



# BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th September 2026  
Newsletter 1



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

## *Welcome to the new school year!*

It has been absolutely wonderful to have our school filled with children's chatter, laughter and excitement once again!

There really is nothing quite like seeing Barnham come back to life after the summer break.

An enormous welcome to all of our new children and families joining our Barnham family this year.

We are so proud of our new Reception children, who have all settled in incredibly well and have already been super busy playing, exploring, making friends and discovering their new surroundings over the last two days!

We cannot wait to watch them grow in confidence and embrace all of the exciting learning adventures ahead.

A huge well done, too, to all of the children who have joined us in Years **2, 3, 4, 5 and 6!** It has been wonderful to see your smiling faces around school and to hear from your teachers just how brilliantly you have settled in. We are so pleased to have you with us!

And, of course, a very warm welcome back to every one of our Barnham children and families. The enthusiasm and energy across school this week have been infectious, and it already feels as though we have the beginnings of another very special year ahead.

As we begin this new chapter together, we are looking forward to a year filled with opportunities to Be Inspired, Cherish Our World and Believe in Ourselves and Others – learning, growing, exploring and making plenty of wonderful memories along the way.

Welcome back, Barnham – here's to an exciting year ahead!





# *Exciting new play apparatus!*



What a wonderful surprise was waiting for our children when they returned to school this week!



There was huge excitement as they discovered our fantastic new play apparatus – and it certainly didn't take them long to get climbing, balancing, crawling and exploring!

At the end of last year, we spent time gathering the children's views about what they would love to see in their playground. We listened carefully to their ideas and have tried to incorporate as many of their wishes as possible into the new equipment. It has been absolutely lovely to watch them discover it together and see their ideas brought to life! Thank you Caroline, Mike, Martin, Catriona, Mark and some amazing children for helping to spread the woodchip.

And we're not finished yet! Our outdoor transformation continues, with renovations to our pond area and new planting taking place this week.

We have also replaced our raised growing beds, which had certainly seen better days, ready for lots more growing, gardening and outdoor learning adventures this year.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of FOBS. An enormous thank you to everyone involved for the amazing amount of time, energy and enthusiasm that goes into fundraising for our school. Your hard work has enabled us to make these wonderful improvements for our children – improvements they will enjoy every single day.

What a fabulous way to begin a new school year – and there's still more to come!





# 'Meet the teacher' Event

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September @ 3pm

WELCOME & 'MEET THE TEACHER' – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

We would love to invite parents and carers into school on Monday afternoon for an informal opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out a little more about the year ahead.

From 3:00pm, parents are invited to sign in and join us in their child's classroom for the final 15 minutes of the school day. Teachers will introduce themselves and the other adults working with the class, as well as sharing some useful information about:

- weekly routines, including PE days and homework
- what the children will be learning this half term
- reading and ways you can support learning at home
- how to contact your child's teacher
- any important class routines and reminders.

At 3:15pm, parents who are already in the classroom will be able to take their child home with them, while our usual end-of-day dismissal arrangements will continue for everyone else.

We know that families with children in more than one class can't be in two places at once! Therefore, teachers will be back in their classrooms from 3:25–3:45pm, giving you another opportunity to pop in, say hello, collect the class information and ask any individual questions.

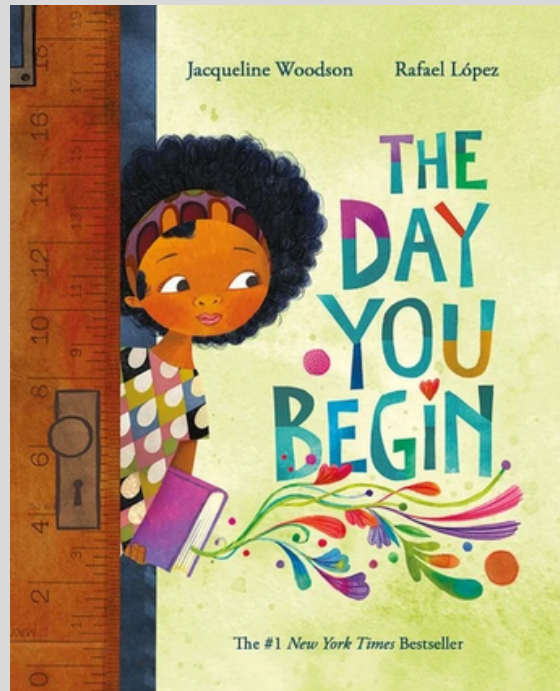
Each class will also provide a written 'Welcome to Our Class' letter containing the key information shared, so please don't worry if you are unable to attend.

We hope this will be a lovely, informal opportunity to put faces to names, find out a little more about life in your child's classroom and begin the year working together in partnership. We look forward to welcoming you!



# Whole School Writing Adventure

## Bring in something unique to you!



A LITTLE SOMETHING SPECIAL

**We would love every child to bring in one small object (or a photograph of it) that is special or unique to them on Monday.**

It might be a souvenir from somewhere they have visited, a favourite book, a family photograph, a pebble collected on holiday, or something that represents where they or their family come from, such as a necklace or flag.

It doesn't need to be valuable or unusual – just something that has a little story or special meaning for your child!

There is a very exciting reason behind this! This year, at different points throughout the year, our whole school will be developing and extending our writing skills using the same text as our inspiration. This is something new that we are incredibly excited to try!

Although the writing and learning will look different in each year group, sharing the same inspirational text gives us a wonderful opportunity to create a real sense of belonging, togetherness and shared understanding and experiences across our school. From our youngest children to our oldest, everyone will be connected through the same story while creating writing that reflects their own age, ideas and imagination.

Our special objects will help us begin our very first shared writing adventure on Monday. We can't wait to see where it takes us – look out for some amazing writing coming very soon!

*Thrive Hive and Cub Club will  
be back very soon!  
Letters will be sent home next  
week about this.*





# Lunch Menu for next week



| Monday 7th Sept                                                                       | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                                                           | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                                       | Thursday 10th Sept                                                           | Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                                            |
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| Pizza with yellow vegi rice<br><br>Or<br>Jacket Potatoes<br><br>Raspberry ripple pots | Fish finger wrap and Salad<br><br>Or<br>Veggi fingers<br><br>Freshly baked Jammie dodger style biscuit | Beef pasta bake and vegetables<br><br>Or<br>Tomato bake<br><br>Crumble and ice-cream | Roast Chicken, & Fresh vegetables<br><br>Or<br>Quorn Fillet<br><br>Ice Lolly | Sausage and chips with beans/veg<br><br>Or<br>Quorn sausage<br><br>Sticky lemon drizzle |

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

## PE Days for each class

Please see below the PE days for each class. ON these days yur child will need to come into school wearing their PE Kit.

**Plain** black shorts, joggers or leggings with a green school PE uniform tshirt  
Plain black zip-up top, hoody or sweatshirt.  
Trainers

**Hedgehog Class: Monday**

**Mole Class: Monday**

**Badger Class: Tuesday**

**Fox Class: Tuesday**

**Squirrel Class: Wednesday**

**Otter Class: Wednesday**



# Diary Dates



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - 3pm - 'Meet the teacher' Event  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September- Whole School 'Booknic'  
(from 2:30pm)  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September- Sports Week Begins  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Sports Day  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
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Year 6 Residential to Grafham Water Centre  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October- Flu Vaccinations  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Celebrations (more  
info to follow)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October- Tempest Photography-  
Individual Photos  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Music Extravaganza

**Half Term - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October- Sunday  
31<sup>st</sup> October- Children back to school on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Community Christingle  
(from 2pm)  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Story  
Cafe(from 2:30pm)  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Music Extravaganza  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Services @  
Church

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term**



## 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

