



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

The World Cup Begins!



What an incredible start to our World Cup journey on launch day, Thursday! Despite the wet weather, we didn't let the rain stop us from having a fantastic day packed full of fun, learning and football-themed activities.

Throughout the day, children immersed themselves in the cultures of their selected World Cup countries, learning fascinating facts and traditions in their classrooms. They also enjoyed tasting some delicious foods from around the world, including Pastéis de Nata from Portugal and waffles and chocolate from Belgium. We rounded off the day with a brilliant World Cup-themed bake sale and a hugely popular Beat the Teacher Penalty Shoot-Out, both organised by our fabulous PTA. Thank you to everyone who supported these events and helped make the day such a success.

A huge thank you to all our staff, pupils, families, the Norwich City Foundation and our PTA for helping to create such a memorable World Cup Launch Day. We can't wait to continue our World Cup adventure over the coming weeks!

So many Football themed Learning Adventures

Our younger pupils had a wonderful adventure too! Moles and Hedgehogs boarded a special flight to visit several countries around the world, carefully listening to the safety instructions before take-off and enjoying their international journey. Meanwhile, Squirrels impressed everyone with their fantastic football commentating skills, bringing the excitement of the World Cup to life.



Well done Everyone!

Football Workshops with Norwich City Academy



We were delighted to welcome the Norwich City Foundation, who delivered exciting football workshops and helped the children develop their skills and teamwork. Around the school, pupils put their knowledge to the test by completing our Golden Boot Fact Trail, discovering even more about the nations taking part.

Football Fun @ Coronation House Care Home



As part of our World Cup-themed celebrations, we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon visiting our friends at Coronation House Care Home for a football-inspired event. The children took part in a range of fun, football-themed activities alongside residents, sharing their enthusiasm for sport and physical activity. It was lovely to see everyone coming together through a shared love of football, with plenty of smiles, encouragement and team spirit throughout the afternoon.

A highlight of the visit was the opportunity for the children to build and continue inter-generational friendships, chatting, playing and enjoying time together with the residents. We are incredibly proud of how the children represented the school and the kindness and respect they showed to everyone they met. What a fantastic way to celebrate community, connection and the joy of being active together!



Sports Day is coming soon!



— JOIN US FOR —

BARNHAM SPORTS DAY!

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Spectators, please join us on the back field at
12pm on Monday 22nd June for a picnic lunch!

Please bring your lunch,
picnic blankets and chairs to sit
with your children for to eat before
the afternoon track events begin!



AT 1PM THE RACES WILL START!

Please bring lots of encouragement and cheers!

We look forward to seeing you there.



Special Football Themed Reading Challenge

Name: _____ Class: _____



WORLD CUP

2026

Book Bingo challenge!



Write all of your reading in your reading record to ensure all of your boxes can be crossed off!

Prizes will be available for completed lines (across or down!) AND for completing the whole bingo card!

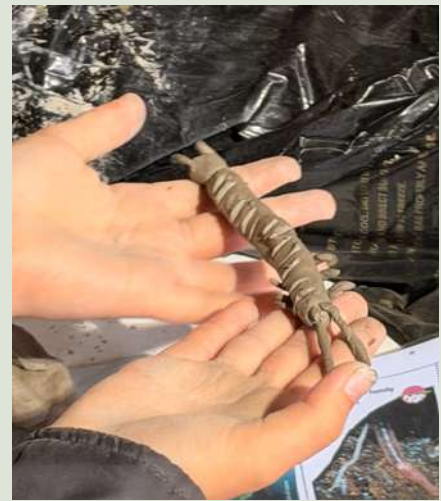
A text written by an author from another country	A text set in a European country	FREE CHOICE	A text about the World	A text illustrated by an illustrator from another country
FREE CHOICE	A text set in another continent	A text about someone from another country	A text set in a country playing in the World Cup	FREE CHOICE
A text featuring animals that live in another country	A non-fiction text about another country	FREE CHOICE	A text set in a fictional world	A text written by an author from the same country as you
FREE CHOICE	A text about a country you've never been to	A text illustrated by an illustrator from the same country as you	A text about a footballer/football	FREE CHOICE



Texts can be any kind of text, for example:
 Books, magazines, newspapers, recipes, leaflets, websites, texts/books read in school, audiobooks, and more! Bingo cards are due back into school on Monday 12th July
 Write down the names of the texts you've read in each box!



Soil to Feast



This weekend, Miss Bacon, Mrs Arnold and three children had the privilege of attending the very first Soil to Feast event.

The day took us on a fascinating journey from soil to food, exploring the vital role healthy soil plays in growing nutritious food and supporting thriving ecosystems. We learned about the soil food web, investigated different soil types and structures, and discovered the links between soil health, gut health and nutrition.

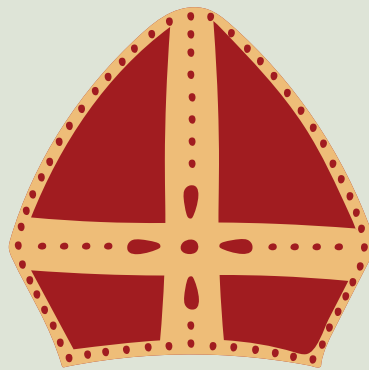
There were plenty of hands-on activities too, including creating our own clay microorganisms and enjoying opportunities to engage our senses and curiosity throughout the day.

The experience culminated in a delicious feast, bringing the Soil to Feast journey to life and celebrating the connection between the land and the food we eat.

A huge thank you to Shimpling Park Farm and Six Inches of Soil for such an inspiring and educational day. We are already looking forward to next year!



Meeting Bishop Joanne



On Sunday, as part of the Flowers & Farming Open Farm Weekend at Euston Estate, our school was proud to create a flower display for Euston Church, celebrating our history and connection to the local community.

Elliott and Ralph represented the school brilliantly as they welcomed the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Joanne Grenfell. Together, they explored our historic admission book, looked through photographs from years gone by, and shared stories about the school's past and present. Our flower wall provided a wonderful tribute to generations of pupils, featuring photographs of the late Ann Fortune FitzRoy presenting certificates to children at the school over 40 years ago. A huge well done to Elliott and Ralph, who were a credit to our school throughout the day. Thank you to Euston Farm and Euston Hall Suffolk for bringing people together to celebrate nature, heritage and community.

Reception Balanceability



This week, Hedgehog Class have been taking part in Balanceability workshops, developing their confidence, coordination and control through a range of fun cycling-based activities.

The children have been learning how to balance, steer and move safely on balance bikes, building important physical skills step by step. There was lots of perseverance and excitement as everyone worked towards improving their balance and independence.

It has been wonderful to see the children supporting one another, growing in confidence, and celebrating their achievements throughout the sessions.

Well done, Hedgehog Class, for embracing every challenge with enthusiasm!



Explosions in Otter Class!



Otter Class have been learning all about volcanoes this term as part of their science and geography topic. They explored how volcanoes form at tectonic plate boundaries, and learned key vocabulary such as magma, lava, crater, vent, eruption, and ash cloud.

To deepen their understanding, the children designed and built their own volcano models, carefully constructing craters and slopes to represent real volcanic structures. They then carried out a baking soda and vinegar experiment, where an acid-base reaction produced carbon dioxide gas, creating a foamy "lava" eruption.

On the school field, the volcanoes erupted brilliantly as pressure built up inside the models, demonstrating how real volcanic eruptions are driven by gas and magma movement beneath the Earth's crust. The children thoroughly enjoyed observing the reactions and discussing their scientific findings like real geologists in action.



Thrive Hive Update



This week, the children explored feelings of disappointment and learned how resilience helps us keep going when things don't go as planned through the story *Cinder the Bubble-Blowing Dragon*. During our emotional literacy session, children created colourful bubble prints by blowing bubbles through a straw into a paint mixture, encouraging perseverance, patience and controlled breathing. Outdoors, they used natural materials to build bird nests and create resilience spirals, helping them understand that learning and success often take time and practice. These activities developed emotional regulation, resilience, communication, creativity, fine motor skills and problem-solving. The learning linked to the English curriculum through storytelling and discussion, PSHE through recognising and managing emotions, Science through observing natural materials and habitats, and Art and Design through creative expression using both paint and natural resources.



News from FOBS



Please can you help?

FOBS would love donations of any unwanted teddy bears anyone has for the teddy bear pick up game.

Please pass these onto any FOBS member or hand them into the school office.



Monday 29th June will be a non-uniform day to collect donations for the FOBS tombola please. In exchange for wearing non-uniform we'd love children to bring in donations for the edible tombola, so can be anything from cakes, sweets, tinned items, biscuits, crisps, anything!



News from Badger Class



It's been a busy first week back in Badger Class, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the curriculum!

In Maths, we have been learning to read the time, including o'clock, quarter past, half past, quarter to and times to the nearest 5-minute interval.

In English, we have been exploring onomatopoeia and personification and using these techniques to write our own poems. We have also started our new class book, *The Tower*, and we can't wait to find out what happens next!

In Science, we have been learning about where our food comes from and investigated how a pizza gets from farm to plate. We even had the opportunity to taste some pizza and mozzarella as part of our learning. We also carried out an investigation to find out whether the length of our femur affects the distance we can jump, collecting and analysing our results like real scientists.

In Geography, we learned all about Ordnance Survey (OS) maps and used our new skills to plan a route around the village of Barnham.



Badger Class News Continued



In Computing, we have been learning about how images and text help us to understand instructions and warnings.

Later this term, we will be using PowerPoint to create our own presentations using images and text.

In Art, we learned how to weave using sticks and natural materials, creating our own woven designs. We are now exploring positive and negative space and looking at how artists use these techniques to create interesting and eye-catching artwork.

In Music, we have been practising our performance skills while learning our new class song, Mamma Mia!

In French, we have been learning the names of different colours and practising our pronunciation. We have enjoyed using games and speaking activities to help us remember new vocabulary and build our confidence when speaking French.

It is going to be a very exciting final half term in Year 3, and we are looking forward to all the learning, challenges and fun experiences still to come!

Spotlight on Science

Science at Barnham

This year, our Science curriculum has been enriched through the Harmony Project, an initiative that encourages children to develop a deeper connection with the natural world. By exploring scientific concepts through real-life experiences and environmental themes, pupils are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to become responsible and sustainable citizens of the future.

The photographs below capture some of the inspiring learning that has taken place in our Science lessons, highlighting the children's enthusiasm, curiosity, and hands-on exploration of the world around them.



At Barnham, our aim is for all children to engage in hands-on, memorable science learning that develops curiosity, enquiry, and a deeper understanding of the world around them. Through practical investigation and scientific thinking, pupils will build knowledge of our planet and the impact humans have upon it. We strive to inspire children to become responsible citizens who value and protect the environment, empowering them to contribute to a more sustainable future for their community and the wider world. This aligns with the aims of the Harmony Project curriculum.



We support all pupils to access and engage with science through carefully planned adaptations and targeted support within every lesson. Strategies such as sentence stems, vocabulary discussions, dual coding, practical investigations, pre- and post-teaching, and the use of real-life contexts help ensure that all learners can participate successfully. As a result, pupils are actively engaged in their learning and are able to recall and apply knowledge from previous units and year groups, enabling them to make meaningful connections and build upon their prior understanding.

For any questions regarding our Science learning please contact Miss I Anderson.
ianderson@barnham.org



"I like Science because we do experiments and hands on learning." - Ayla, Y6

"I love to find out how things work." - George, Y6

"I like Science because it is fun. We made skeletons from sticks and stones and played tug of war to learn about forces." - George, Y3

"I love writing in my plant and growing diary." - Charlotte, Y1



We are off to Hunstanton Next Friday!



A reminder that the whole school will be travelling to Hunstanton Beach
on Friday 19th June.

We will be leaving Barnham School at 9:15am and will return to school
by 3:00pm.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for a day at the beach. We recommend that children are suitably covered up to help protect them from the sun. Please avoid clothing such as short shorts, crop tops, or tops with thin straps, as these may leave skin exposed and increase the risk of sunburn.

Each child will need to bring and carry their own rucksack containing:

- A packed lunch
- A water bottle
- Sun cream
- Sunglasses

Children are welcome to bring bucket and spades or other beach toys, but all items must be clearly named. Please note that children will be responsible for carrying their own belongings throughout the day.

A reminder that electronic devices are not permitted, including Apple AirTags. These can interfere with teachers' devices and drain phone batteries, which need to be preserved in case of an emergency.

We will be providing all children with a sun hat, ensuring that everyone is easily identifiable while at the beach. Thank you to FOBS for supporting this.

Children will **not** need any pocket money, as FOBS have kindly agreed to buy every child an ice cream during our visit.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Safeguarding Drowning Prevention Week



Safeguarding Focus

June

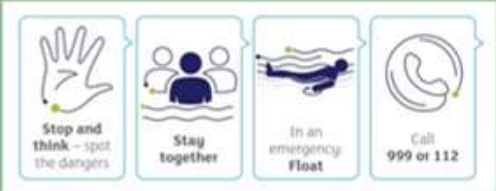
STAYING SAFE IN WATER

How can we enjoy water safely?

As the weather gets warmer, more people spend time at beaches, rivers, lakes and open-water locations.

Drowning Prevention week is in June- let's talk about how we can stay safe near water.

Talk to a trusted adult if you have concerns.
There are lots of trusted adults at Barnham that you can talk to if you need to.





Sprinting Workshop Next Week for Fox Class

On Thursday, Year 4 will have the exciting opportunity to take part in a sprinting workshop in preparation for Sports Day, led by athlete Adam Cross, Miss Cross's brother.

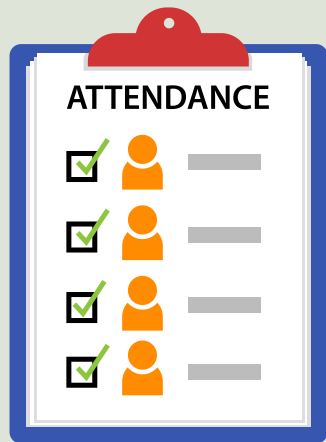
Children should come to school on Thursday 18th June wearing their PE kits and bring a water bottle to ensure they stay hydrated throughout the day.

As part of the workshop, Adam will talk to the children about his training routine, the importance of good nutrition, and his experiences competing in the 100m and 200m events.

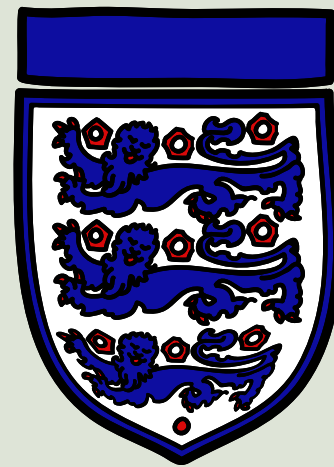
Attendance Updates

Please find below our attendance for this week.

A huge well done to Fox Class!



HEDGEHOGS	95.3%
MOLES	97.3%
BADGERS	94.0%
FOXES	97.5%
SQUIRRELS	89.5%
OTTERS	97.3%



We have decided to put in some special adjustments during the world cup. We know how enthusiastic our children are about football and some of them may be staying up late to watch the games. Therefore, after England matches if your child is slightly late the registers will be kept open until 9:30am. Englands first match against Croatia is on Wednesday 17th June - 9pm Therefore on Thursday 18th June registers open till 9:30am England then play Ghana on Tuesday 23rd June - 9pm Therefore on Wednesday 24th June registers open till 9:30am England play Panama on 27th June at 10pm but this one won't impact school because it's a Saturday match! Following this, it's the knockout stages and so we will keep you posted on matches following this depending on how well England play! Come on England!

Sporting Success in Year 5

At the weekend, Ava played in her very first Thetford Netball team match. The team won 15/10. Ava played brilliantly and we are very proud of her.



Congratulations to Natty and his team, Thetford Bulldogs Marvels, who were crowned U10s champions at the Mildenhall 6-a-side Tournament last Sunday. After drawing all of their group-stage matches, the team battled through the knockout rounds with determination and resilience. Natty scored the decisive winning goal in the semi-final before the Bulldogs secured a 1-0 victory over Newmarket Town Yellows in the final. With matches lasting just 10 minutes, every moment counted, and the boys showed fantastic teamwork and skill throughout the day. They were delighted to lift the trophy in front of their supporters and now look ahead to another tournament in Terrington this weekend. Well done, Bulldogs!



Don't forget we'd love to hear more about your sporting successes- please do e mail your achievements outside of school for us to share and celebrate!

Please can you help us?

Do you have any thriving herbs in your garden?

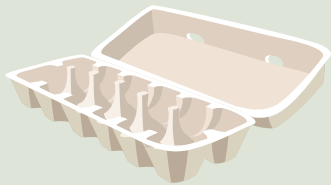
We'd LOVE to plant some herbs around our school grounds to use in cooking and also for sensory supports!

We are happy to take donated herb plants if you've got any- Mrs Heartford is planning on planting these up! Please bring any donations into the school office- thank you so much in advance.



Do you have any egg boxes that you can save and bring into school for us?

Please bring them into the school office- they are used for all sorts of things- thank you very much!



Does your company use hi-vis jackets?

We are looking to get some more hi-vis jackets for adults to use on school trips- if there are any companies that might support us in providing these, please do let us know. We have priced these up and it will be around £100 for all our staff to have one and we'd LOVE to hear from anyone that might be able to support us in this safeguarding mission!

Picture News This Week

Story: The 8th June was World Oceans Day. Inspired by seeing plastic pollution while diving as a teenager, Boyan Slat founded The Ocean Cleanup to remove rubbish from oceans and stop more plastic reaching rivers and seas.



Question: How can we protect the oceans?

Virtual Picture News:

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Cake Raffle News!



Thank you so much to Harley's family for donating this week's offering for the cake raffle! Chocolate Crunch and Custard- what a great choice!

All the names went into the 'Lucky wheel' and in Collective Worship, we announced the winner!
Well done to Flo for winning the raffle!

We only need one more volunteer for the cake raffle this summer term, please e mail Miss Bacon if you can help with a cake on the final day of term- rbacone@barnham.org

Our cake raffles bring in around £30-£40 each week which makes a huge difference to providing resources for our children in school. The children also love the excitement of announcing the winner each week.

Please help us if you can!

Our Value is Resilience

As you will know, our value this whole school year has been resilience and we feel that the children have really shown great resilience as we have progressed through the year and have learned more about this essential life skill and Christian Value. With transition and change on the horizon, we would appreciate your support in encouraging the children to be resilient as they move on to their next class.

We are pleased to announce our class teachers for next year are:

Hedgehog Class - Miss Jarvis
Mole Class - Miss Cross
Badger Class - Mrs Shepperson
Fox Class - Mrs Ashford (Maternity cover)
Squirrel Class - Mr Holman
Otter Class - Mrs Kennedy



Miss Anderson will be on Maternity Leave from early in the Autumn Term

We will be doing lots of activities to support transition over the next few weeks and there will be opportunities for 'move-up days'. Your child should have brought home a one-page profile that we'd love you to complete with them and return to school by next Thursday- these will be a great tool that the teachers and staff will use to get to know your child over the coming weeks- so please take the time to fill these in with as much information as you can. If you need a spare copy, these will be available in the office foyer for you to help yourself to.

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 15th June	Tuesday 16 th June	Wednesday 17 th June	Thursday 18 th June	Friday 19 th June
Pizza with yellow vegi rice Or Jacket Potatoes Raspberry ripple pots	Fish finger wrap and Salad Or Veggi fingers Jammie Dodger biscuits	Beef pasta bake and vegetables Or Tomato bake Crumble and ice-cream	Roast Chicken, & Fresh vegetables Or Quorn Fillet Ice Lolly	Day out at the seaside- makesure you've ordered your packed lunch if you need one! You will need to bring your own drink with you!

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

Diary Dates

Monday 21st – Friday 26th June – Countryside Week
 Friday 19th June – Whole School Trip to Hunstanton
 Monday 22nd June – Sports Day (Reserve incase of bad weather- Monday 13th July)
 Tuesday 23rd June – Year 4 Concert @ The Apex
 Friday 26th June – FOBS Disco
 Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July – Vision & Values Week
Monday 29th June- Non-Uniform Day in exchange for donations for tombola
 Tuesday 30th June – Coronation House Care Home Visit
 Thursday 2nd July – Crucial Crew Trip for Year 6
 Friday 3rd July – KidsFest 2026
 Monday 6th July – Transition Morning
 Tuesday 14th July – Year 5 & 6 Pantomime – 2pm and 6pm Performances
 Wednesday 15th July – Music Extravaganza
 Wednesday 15th July – pm – Transition Afternoon

Last day of term for children is Friday 17th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly will be at 2pm at the school- all year 6 families are invited to join us (weather permitting this will be on the back field)

Please note, after the summer holidays- Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026

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

