

BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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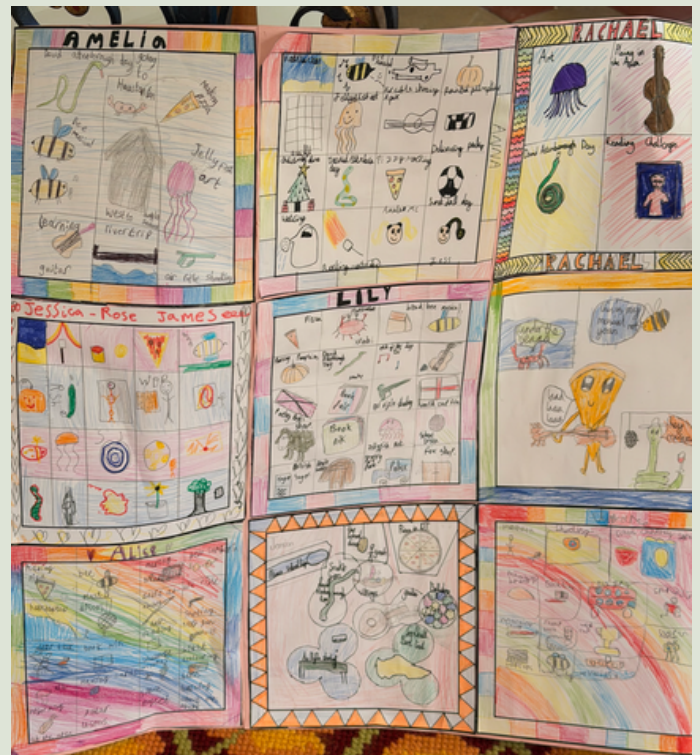
**We Inspire, Cherish and Believe
in each person that they might flourish
and fulfil their potential**

Vision and Values Week 2026



This week, our school came together to celebrate our Vision and Values Week – a special opportunity to reflect on the past year, celebrate our achievements, and look ahead with hope and purpose.

Throughout the week, every class took part in a range of thoughtful activities. Children reflected on the goals they have achieved this year and set new targets for the year ahead. They explored the meaning behind our school logo, created artwork and displays to represent its different elements, and worked together to introduce our school values for next year: Responsibility, Thankfulness, Stewardship, Compassion, Hope, and Courage.



A Time to Pause and Reflect



As Vision and Values week continued, classes created memory quilts celebrating their favourite moments from the school year and voted for classmates who have consistently demonstrated our vision and values. Finally, the children reflected on how they have grown in resilience, writing their thoughts on leaves which were added to our beautiful school tree during our celebration service at St Gregory's Church which was on Friday afternoon.

Vision and Values Week has been a wonderful reminder of all we have achieved together as a school community. We are incredibly proud of our children and look forward to seeing them continue to grow in character, confidence, and kindness in the year ahead.

A huge congratulations to all our vision and values award winners: Vincent, Faith, Lottie, Olive, Grace F, Grace H, Willow, Oscar F, Audrey, Ettie, Skyla, Ava, Tobias, Ayla, Annie, Olivia H and Elliott

Collective Worship @ St Gregory's Church



An Invitation from St Gregory's Church

St Gregory's Church
BARNHAM

FAMILY 
SERVICE

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF EACH MONTH**



 SERVICE BEGINS AT
10am

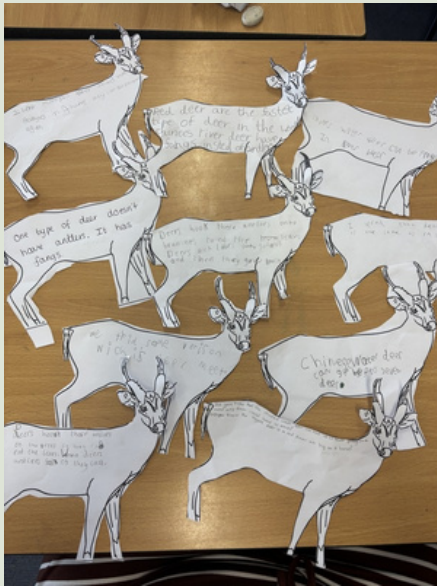
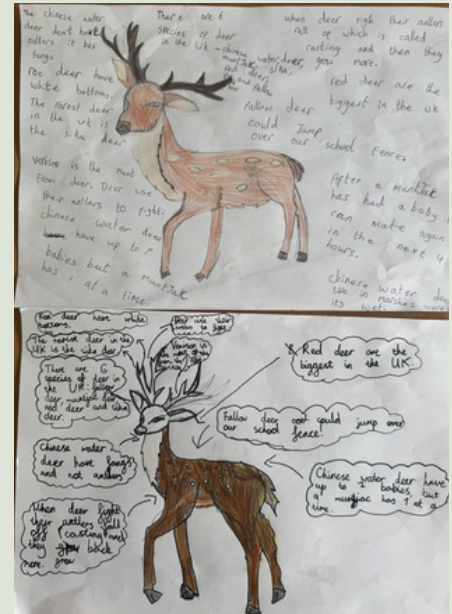
 **BREAKFAST**
SERVED FROM
9.15am 

All are welcome! 

All of our art work from Vision and Values week is in the church this weekend if you'd like to pop along and see it!

Countryside Week Continues...

Rifle Shooting & Deer Management with BASC



This week, we were delighted to welcome BASC to school for a fantastic day of learning. Our Key Stage 2 children had the exciting opportunity to take part in a supervised rifle shooting session, where they learned how to handle the equipment safely and responsibly before testing their aim on a range of targets. The BASC team also delivered an informative session to every year group about deer, conservation, and the importance of deer management. Children learned about different species of deer, their habitats, and how careful management helps to protect wildlife and the countryside. Many pupils were even brave enough to taste venison for the very first time!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with one pupil describing it as "the best thing ever!" while another said, "I was worried about it, but it was light to hold and I got 5 out of 5!" Others commented on how much they appreciated learning the correct safety procedures and were proud of how quickly their confidence grew.

A huge thank you to the BASC team for providing such an engaging, educational, and memorable experience for all of our pupils.

Countryside Week Continues...



This week, our whole school was incredibly fortunate to spend some time with James the Shepherd and his wonderful sheep and his special sheep dog, Toby.

We all enjoyed the opportunity to meet James, ask him lots of questions, and learn all about life as a shepherd. We discovered some fascinating facts, including that it takes the fleeces from three sheep to make just one jumper! We also learned that James's sheep enjoy eating sugar beet pellets, which are made by British Sugar in Bury St Edmunds (this linked perfectly with last week's learning!)

It was a fantastic hands-on experience that brought our learning to life. A huge thank you to James for sharing his knowledge, answering all of our questions, and giving us such a memorable and enjoyable visit.

Livestock Visit

Crucial Crew - Year 6

Today, our Year 6 pupils visited Crucial Crew at West Suffolk College for an invaluable day of interactive workshops, designed to equip them with the knowledge, confidence and practical skills they need as they prepare for greater independence and the transition to secondary school.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a variety of engaging, real-life scenarios led by professionals from a range of organisations. Each workshop focused on an important aspect of keeping themselves and others safe, healthy and informed.

The Fire Safety session helped pupils understand how to reduce the risk of fires at home, what to do in an emergency and the importance of having an escape plan. During the Water Safety workshop, they learned how to stay safe around rivers, lakes and the coast, and how to respond if they ever found themselves or someone else in difficulty.

The workshops on Exploitation, Consent and Boundaries, and Healthy Relationships encouraged thoughtful discussions about recognising healthy and unhealthy behaviours, respecting personal boundaries, making positive choices and knowing where to seek help if something doesn't feel right. These sessions reinforced the importance of treating others with kindness and respect whilst understanding their own rights and responsibilities.



Crucial Crew Continued



In the Online Safety workshop, pupils explored how to stay safe in an increasingly digital world, learning about protecting personal information, recognising potential risks online and making sensible decisions when using social media and gaming platforms.

The practical CPR session gave the children a valuable introduction to life-saving first aid skills, helping them understand how they could respond confidently in an emergency while waiting for professional help to arrive. The Oral Health workshop reminded pupils of the importance of looking after their teeth through good daily habits and making healthy food and drink choices.

Finally, children also considered how small actions can make a positive difference to the environment during the Better Recycling session, learning how responsible recycling and reducing waste can help protect our planet for future generations.

We were incredibly proud of the way Year 6 embraced every opportunity throughout the day. They listened attentively, asked insightful questions and participated maturely in discussions, even when exploring challenging or sensitive topics. Their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and respectful attitudes were praised by several workshop leaders, and they represented our school brilliantly.

Crucial Crew was much more than a day of learning—it was an opportunity for the children to develop essential life skills that will help them make informed, safe and responsible choices as they grow in independence. We hope they will carry these important messages with them as they move on to the next stage of their education and beyond.

News from Mole Class



This half term, the Moles have enjoyed lots of exciting learning experiences. During Countryside Week, we visited the farm, where we harvested our own potatoes and carrots. Farmer Ian shared many interesting facts, including that carrots were not always orange and that one seed potato can produce around 12 potatoes.

We also saw James the Shepherd, who visited us with his sheep and sheepdog. We loved learning about the sheep and discovered that they can live for up to 13 years.

Another highlight was our trip to the beach, where we splashed in the sea, dug in the sand, searched for fossils, and enjoyed a delicious ice cream.

In writing, we have been writing guidebooks about how to look after a cloud, inspired by Lizzy and the Cloud. We have focused on using adjectives and conjunctions to make our writing more detailed and interesting.

In Maths, Year 2 has been learning to tell the time to the nearest five minutes, while Year 1 has been exploring direction and position.

In Science, we have been learning about the importance of bees. We created our own 'hive', with everyone taking on a different role, and discovered that bees are vital pollinators that can visit up to 100 flowers in a single trip from the hive.

Bee Club Continues to thrive!



We are delighted to share some fantastic news from our Bee Club this week.

Artwork created by many of our Year 5 and 6 children has been proudly featured on one of Matt Sommerville's wild bee hives at the Groundswell Festival 2026. The children worked hard on this project to support Matt's inspiring work, and it has been wonderful to see their creativity showcased in such a unique and meaningful way.

Our Bee Club continues to show real passion and commitment to protecting pollinators and promoting the importance of bees. The children take a keen interest in our own school hive, learning more each week about how bees live, work, and contribute to the environment.

Matt has been incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and dedication, and this week he kindly sent a special gift to the Bee Club in recognition of their efforts – which the children were absolutely thrilled to receive. We send a huge thank you to him for his generosity and encouragement.

The group also had the valuable opportunity to speak with Catherine from The Harmony Project and Jane from the University of Cambridge. They impressed our visitors greatly with their knowledge, thoughtful questions, and confident explanations about bees and environmental stewardship.

Well done to all involved – Bee Club continues to be a shining example of curiosity, care, and commitment to making a difference.



Monday is our first Transition Morning!

WORLD CUP

We know there's a big match coming up early Monday morning as England take on Mexico, and many of you will be very excited to find out the result. But there's something just as important happening on Monday morning...

It's our first transition morning and children will have the exciting opportunity to meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom for next year. This is always a special moment in the school year - a chance to feel prepared, confident, and excited about the next step in your learning journey. It's not something you'll want to miss!

To help us start the day together, we will be watching the match highlights in school at 9am, celebrating (and hopefully not commiserating!) as a whole school community before we head off to meet our new classes. It will be a fun and memorable way to share the excitement of the match and the start of a new chapter at school.

If England win, or should we say when they win, children are welcome to come into school wearing England shirts or **red**, **white** and **blue** clothing to celebrate together!

Please remember, as with the other 'school night matches' that registers will remain open until 9:30am, so there is plenty of time to get into school after the match.

We look forward to seeing everyone bright and early for a very exciting Monday morning!

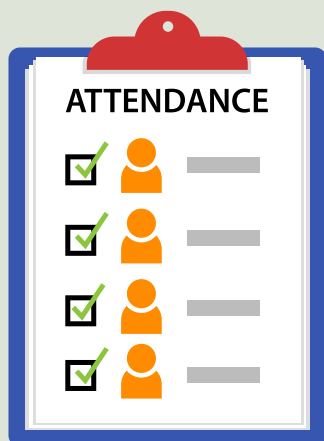
Come on England!



Attendance Updates

Please find below our attendance for this week.

A huge well done to Otter Class!



HEDGEHOGS	93.0%
MOLES	96.3%
BADGERS	95.9%
FOXES	93.1%
SQUIRRELS	88.3%
OTTERS	97.8%

Important Thrive Hive News

This week, the children explored the importance of recognising their own strengths, helping others, and working together through the story *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson. During our emotional literacy session, the children created their own "Super Strength Worms," celebrating the qualities that make them unique. During our outdoor session, they worked collaboratively to create giant Superworms using natural materials, discovering how teamwork and communication help us achieve more together.

These activities developed self-esteem, empathy, cooperation, communication, creativity, problem-solving, and fine motor skills. Learning linked to English through storytelling and discussion, PSHE through exploring relationships and personal strengths, Art and Design through creative making, Science through learning about minibeasts and habitats, and Forest School through collaborative outdoor exploration. The children learned that everyone has something valuable to contribute and that kindness, teamwork, and asking for help are true super strengths.

Please note, there will be no more THRIVE HIVE sessions this term due to staff shortages and many exciting summer and transition events!

All children currently attending Thrive Hive will get together on Friday afternoon for a special summer celebration and story session as a grand finale.

Thrive Hive will then launch again after the summer holidays.

Cub Club will continue to run as normal.

Thank you for all your support with this.



Kids Fest 2026



What a fantastic way to end the week! A huge thank you goes to our amazing FOBS team for organising another brilliant KidsFest on the playground after school on Friday.

The afternoon was packed with fun, from exciting games and activities to delicious drinks and refreshments, creating a wonderful atmosphere for families to come together and celebrate the end of another busy school year. Events like this don't just happen – they take an enormous amount of planning, preparation, and hard work behind the scenes. We are incredibly grateful to every member of FOBS and all of the volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to make the event such a success.

A special shout-out goes to Ellis, who raised an incredible £170 for FOBS through her own stall selling her creative 3D-printed designs. What an entrepreneurial achievement! We are sure this is just the beginning, and we look forward to seeing many more of her fantastic ideas in the future.

At the time of writing, we are eagerly awaiting the final fundraising total, but whatever the amount, every penny will make a real difference to our school and our children.

Well done Mr Holman and Mrs Shepperson for braving the stocks this year- we appreciate you being such good sports!

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along, took part, and supported the event. Your generosity and enthusiasm help make our school community such a special place. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated FOBS team and such wonderful families who continue to support the school so wholeheartedly.

Don't forget FOBS are always looking for more volunteers- please get involved if you can!

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The graphic includes illustrations of school clothing (a blue shirt, a dark blue sweater, a green shirt, and black trousers) and a pair of pink sneakers, each with a circular name label attached. To the right is a stylized orange school building with a clock tower. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

We are super excited to announce that we have teamed up with Stikins to offer parents the opportunity to purchase quality labels for your children's school uniform, whilst earning the school commission at the same time! This money can then be used to continue to help purchase some of the fantastic resources that benefit our children's learning.

As we all know, lost property is a problem in all schools and I am sure we are all familiar with our child, at some point, coming home from school with a missing item. As parents, we are aware that time is precious, which is why we think these labels are such a great idea; they simply stick onto the wash-care label of clothing. They can even be used in shoes! Naming of clothing is a school requirement and we are hoping that with this opportunity we can start to eliminate some of parents' frustrations that surround these issues.

How it works:

Each order placed quoting the **school reference number (1353)** will provide the school with 30% commission.

[Click here to visit the website and
order your labels](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

*Help us to ensure all clothing is labelled and
that it can be returned to you if found.*

Our Values for next school year



Responsibility



Thankfulness



Stewardship



Compassion



Hope



Courage

As part of our Vision and Values Week, we have been reflecting on the qualities that help our children flourish both in school and beyond. We are delighted to share the values that will guide our learning and school community during the next academic year.

Each class explored one of these values during the week, thinking about what it looks like in everyday life and how we can all demonstrate these qualities through our words and actions. We are excited to build these values into all aspects of school life next year and look forward to sharing more with you in September.

As we move into the final two weeks of term, there will be lots of exciting events, transition activities, and opportunities for children to prepare for their next class or, for some, the next stage of their education. While these changes are exciting, they can also bring mixed emotions. We will be continuing to encourage all of our children to show resilience—approaching new experiences with confidence, perseverance, and a positive attitude. Together, we will celebrate the year we have had while helping every child feel ready and excited for what lies ahead.

Picture News this week



Story: Scientists are monitoring a climate trend called El Niño, which begins in the Pacific Ocean and can affect weather in different parts of the world.

Question: How much should the weather influence our decisions?

Virtual Picture News: www.picturenews.co.uk/discuss

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 6 th July	Tuesday 7 th July	Wednesday 8 th July	Thursday 9 th July	Friday 10 th July
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

Monday 6th July - Transition Morning
 Tuesday 14th July - Year 5 & 6 Pantomime - 2pm and 6pm Performances
 Monday 13th July - Sports Morning (on the back field)
 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

