



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

## Junior Headteachers Report to Governors



A huge congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Laurence and Robin for their fantastic work as our Spring Term Junior Headteachers. They did an outstanding job gathering pupil voice on two important topics –Handwriting and Online Safety.

They carefully analysed their findings, produced a detailed report, and confidently presented it to the governors on Monday evening. Their work was thorough, insightful, and their presentation was both engaging and professional. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and truly grateful for their dedication and hard work.

We are pleased to announce our next Junior Headteachers taking on this role for the Summer Term are Jasper, Olivia-Belle and Elliott.



We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful Governor Team for all that they do and give to our school community. You are very much appreciated.

# KS1 PE Workshops - Parkour



Following the huge success of the parkour workshops with the KS2 classes, we wanted to give Hedgehogs and Moles a chance to experience it as well. Every child fully engaged, showing enthusiasm as they practised climbing, jumping, travelling, and using their strength and balance, while learning how to navigate the equipment safely. The sessions were filled with laughter and encouragement, and it's safe to say they enjoyed every moment—some even wishing it didn't have to end!



## David Attenborough Day - 8<sup>th</sup> May

Art Exhibition - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - after school - open till 4pm!

**WE ARE ALSO INVITING CHOIR TO SING AND ANY MUSICIANS TO PLAY THEIR INSTRUMENTS AS PART OF OUR ART EXHIBITION.**

Come into school to view the children's incredible art work and to celebrate the work of David Attenborough on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

FOBS will be serving and selling refreshments and treats.

You will also have the opportunity to bid on and purchase some beautiful nature photographs that our children have taken as part of our project.

You can also order your child's art work framed as a memento of this special occasion.

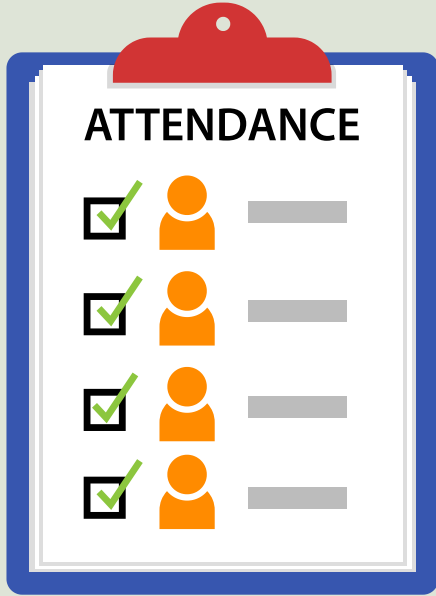
Please bring your pennies, your friends and families and let's celebrate together and continue to raise awareness about looking after our home and being planet protectors in the future.



# Attendance Updates

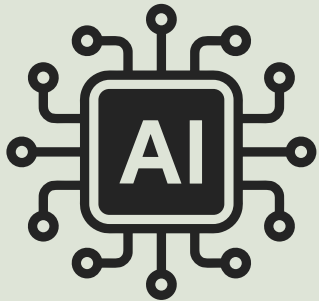
Please find below our attendance for this week.

A huge well done to **Badger Class** for an incredible 99% attendance this week! Can any class make it 100% next week?



HEDGEHOGS	97.0%
MOLES	91.0%
BADGERS	99.0%
FOXES	96.0%
SQUIRRELS	93.0%
OTTERS	97.0%

## Picture News This Week



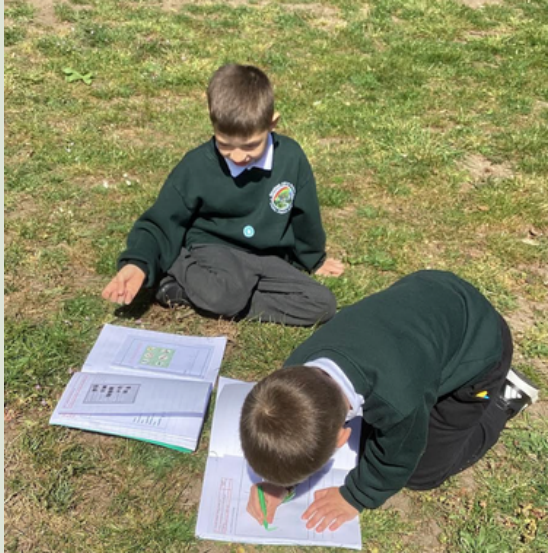
**New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize.**

**Question: What is the best way to support people who need extra help?**

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



# News from Hedgehog Class



This week hedgehogs had a lovely time taking part in a parkour workshop! They played 'flood or earthquake' where they had to either stand on the equipment or stand not touching anything at all. They are very excited to play on the apparatus again in PE!

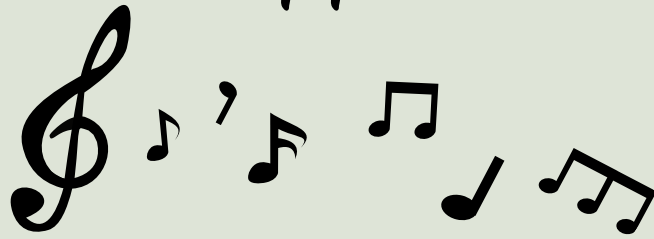
In writing we have been reading 'Weirdo' which is a lovely story about a guinea pig who doesn't fit in. We have been thinking about belonging and year 1's are now writing their own belonging leaflets. We have also turned our home corner into a vets so we can show kindness to the animals.

In maths, year 1 have been practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Receptions have been subitising up to 5 numbers. On Monday reception explored the properties of a cone and made party hats to celebrate our maths puppet's (Wizzy Wizard) birthday! Hedgehogs have also been working hard at number formation and have practised this skill in different ways such as by finding and drawing numbers in gloop.

Year 1's have been practising the chopping skill in design technology and have been learning all about healthy eating. Some children have pushed themselves to try new food such as hummus and guacamole!



# Musical Opportunities



Following our advert in the newsletter last week, the small group for clarinet lessons has now been filled.

Your child can still access Saxophone and Clarinet lessons if they have their own instruments  
Equally, there are still spaces for piano/ keyboard lessons

**Please do e mail Miss Bacon - [rbacon@barnham.org](mailto:rbacon@barnham.org) ASAP if you are interested in signing up for any of these musical opportunities.**



Monday 18th May is our next Music Assembly-  
if your child would like to perform in this assembly-  
please e mail Miss Bacon so that she can add them  
to the programme.

## Spaces @ Barnham School

If you've got friends or family members who would like to join our Barnham Family, we have limited spaces available for September in the following year groups:

**Year 3**

**Year 4**

**Year 6**

Classes are filling up fast, though, so tell them not to hesitate in making an enquiry at the school office for more information.

Thank you for helping us spread the word



# International Dance Day



On Wednesday, we proudly celebrated International Dance Day, recognising the passion and dedication of the dancers in our school community.

Six of our pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit Eden Theatre Arts, where they experienced a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at life in a specialist dance college. They watched students—on the cusp of pursuing university degrees in dance and musical theatre—creating original choreography for an upcoming performance.

It was especially inspiring to see three former Barnham pupils following their dreams. They are fantastic role models for our young dancers, showing what can be achieved with commitment and ambition. The level of skill on display was truly sensational. From a contemporary Horton technique workshop to a beautiful ballet class, our pupils were captivated by the discipline, energy, creativity, physical strength, and memory required to perform at such a high level.

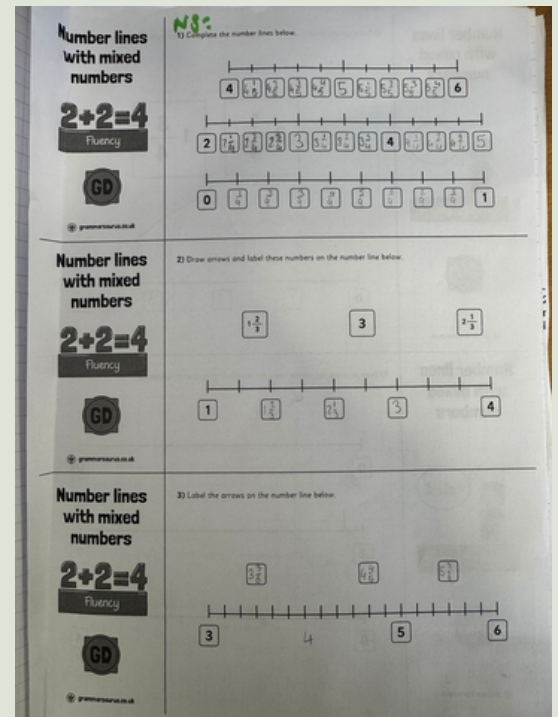
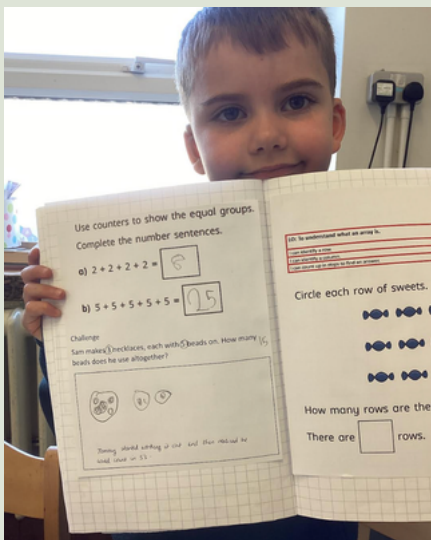
We returned feeling inspired to dream big and work hard—what a memorable way to celebrate International Dance Day!

# Learning without Limits

Over the coming weeks, we'd like to share a little bit about how we challenge and extend learning across the school. Alongside our strong support for all learners, we are equally focused on making sure children who are ready for greater depth and complexity are given opportunities to really stretch their thinking.

The examples below show pupils working beyond the expected, solving problems, explaining their ideas in more detail, and taking their learning further in a range of subjects. We hope it gives you a sense of the high expectations we have for all children, and the exciting learning that happens every day in our classrooms.

This week year 1 have been practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Some children who are now confident with these have been challenged to apply their knowledge to answer reasoning questions. During explore time reception children have the opportunity to take part in all activities including those with year 1 objectives. This week Lottie was very interested in the times table challenge and used her counting skills to work out all the times tables!



In maths in year 4 we have next step challenges to challenge children with in depth questions about the maths concepts they have been learning about that lesson. This deepens their thinking further with problem solving questions to challenge their mathematical skills and thinking.

In Year 6, we ensure that all pupils are both stretched and challenged across the curriculum. In maths, children tackle multi-step problems, explain their reasoning, and explore open-ended investigations to deepen their understanding. In reading, they engage with a wide range of high-quality texts, developing skills in inference, analysis, and discussion. In writing, pupils are encouraged to use ambitious vocabulary, varied sentence structures, and write for different purposes, refining their work through editing. These approaches help our pupils build confidence, think critically, and prepare for the next stage of their learning.

# Cake Raffle News!

Thank you so much to Joe, Eve and Rosie'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 **George Rash** for winning the raffle!

We have volunteers to bake for one more week, thank you so much- this means the cake raffle can continue!

**Please speak to Miss Bacon if you can help with further weeks into the summer term - rbacon@barnham.org**



## WANTED- Please can you help?



Have you got any old fidgets at home that you no longer want/need? Cub Club are looking for some new ones and we would happily rehome your old fidgets. Please bring them in to the school office.

Badger Class are also looking for some empty spray bottles for an art project- please save yours and bring them in for Mrs Shepperson.



## News from FOBS

FOBS are going to be selling treats and refreshments at our Art Exhibition on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May- please support them if you can!

**The Barnham Big Ball Drop**

Friday 22nd May, 3.15pm-4pm  
Barnham School Field

Sell as many balls to family and friends and we will drop them from a tractor, the closest 10 balls to the post win.  
**1st prize is £100 CASH**  
kindly donated by Jez Blackburn Bird Trapping Ltd.  
9 more prizes to be won!

**£1 PER BALL**

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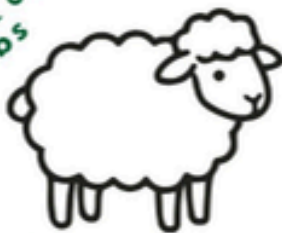
# A New Reading Challenge for May



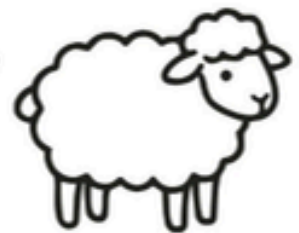
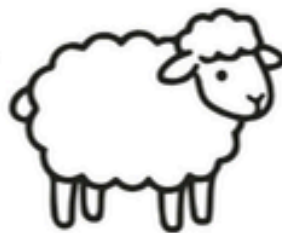
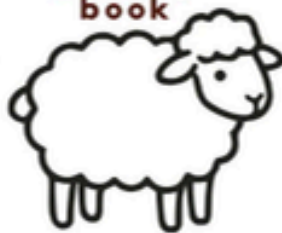
## BARNHAM'S SPRING READING CHALLENGE

How many books can you read in May? Colour in a lamb each time you finish a book to create your own flock of spring lambs! Some lambs say library book next to them - this means you have to borrow a book from our school library, open on Thursdays after school. Write all reading in your reading record so we can check what you have read. All books count, including audiobooks! Have fun!

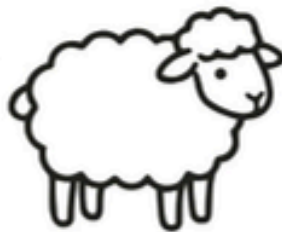
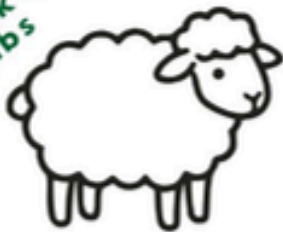
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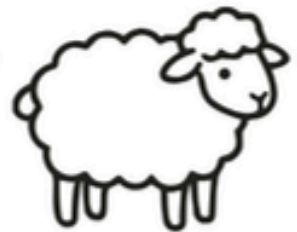
Library book



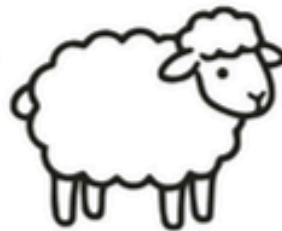
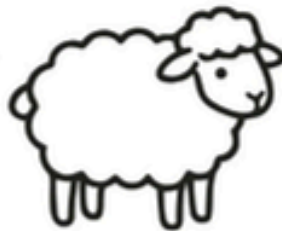
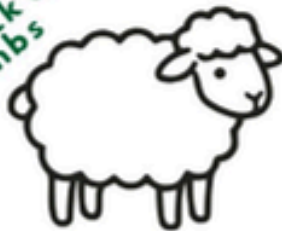
2<sup>nd</sup> flock of lambs



Library book



3<sup>rd</sup> flock of lambs



Library book



Bring your challenge sheet into school and give it to your teacher the first week back after the May half term holiday to celebrate what you've been reading! Certificates and prizes will be given in Collective Worship the end of that week.



# Our Value is Resilience

This week, Olivia in Badger Class shared a story of a very brave and resilient little girl- her best friend Aubrey.

Aubrey was a bright, loving and determined little girl whose spirit touched everyone around her. Aubrey was diagnosed in September 2023, at just 2 years and 9 months old, with DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma), a rare and incurable brain tumour that affects only children. Despite everything she faced, Aubrey showed extraordinary strength and courage throughout her journey.

Her favourite colour was purple 🍆, she loved lions, and she was affectionately known as "Aubrey Strawberry." She truly lived up to that nickname – sweet, vibrant, and full of life.

Olivia often talks about one of her favourite memories with Aubrey – a joyful day spent together at the park. The girls ran freely, splashed in the water at the splash park, shared lots of food, and enjoyed a day where the sun shone brightly from start to finish. It's a memory full of laughter, friendship, and happiness – one that will always be treasured.

Aubrey faced her illness with incredible bravery. She endured gruelling radiotherapy and treatment, but never gave up. When she lost the ability to speak, she created her own sign language. When she lost strength on one side of her body, she worked hard to make the other side stronger. She truly was the bravest little lioness.

Aubrey passed away on 18th August 2024, after 11 months of showing remarkable courage.

In Aubrey's name, Olivia would like to help raise money for Abbie's Army, a charity dedicated to supporting families affected by DIPG, funding crucial research, and raising awareness of this devastating condition.

We are incredibly proud of Olivia for wanting to make a difference in memory of her friend. Any support for this cause would mean so much and help continue Aubrey's legacy of strength, love, and courage.

Olivia would like to ask everyone if they can help her?

She wrote to Mrs Arnold to ask if we can have a charity pyjama day to raise funds for this charity.

We will do this on FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE and will accept all donations that day to support the charity and remember Aubrey.

More information coming soon.



**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 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Bank Holiday	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

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 Visiting Trinity Park

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Art Exhibition - 3:15-4pm in the hall

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

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Music Extravaganza Assembly

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - The BIG Barnham Ball Drop - FOBS Event 3:15- 4pm

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Bikeability for Year 6

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Charity Pyjama Day

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Class Photo Day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Sports Day (Reserve incase of bad weather- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 4 Concert @ The Apex

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Vision & Values Week

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Crucial Crew Trip for Year 6

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - KidsFest 2026

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5 & 6 Pantomime - 2pm and 6pm Performances

## 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

