

# BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 25



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



FRIDAY 20 MARCH

## Red Nose Day 2026



Something Funny for  
Money!

# What a great day!



We certainly embraced this year's Red Nose Day theme of "Take Yourself Funny for Money" – and what a fantastic day it was!

The children were given staff photos to "graffiti" and accessorise, and their creativity truly shone. From outrageous hairstyles and spectacular spectacles to some very imaginative additions, the results were hilarious and heart-warming in equal measure. We hope the finished masterpieces bring a big smile to your faces! Do keep an eye on our social media pages, where we'll be sharing more of their wonderful work. In true Red Nose Day spirit, we all wore red, laughed loudly and smiled proudly throughout the day – which felt especially fitting as it was also International Day of Happiness. The joy around school was contagious! A huge well done to our Barnham Change Agents. You have truly made a difference – thank you for your generosity and donations. Together, we've shown that when we come together with laughter and kindness, we can achieve something really special.

So far we have raised £97.76 for Comic Relief- thank you all.

# Thank you for all your donations!

# News from Squirrel Class



Squirrel Class have produced some fabulous work this half-term based on the picture book 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow. We are currently studying a book about Anne Frank by Katherine Poole and Angela Barrett and have been writing diary extracts of our own inspired by the text and illustrations. In history, we have completed our topic on Ancient Greece by learning about the achievements of Alexander the Great. Our science work has been fun as we have been carrying out some experiments to investigate the effects of forces including friction, water and wind resistance and gravity. We have also loved rapping along with the fresh Prince of Bel Air in music.

# Celebrating St Patrick's Day



Thank you so much to Rory (Joe, Eve and Rosie's Dad) who joined us to play some LIVE music as we celebrated St Patrick's Day in Collective Worship on Tuesday afternoon.

It was such a joyous occasion, as captured by the children's faces in the photograph above. They loved singing along with Rory and hearing him play the guitar, a banjo and a mandolin- amazing!

Our staff team even wore green to match the children and celebrate this day.

Don't forget, if you've got a talent to share with our children, we'd LOVE to hear from you!

# Soil Ed Release Film



We're delighted to share that Soil-Ed's promotional film – featuring Barnham CEVC Primary School – was officially released today!

Yesterday afternoon, our children and staff enjoyed a very special sneaky preview before the official unveiling.

It was truly magical. Big smiles. Gasps. Beaming faces.

*"It's like a documentary."*

*"It was brilliant."*

*"I feel inspired and proud."*

Seeing their learning brought to life on screen filled the room with pride and excitement. A very special moment for our whole school community

**[Click here to watch the full video](#)**

# Reminders for Next Week...

## Monday - Musical Extravaganza - 9am

If your child wishes to play their musical instrument at our assembly on Monday morning- please do e mail Miss Bacon so that she can add them to the programme.

Don't forget to bring your instrument and music along on Monday!  
We can't wait to share our Music Learning from this half term.



## Monday - Parents Consultation Meetings

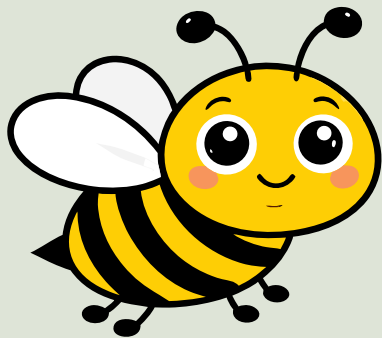
If you haven't booked a Parents Consultation meeting yet, please do sign up using Parent Mail. All meetings will take place in the school hall, please enter through the school office.

If your child is on the SEND register, their class teacher will have a learning plan ready to share with you, you will be able to contribute any comments and then these will be shared with you electronically on Tuesday.

## Tuesday - Year 5 & 6 Trip to Theatre Royal & St Mary's Church

Year 5 and 6 are off to the theatre as part of their Tiny Plays project. The coach is leaving school around 9:30am. We will be returning at approximately 3pm. All children will need to be wearing smart school uniform and have a coat, packed lunch and a water bottle.

## Wednesday - The Bee Musical



### Year 3 and 4 Performances - 9:30am and 2pm

This is a 'ticketless' event Each family is entitled to 2 'tickets' per performance. You just need to turn up and say the name of your Year 3 or 4 child to gain entrance!

If you need to swap 'tickets' with another family, you're welcome to arrange this yourselves. Just make sure that whoever comes tell us the name of the child whose 'ticket' you have used on the day. We will have a list of all children and will sign you in next to your child's name.

There will be no physical tickets, we will sign you in at the office.

**The whole school will be watching the performance on Friday!**

## Thursday - Our Easter Celebrations

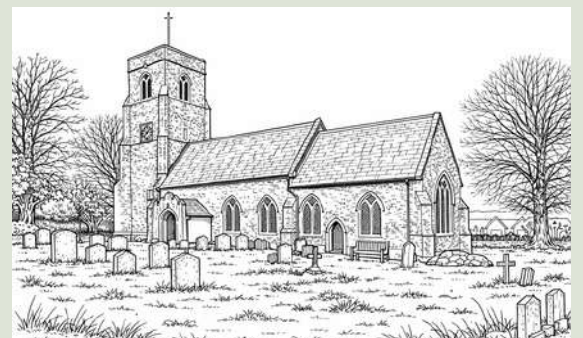
You are invited to join us to celebrate Easter together at St Gregory's Church, Barnham.

Just like Christmas we will be having two services to accomodate everyone safely.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

9:30am - Squirrels, Badgers, Hedgehogs

2pm - Otters, Foxes, Moles



# Coming Soon...

## Return of Friday Cake Raffle!



We'd LOVE to start our Friday Cake Raffles up again after the Easter Holiday!

We need some volunteer bakers to make this happen!

It could be a whole cake, cupcakes, tray bakes, brownies, flapjacks anything at all that we can raffle off each Friday. Please e mail Miss Bacon - [rbacone@barnham.org](mailto:rbacone@barnham.org) to sign up to do this- we'd really appreciate it! Without the volunteers, we won't be able to make this happen and unfortunately we've only had one volunteer so far!



## Celebrating Sir David Attenborough - 8<sup>th</sup> May

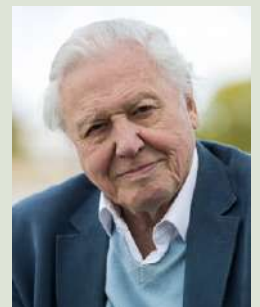
We are very excited to announce that our school will be celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday on 8th May! This promises to be a truly special day for our children as we come together to recognise the incredible work he has done to help the world appreciate and protect our planet. To mark the occasion, we have booked a fantastic animal encounter experience which will be visiting the school for the entire day. This will give the children the opportunity to learn about a variety of animals and enjoy some hands-on encounters, making it an unforgettable learning experience. We are also hoping to welcome some special visitors into school who can speak to the children about the natural world and the important role we all play in appreciating and protecting the wonderful planet we live on.

If you feel you could contribute to the day in any way – perhaps through your work, interests, or expertise related to wildlife or conservation – please do speak to Miss Bacon. We would love to involve as many members of our community as possible.

After the Easter holidays, we will also be launching some fundraising activities to help cover the cost of the experiences planned for the day. More information about this will be shared soon. In addition, we will be launching a photography competition over the Easter holidays inspired by Wildlife Photographer of the Year! Children will be invited to capture their best wildlife photographs. We hope to exhibit the photographs in the school hall and even auction them to raise money for further opportunities and experiences for our pupils.

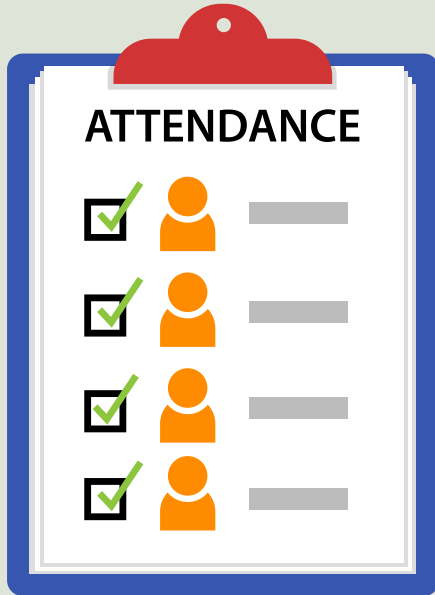
Full details about the competition and fundraising will be coming out shortly, so keep your eyes peeled!

We are really looking forward to celebrating this remarkable milestone together and inspiring our children to develop a deeper love and respect for the natural world.



# Attendance Updates

Please find below our attendance for this week.  
A huge well done to **Fox Class** for the best attendance this week!



BADGERS 93.2%  
HEDGEHOGS 93.7%  
MOLES 95%  
FOXES 95.7%  
SQUIRRELS 93.8%  
OTTERS 92.1%

Let's work together to make our attendance even better next week!  
Can every class can reach 98% next week?

## Picture News This Week



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

Story: Pokémon is celebrating 30 years since it was first created.

**Question: What makes something fun?**

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

# Barnham Readathon!

We are racing through March- how many books have you read so far?

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!



**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!

## News from FOBS

Thank you to everyone who attended Easter Bingo on Thursday evening- it was a great evening and lots of fun raising money for the school.

A huge thank you to the hard work of FOBS who make these incredible events possible. We appreciate all your hard work!

Thank you too to Mr Holman for being an amazing bingo caller- as always!



FOBS have lots more great events planned for the Summer term!

Please do keep supporting them!



Please can you help us?

## Amazon Wish List

We are always looking for ways to enhance the learning environment for our pupils, and you can help! Our school Amazon Wish List includes a wide range of items that will directly benefit the children—from small, inexpensive resources to larger items that will support classrooms and activities across the school.

Every single donation, no matter the size, is hugely appreciated and will be put to excellent use by our staff and pupils. If you're able to purchase an item from the list, you'll be making a real difference to our school community.

We would also love to hear from any parents, carers, or members of the community who run or work for a company or local business that might be able to support the school in some way, whether through donations, resources, or other forms of help.

If you'd like to find out more or think your business could help, please contact Miss Bacon at [rbacon@barnham.org](mailto:rbacon@barnham.org).

Thank you for supporting our school!

[Click Here to Support Barnham School](#)



If you have any storage like this picture that you would like to rehome and donate to Barnham School, Mrs Kennedy would be very keen to hear from you! Please send her an e mail [gkennedy@barnham.org](mailto:gkennedy@barnham.org) or catch her on the playground at the end of the school day.

We are also looking for one chair like this image- if you know anyone that is giving one away, we'd love to rehome it for you!

Thank you in advance.



# Our Value is Resilience

As we continue to explore our value of resilience, we still love hearing stories about our children putting this value into practice outside of school.

This week we were so impressed to hear of Olive and her success in completing her half-marathon Park Run - what an incredible achievement- a huge well done from all of us!  
Please keep sharing your stories of resilience with us.



Here's our BIG QUESTION to consider this week.

*Why do people sometimes walk past others in need?*

## Final Lent Challenge

Our final Lent Challenge is to bring in some sweet treats that we can donate to our friends at Thetford Foodbank!

Here's some ideas:

**Tinned desserts eg: rice pudding and custard**

**Tinned fruit**

**Biscuits**

**Chocolate bars**

**Snack bars**

**Spreads eg: jam, marmalade, choc spread**

You are welcome to bring in sweet treats and leave on the pew next to the prayer space at any point next week!

Thank you in advance for all your help.

**Lent 2026**

**Week 1 - Change for OUR COMMUNITY**  
W/C - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
This week, we'd love you to bring in a bag of children's clothes that you no longer need anymore. These will be shared with GROWKids in Thetford. All donations by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February please.

**Week 2 - Change for OURSELVES**  
W/C - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
This week, our ultimate sponsored readathon begins! Reading daily will help you improve your reading skills and make you feel better mentally too. Make this positive change for yourself and read every day this week to kick-start the month of March.

**Week 3 - Change for OUR SCHOOL**  
W/C - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
We have a non-uniform day on Friday this week to collect Easter Eggs to support FOBS Easter Bingo. This will help to raise money for some amazing changes in school that are coming soon- please support us if you can!

**Week 4 - Change for OUR WORLD**  
W/C - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
It's Red Nose Day on Friday. We will be collecting for this charity that bring about a lot of positive changes for people all over the world. You can help by donating some of your pocket money to wear something red and we'll be encouraging you to 'design your own red-nose' - show off your creativity!

**Week 5 - Let's Celebrate Easter Together**  
W/C - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
This week we will be celebrating Easter together- you're invited to our Easter Church Services on Thursday this week! As we celebrate together, we'll be remembering those less fortunate than ourselves by encouraging our Change Agents to bring in sweet treats that will be donated to Thetford Foodbank.

**Barrham Change Agent Challenges**



A huge well done to Change Agents - Ava, Skyla and Lottie for helping Thetford Foodbank at Tesco with their most recent food collection! We are very proud of you all!

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

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

## Diary Dates

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Music Extravaganza @ 9am

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)

### **EASTER HOLIDAYS BEGIN ON FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Summer Term Begins

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Year 6 Swimming Begins

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Readathon Donations due

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Year 3 & 4 Trip - School Farm & Country Fair

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Special Day in school

Week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS Week

**Half Term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

