

BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Welcome back to school



Welcome back to the summer term! We hope all our pupils and families enjoyed a restful and refreshing Easter break.

It has been wonderful to see the children back in school this week, settling in so quickly and already fully engaged in their learning adventures. There has been a real buzz of excitement across the school, especially with the introduction of some new clubs which have got off to a fantastic start.

We are also eagerly awaiting a special arrival at the Barnham wild bee hive. The children have been doing their part to encourage a swarm to move in, even using lemongrass oil this week to make it more inviting! Fingers crossed we'll soon have some new residents to care for—we'll be sure to keep you updated.

Here's to a buzzing summer term!

School Farm and Country Fair- Year 3 & 4 Trips

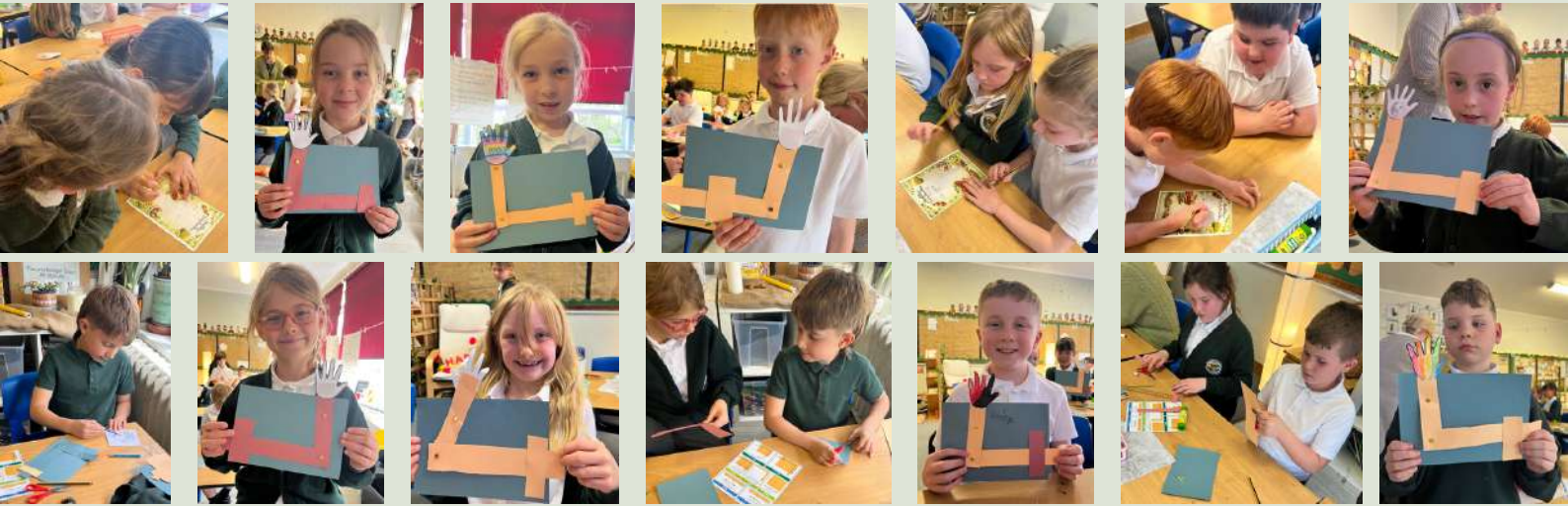




Year 3 and 4 had an exciting and memorable trip to the Suffolk Schools Farm and County Fair. They enjoyed hands-on activities such as wood carving, learning about forestry, bees, archaeology, invasive species, and Viking Britain. They also met the Suffolk Port Authority and Air Ambulance team, learning about food safety and first aid, including CPR. Highlights included the lively Sheep Show, meeting farriers, exploring animal areas, and taking part in football and Nerf activities. Pupils also learned about farming, environmental services, and even became part of a human circuit with EDF.

The day ended with tasting sausages, fruit kebabs, and learning how crisps are made. As a lasting memory, the children brought back three young trees to plant at school. It was a fantastic day full of learning and fun.

News from Badger Class



Badger Class have had a fun and exciting first week back, settling quickly into our learning. It has been a brilliant start to the term, with lots of enthusiasm, creativity, and curiosity shown in all of our lessons. In Design and Technology, we have been learning about linkages and levers. We used this knowledge to design and create our own waving hand mechanisms. It was exciting to see how simple mechanical systems can be used to create movement, and we carefully tested and improved our designs to make them work as smoothly as possible.

In English, we have been planning and writing non-chronological reports based on Dr Morley's expedition to the Arctic. Our work was inspired by the book *The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish* by Chloe Savage. We focused on organising information clearly, using headings and subheadings, and writing in an informative style to share key facts about the expedition.

In History, we have been learning about the Romans, including where they lived and how their architectural designs have influenced buildings that we still use today. We explored how Roman inventions and structures have had a lasting impact on modern society, helping us understand how the past shapes the present.

In Science, we have been studying bones and the human skeleton. We learned the names and functions of different bones and how they support and protect our bodies. To bring our learning to life, we even created our own skeleton models using sticks we collected outside, carefully assembling them to represent the structure of the human body.

In PSHE, the children have been learning all about what makes a healthy, balanced diet. We explored the concept of the "healthy plate," discussing the different food groups and why each one is important for keeping our bodies strong and energised. As part of this learning, the children also enjoyed planning their own healthy birthday meal, thinking carefully about how to include a balance of fruits, vegetables, proteins, dairy and carbohydrates.

As you can see, the children have been very busy! It's amazing what you can fit in one week!

PE News



Over the next couple of weeks, we will have some exciting PE workshops taking place in school! Hedgehog and Mole classes will be taking part in circus skills, where they will learn new tricks such as balancing, coordination, and juggling in a fun and safe environment. Meanwhile, KS2 will be doing parkour (also known as 'Free Running'), developing their agility, strength, and movement skills while learning how to safely navigate different obstacles. These workshops are a great opportunity for pupils to try something new, build confidence, and enjoy being active in different ways.

Earth Day 2026

EARTH DAY AT BARNHAM

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

You are invited to wear non-uniform to celebrate Earth Day- we'd LOVE you to wear shades of blue and green and donate £1 to go towards our David Attenborough Day activities including real-life animal encounters!

We'd also like to encourage children to design a planet protecting themed placard/sign using recycled cardboard! Barnham VIP passes will be given to the most thoughtful designs and meaningful slogans and messages.

Our Planet Protector Photo Competition will close on Earth Day too.

Let's celebrate our beautiful world on Earth Day and encourage others around us to appreciate the natural world and play their part in being a Change Agent and Planet Protector!

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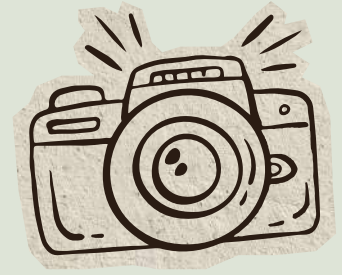
REDUCE,
REUSE,
RECYCLE,

Nurture
Nature.
Save Our
Future

'KEEP IT GREEN.
KEEP IT CLEAN'



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: EXTENDED - WEDNESDAY 22ND 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!

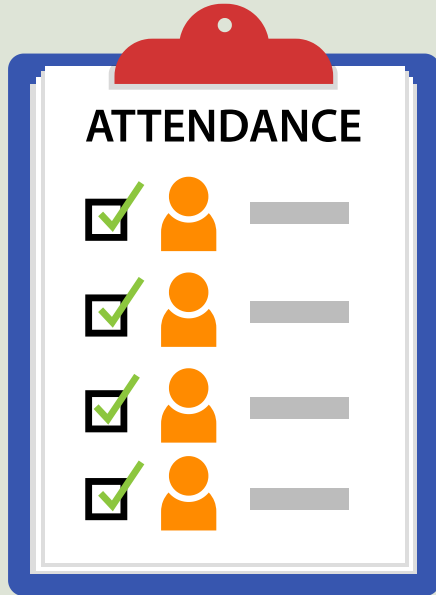
Adults are welcome to enter too.

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 Mole Class for the best attendance this week!



HEDGEHOGS	94.7%
MOLES	95.7%
BADGERS	95.2%
FOXES	92.9%
SQUIRRELS	91.3%
OTTERS	94.7%

Picture News This Week



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

Story: A new town, called Barking Riverside, is being built in East London to help provide more homes in the local area.

Question: What makes a great place to live?

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



Barnham Readathon News!



Congratulations to Oscar, Amelia, Willow, Izzy, Lottie and George for not only completing their March readathon challenge, but for also raising over £40 each for our school through their sponsorships! Amazing result - and thank you to George who raised an incredible £90! All funds will go towards paying for our author visit this year, as well as new books!

Well done to all children who completed the readathon challenge and read every day at home - we are so proud of you. We talked in collective worship today about continuing the habit of reading every day and writing it in our reading records! Parents please help to encourage this as we can't wait to see who is keeping it up this term and reading lots.

Together you raised an incredible £797.50!

Well done everybody!



Cake Raffle News!

Thank you so much to Marnie's Mum for making this week's offering for the cake raffle!

All the names went into the 'Lucky wheel' and in Collective Worship, we announced the winner!

Well done to **The Milne Family** for winning the raffle!

The cake raffle is back next Friday but we desperately need more volunteer bakers. Please speak to Miss Bacon if you can help - rbacon@barnham.org



Music in the mornings!



You may have noticed that we have started playing music on the playground in the mornings for drop-off!

This is an attempt to create a calm and positive start to each day. This week our focus was 'positive/ feel-good songs' but we may well change the theme/ type of music playing over the coming weeks. We will also try and put a poster on the window letting you know some information about the music for that week and any reminders about upcoming events, so please take time to read it or snap a photo of it!

We are aware that the summer term is a very busy and hope that this will help.



Thrive Hive & Cub Clubs

Cub Club begins next week and will be running Monday- Friday!

Thrive Hive also begins next week and will be running Monday- Wednesday!

You will have received letters during the week if your child is invited to attend these groups this half term. As always, they will run for the half term and then groups will be reviewed.



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, lots of the children enjoyed sharing about how they were resilient over the Easter holidays with so many stories to share!

Don't forget we love sharing photos and stories of resilience in our newsletter- so please do e mail them in to us.

A special shout out to Anna and Dotty who won a football tournament this week playing for Thetford Bulldog U9s, we are so proud of you!



Collective Worship News



We started the week by welcoming Chris and David from 'Good News for Everyone' (used to be called Gideons) they gifted each member of Year 6 their very own new testament and psalms. David also shared the story of Zacchaeus with the children, they loved his story-telling voice and were totally engaged! We also had a visit from Ruth Winterton on Wednesday and the children always love her visits and getting involved in her assemblies.

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 20 th April	Tuesday 21 st April	Wednesday 22 nd April	Thursday 23 rd April	Friday 24 th April
Mac and cheese Or Loaded your way jackets Marble cake slice	Meat balls and pasta Or Tomato pasta Chocolate drip rice Krispie cake	Sweet and sour chicken with rice and veg Or Quorn chicken Jelly and Fruit	Sausage roast & Fresh vegetables Or Quorn sausage Ice Lolly	Fish & Chips with beans or veg Or Veggi fingers Chocolate ice-cream pot

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

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd April - Earth Day - Non Uniform Day-
Wear shades of green & blue

Wednesday 22nd April - PE Workshops for KS2 - Parkour

Wednesday 29th April - PE Workshops for KS1 - Circus Skills

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

Monday 1st June - Thursday 4th June - Bikeability for Year 6

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

