

BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



Happy Easter Everyone!



Our school community enjoyed two joyful Easter service at St Gregory's Church on Thursday.

We thank Vicar Sue and Vicar Lesley for their warm welcome. The Collective Worship team led a thoughtful reflection on the meaning of Easter through three symbols: a heart (love), a cross (sacrifice), and a butterfly (hope and new life).

We were also proud of the creative displays made from natural and recycled materials, supporting our commitment to being planet protectors.



Music Extravaganza



On Monday, our Music Extravaganza was a huge success! Every class performed what they've been learning this half term, with standout solo performances on guitar and piano. Our Ukulele Club also wowed the audience, and even our governors were super impressed.

Well done to all performers! Our next performance will be in May – let Miss Bacon know if you'd like to take part. The more, the merrier!



The Bee Musical

Year 3 & 4 Performance



We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 and 4 children for their outstanding performance in 'The Bee Musical!' The children were fantastic from start to finish, showcasing their talents through enthusiastic singing, lively dancing, and confident acting. The production also shared an important message about the vital role bees play in our environment and why it is so important to protect them. Their hard work and dedication truly shone through making it clear they all bee-long on the stage! It was wonderful to see their confidence grow and their teamwork shine throughout. A huge well done to all involved for creating such a memorable and joyful performance!

Year 5 & 6 Trip to Theatre Royal for Tiny Plays, Big Ideas!

"BACK TO THE PAST"

A teenage genius invents time travel

by

Laurence Gotch

Barnham CEVC Primary School (Year 6)



"AMAZON"

One girls mission to stop climate change and war

by

Ava Williams

Barnham CEVC Primary School (Year 5)



Year 5 and 6 enjoyed front row seats at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds on Tuesday to see a group of four professional actors perform plays written by children from schools across the county invited to take part in the 'Tiny Plays, Big Ideas' project. All the children had written their own four minute plays and one entry from each class was chosen to be performed on the stage. Congratulations to Ava and Laurence who were chosen from Barnham. The pair were thrilled to see their scripts brought to life under the spotlights.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in this project making this such a great learning project for our amazing writers- we hope to be able to do this again in the future!

Easter Encounters @ St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds

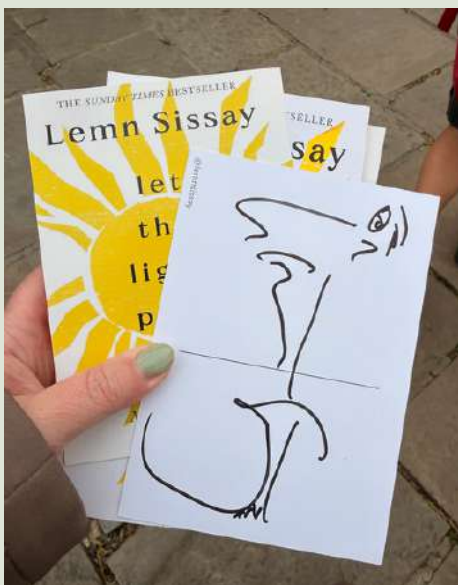


Our recent visit to St Mary's Church for the Easter Encounters experience was both powerful and memorable.

A huge thank you to Helen Matter for so warmly hosting us at her church and guiding us through the session. The children journeyed around six interactive story stations, where they explored the events following Jesus' resurrection. At each station, pupils stepped into the shoes of different Bible characters, acting out witness accounts of those who met Jesus after Easter Sunday.

This immersive approach brought the resurrection story vividly to life. The children engaged thoughtfully, asked insightful questions and reflected deeply on the themes of hope, faith and new beginnings. It was a truly meaningful experience and a wonderful way to deepen our understanding of the Easter story. We are very grateful for the time, care and creativity that made the morning so special.

Meeting Lemn Sissay



What an unforgettable and inspiring moment for our school community! On Sunday, Mrs Arnold attended the Justice Service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, where she met the incredible poet and author, Lemn Sissay.

We later discovered he was staying in Bury St Edmunds while performing at the Theatre Royal on Tuesday evening.

After hearing that he was visiting Caffè Nero, and realising we were only a short distance away, Miss Bacon quickly took three of our pupils for the incredible opportunity to meet him in person.

What followed was truly special. Lemn Sissay kindly signed one of his books for our school and gave each child a postcard to keep. He was delighted to meet young writers and was especially thrilled to hear that the children have been writing their own play scripts. The conversation was full of encouragement, creativity and inspiration.

Lemn also shared how he can turn his signature around and turned it into a cartoon man! Such creativity!

It was a wonderful reminder that writing has the power to connect people – and that our pupils' talents and aspirations are something to be proud of. An experience we certainly won't forget!

The Easter Bunny Visits Barnham!



The Easter Bunny turned up to welcome our children to school on the last day of term!
He came back later in the day for Collective Worship!
It was lovely to share smiles and joy amongst the school community.
Happy Easter Everyone!

School Choir Enters Twinkl Frozen Themed Competition

YES It's true

We're giving one school group an **ALL-EXPENSES-PAID**

trip to

**DISNEYLAND®
PARIS**

and that's not all... >

Runner-up schools will receive **up to £500** worth of musical equipment

100 schools will be picked at random to receive a bundle of **Twinkl Originals Books**

Your **Disneyland. Paris** Itinerary:

- > A weekend trip to Disneyland. Paris for up to **33 children**
- > Every child can bring up to **3 family members**
- > Up to **6 teachers** welcome
- > Sing alongside **Katherine Jenkins OBE** at **World of Frozen!**



We are very grateful to Elite Studio EA for coming into school today to glitter up our choir so that we can enter the twinkl competition!

Everyone cross their fingers for us!

We are so proud of the choir- they've sang their hearts out!

Thank you everyone from
The Elite Studio EA for the hair and make up!



News from Fox Class



In History, Foxes have been exploring and learning about the Anglo-Saxons. They have learnt about daily life in Anglo-Saxon Britain, discovering that people lived in small villages, often close to water, and that most were farmers.

Year 4 were given the opportunity to create their own Anglo-Saxon village. They built houses using wood with thatched roofs, just like the Anglo-Saxons, and even left out windows to make them as authentic as possible.

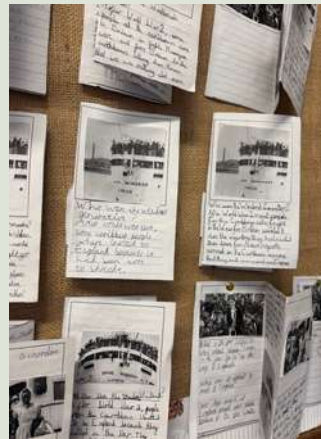
The class then carefully chose where to place their village. They knew the houses needed to face the sun for warmth, be close to a water source (our school pond), and near land suitable for farming (our cabin field). The largest houses were positioned in the centre of the village, as this is where the village chief would have lived.

Foxes enjoyed a fun, Easter-themed maths lesson, revising their arithmetic skills through an exciting egg hunt! They searched for Easter-themed mathematical clues and solved each one to reveal the location of the next set of hidden eggs.

With great teamwork and enthusiasm, they successfully found every egg and were delighted to enjoy their well-earned treats at the end!



News from Fox Class



Foxes have been reading *Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush* and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Windrush Generation and their experiences. They explored the journey of those who travelled from the Caribbean to Britain and gained a deeper understanding of this important period in history.

Year 4 then applied their knowledge by writing their own non-fiction reports about the *Empire Windrush* and the people who made the journey, showcasing all they had learnt about their lives and experiences.



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 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 - 8th 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.





Planet Protector Photographer Competition

To celebrate the 100th Birthday of the legendary David Attenborough, we're launching a Planet Protector Photographer Competition for our talented young photographers! We're inviting children to capture the beauty of the natural world through their lens. Photos can be of anything that sparks your child's imagination – perhaps:

- An animal at the zoo
- Your favourite part of nature, like a forest, beach, or garden
- A stunning landscape or scene
- Anything else from the natural world that inspires awe

How to enter:

Print your photograph in any size you like.

Frame it.

Attach a label to the back with your child's name and class.

Submit the framed photo to the school office just after Easter.

Important dates:

Closing date: Friday 17th April

More details on how the photos will be displayed, auctioned, and sold to raise money for our school will be shared after Easter.

Children are welcome to enter multiple photos – let your imagination run wild!

We can't wait to see the natural world through your eyes and celebrate David Attenborough's incredible legacy together!

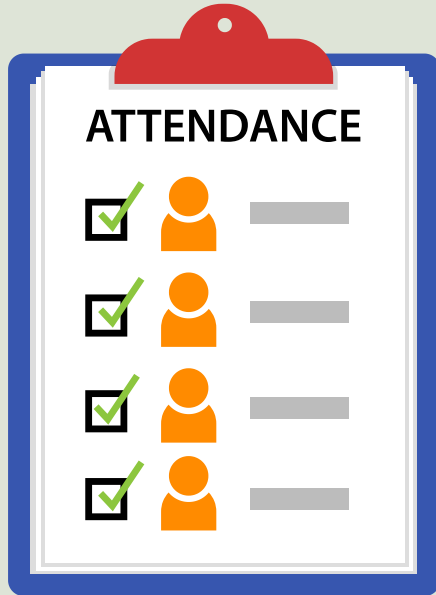
Adults are welcome to enter too.

There will be multiple prizes to be won and all framed photos will help raise money for our school and will support some of the amazing activities we have planned for 8th May!



Attendance Updates

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



HEDGEHOGS	96.30%
MOLES	93.30%
BADGERS	94.50%
FOXES	96.10%
SQUIRRELS	92.50%
OTTERS	97.40%

Picture News This Week



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

Story: Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympics Games in Italy?

Question: What makes someone a champion?

Virtual Picture News: 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

Drum roll please, Easter Bingo raised an incredible £812 - thank you all for supporting this event and FOBS for all your hard work with the organising and running of this.

Do keep your eyes opened for lots of events and fundraising opportunities in the summer term!



Thrive Hive & Cub Club

There will be no Cub Club or Thrive Hive during the first week back after the holidays.

Letters will be sent home during that first week back to notify you of the new groupings/ timetables for these interventions.



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 Change Agent Maya making a difference in Barnham by helping with a litter pick -well done Maya!

Please keep sharing your stories of resilience with us.

Here's our BIG QUESTION to consider this week.



How does Easter change the way we see difficulties?

Lent Challenges Completed

We are so proud of our Barnham Change Agents. Over five weeks, you have:

Supported local families

Invested in your own learning and wellbeing

Raised funds to improve your school

Contributed to national and global charities

Celebrated Easter with generosity and gratitude

You have shown that change starts with simple actions, kind hearts and a willingness to make a difference.

Well done, everyone – you have truly smashed the Lent Challenges 2026!



*Well done and thank you
Barnham Change Agents!*

Our RESILIENCE Bible Verse -

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

Philippians 4 v 13

Lunch Menu for after Easter

Monday 13th April	Tuesday 14th April	Wednesday 15th April	Thursday 16th April	Friday 17th April
Pizza with yellow vegi rice Or Jacket Potatoes	Fish finger wrap and Salad Or Veggi fingers	Beef pasta bake and vegetables Or Tomato bake	Roast Chicken, & Fresh vegetables Or Quorn Fillet	Sausage and chips with beans/veg Or Quorn sausage
Raspberry ripple pots	Jammie Dodger biscuits	Crumble and ice-cream	Ice Lolly	Sticky lemon drizzle

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



Diary Dates

Monday 13th April - Summer Term Begins

Tuesday 14th April - Year 6 Swimming Begins

Tuesday 14th April - Year 6 SATS Information Afternoon for Parents (3:15pm in Year 6 Classroom)

Wednesday 15th April - Readathon Donations due

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



*Have a wonderful Easter Holiday Everyone!
See you all on Monday 13th April*

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

