and writing book reviews. We were also delighted to share our learning with some trainee teachers from the University of Cambridge.

What a busy and productive week! Well done, Moles, for all your hard work.

Attendance Updates

Please find below our attendance for this week.
A huge well done to **Mole Class** for the best attendance again this week, that's two weeks in a row Mole Class - incredible!



BADGERS	92.90%
HEDGEHOGS	95.00%
MOLES	97.00%
FOXES	95.80%
SQUIRRELS	91.70%
OTTERS	94.70%

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

Picture News This Week



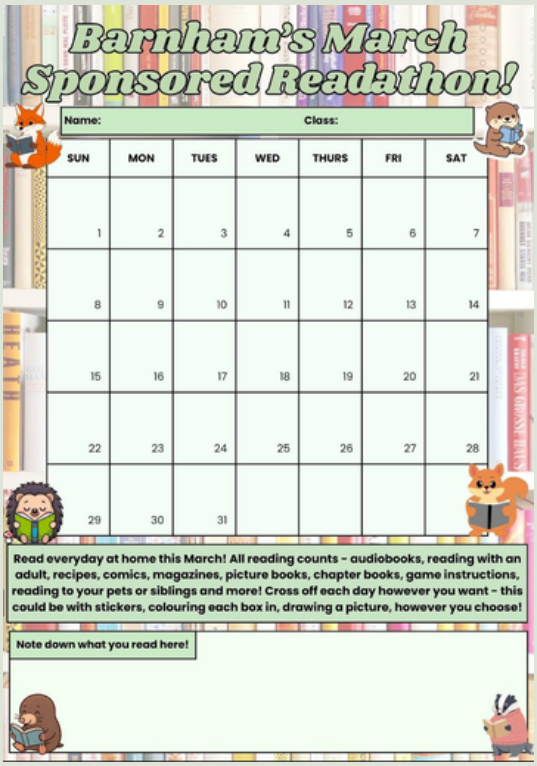
What do you think to this week's big question and news story?

Story: Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform.

Question: Should school uniforms be the same for everyone?

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

Barnham Readathon!



How is your March Readathon going?
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!
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!

News from FOBS



Join us for our extremely popular Easter Egg Bingo on Thursday 19th March at Barnham Village Hall.

Doors open at 5:00pm (after school) - make sure you arrive early as this event is always very busy and we don't want you to miss out!

Only £5 for 6 games

Lots of delicious Easter eggs to be won!

Bring your family and friends along for a fun evening and the chance to win some fantastic Easter treats.

Reminder: Next Friday is Non-Uniform Day.
Please bring an Easter egg donation to help support our Easter Egg Bingo event.

We can't wait to see you there!

Important Safeguarding Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to make you aware of a social media trend, sometimes referred to as "Red vs Blue School Wars," which has been reported in some areas of England.
This trend involves posts on platforms such as TikTok and Snapchat that name schools and encourage pupils to gather after school, sometimes implying confrontations between groups of students. Many of these posts appear to be rumours or attempts to provoke reactions online. Nonetheless, schools and the police are monitoring the situation and promoting awareness to help keep young people safe.

We would like to reassure you that there are currently no specific concerns relating to our school.

However, we feel it is important to share this information so that we can work together to promote pupil safety and responsible online behaviour.

How You Can Help

We kindly ask parents and carers to:

- Talk with your child about safe and responsible use of social media
- Remind them not to engage with or share harmful or distressing content
- Encourage them to report anything worrying to a trusted adult
- Reinforce the importance of travelling safely to and from school

Please reassure your child that if they see posts or images suggesting school-related conflict, they should not respond or share them, but instead report them to the school.

Our Approach

We are:

- Monitoring the situation closely
- Supporting pupils who have concerns
- Working with local partners where appropriate
- Reminding pupils about staying safe online and in the community

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils is always our highest priority. If you have any concerns, or if your child has seen worrying messages online, please contact the school

Kind regards,
Safeguarding Team - Mrs Arnold, Miss Bacon and Rhonda

Safety Tips

TikTok

Our Value is Resilience

We would like to say a big thank you to Ruth Winterton (from Brandon Baptist Church) for visiting us and leading our Collective Worship on Wednesday. Ruth shared the story of the woman who had been ill for a long time and had spent all she had on doctors, but still was not better. Despite everything she had been through, she did not give up hope. When she met Jesus and touched his robe, she was healed.

Ruth encouraged the children to help tell the story, and it was wonderful to see so many pupils getting involved and bringing the story to life. The message reminded us about resilience, faith, and not giving up even when things are difficult.

Thank you, Ruth, for leading such an engaging and meaningful time together.

We've also considered how resilience is about standing up for what is right, even when it's difficult or unpopular.

So here's our big question to consider this week.

When should we speak up?

Next week, our Lent challenge is all about making a positive change for our school.

We are inviting all children to donate an Easter Egg for FOBS Easter Bingo next Friday and in exchange they can wear whatever they want for the day!

We know what Change Agents our incredible FOBS Team are and they make a positive impact in our school all of the time, please do get involved and help them with this super easy challenge!





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 9th March	Tuesday 10th March	Wednesday 11th March	Thursday 12th March	Friday 13th March
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

Friday 13th March - FOBS Non-Uniform Day (please bring Easter Eggs instead of money donations)
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
Friday 8th May - David Attenborough's 100th Birthday - Special Day in school
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

