



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

Visiting Coronation House Care Home



This week marked our first visit of the new school year to see our friends at Coronation House Care Home in Thetford.

To celebrate National Colouring Day, we spent a relaxing morning completing some autumnal colouring together with the residents. We have plans to turn our collaborative artwork into one large autumn poster by cutting up the individual pieces and putting them together. We will then take the finished poster with us when we return to Coronation House in October, giving us the opportunity to share the completed artwork with the residents.

It is always such a joy to visit Coronation House and continue to build these special intergenerational friendships. Our children were a real credit to us, practising their conversational skills and showing genuine interest in getting to know the residents. On the journey home, they were eager to share all that they had learned about their new friends, which was wonderful to hear.

These visits provide such valuable opportunities for our children to develop their communication skills, build confidence and learn from people of a different generation, while also creating meaningful connections within our local community.

A huge thank you to Coronation House for welcoming us back. We are already looking forward to our next visit in October.

News from Thrive Hive



This week in Thrive Hive, we shared the story of Charlie the Caterpillar and explored the idea that change is a natural part of growing and learning. The children decorated their own caterpillars and talked about something that had changed for them, recognising that one change can bring lots of different emotions – from excitement and happiness to worry or uncertainty.

We then took our learning outdoors and created our own moving caterpillars travelling across leaves. Through creativity, conversation and time in nature, the children explored resilience, self-awareness and the importance of having trusted people around us when change feels difficult.

As always in Thrive Hive, our focus was on creating a safe, nurturing space where children could connect, express, explore and grow together.

If your child attends Thrive Hive- may we please remind you that they need to wear PE kits and not just their own clothes, they should bring coats and suitable footwear though particularly as the weather changes.

Fox Class Bakers



Fox Class entered the classroom today to discover it had been transformed into a bakery! As a hook to launch our new writing text, *The Baker by the Sea*, the children rolled up their sleeves, popped on their chef's hats and got ready to become bakers themselves.

Following a recipe for gluten-free biscuits, our little bakers carefully mixed and kneaded their ingredients before the fun part – shaping their own biscuits ready to be baked in the oven. The classroom smelled wonderful and there were lots of proud faces as the children admired their creations. We're sure the Baker by the Sea would have been very impressed with Fox Class and their brilliant baking skills!

A Few Reminders

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

A gentle reminder to families that children should not bring mobile phones or smart watches into school.

We understand that some children who walk to and from school independently may need to carry a phone for safety. In these circumstances, phones and smart watches should be switched off and handed in to the school office immediately on arrival. They will be stored safely in the school office and can be collected at the end of the school day.

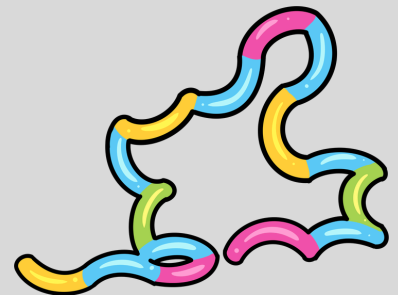
Please ensure that children do not keep phones or smart watches with them during the school day.

We recognise that some families have shared with us that this was not a rule last year but please know that we are acting in line with the new statutory guidance that came into force from September this year and our school policies now reflect this.



Toys and Fidgets

All toys should be left at home, if your child needs a concentration aid- school will provide these to them.



Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain a safe, focused and distraction-free learning environment for all our children.

News from FCBS



FOBS
FRIENDS OF BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

£3
A TICKET

SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

HEDGEHOGS, MOLES & BADGERS 4.00-5.00PM

FOXES, SQUIRRELS & OTTERS 5.15-6.15PM

TUCK SHOP TREATS AND HOT DOGS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE SO BRING SOME EXTRA PENNIES!



Grab a
Sweet Treat
after the Book-Nic
on Monday
(Cash Only)



Get involved
Make a difference!

Our PTA AGM
All Welcome!

New faces needed!
Help us keep our amazing events and fundraising going!

Monday 12th October | 7pm | Via Zoom (link to be confirmed)

Find out what we've been up to, share your ideas and help shape the next chapter for our PTA!

Our PTA helps raise funds for our school through events like...

Summer Fete | School Discos | Easter Bingo | Quiz Nights

Everyone's welcome!
Because together we can do more



JOIN OUR TEAM!

JOIN OUR PTA!

Meet the team at our coffee morning in the school Hall
Thursday 8th October | 9am

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTA and FOBs for all the time, energy and hard work they put into supporting our school. From organising events to raising funds and bringing our community together, your contribution makes such a difference.

We'd also love to see even more parents getting involved. Whether you can spare an hour, help at an event or simply share an idea, every little bit helps. Come and be part of the team – we'd love to have you!

National Fitness Day



We had a fantastic day celebrating National Fitness Day! The children started the day getting energised with Wake and Shake, then kept moving with aerobics sessions to music during break and lunchtime. Years 3–6 have also been working hard on their fitness and stamina by taking part in a virtual cross country. It has been wonderful to see everyone getting active, having fun and challenging themselves!

Chocolate-Making Moles



Mole Class have been busy becoming little Oompa-Loompas this week as part of our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theme, celebrating Roald Dahl Day, which took place on the 13th!

The Moles have been getting creative in our very own chocolate shop, making delicious-looking play dough chocolate boxes to sell. The play dough even smelled of chocolate and cinnamon, making it extra tempting! Miss Cross' favourite chocolate is Maltesers, so the Moles made her a whole selection box filled with them. We even enjoyed some chocolate ice cream along the way!

Our chocolate-making was also a fantastic opportunity to develop our fine motor skills. The Moles used lots of different movements, including stretching, squeezing, pinching, rolling and pushing to create their chocolate treats.

But the chocolatey fun didn't stop there! We also took part in a Wonka tricky words Golden Ticket trail, searching for golden tickets and practising our tricky words as we went.

It has been a wonderfully chocolatey week in Mole Class, full of creativity, imagination and learning!



News from Otter Class



What a fantastic start to Year 6! The children have settled into Otters brilliantly and have already demonstrated such maturity, enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards their learning. It has been wonderful to see them embracing new challenges and taking pride in their work.

Maths has certainly been an exciting place to start! We began the year with a selection of strategy games involving playing cards, developing our mathematical thinking while having plenty of fun. The 7 of Diamonds has quickly become a firm favourite! We have since moved on to working with numbers up to 10,000,000, developing our understanding of place value and reinforcing our learning in a very real-world context. The children were particularly fascinated when we explored houses for sale on Rightmove and used the prices to work with large numbers. There were some very shocked faces when we discovered just how much houses can cost in London!

In English, we have joined the whole school in exploring *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson. Through our Writing Roots unit, the children have explored ideas around identity, belonging, difference and, most importantly, what it means to be a good friend. We have discussed how our experiences can shape us and how we can make others feel welcomed, valued and included. The children have used these ideas to develop their own writing, culminating in a practical 'How to Be a Good Friend' guide, packed with thoughtful advice and ideas.

In Science, we have been learning all about electricity. The children have been introduced to electrical circuits, drawing circuit diagrams and then building their own working circuits. We are now looking forward to investigating what can affect a circuit through a range of experiments and making predictions about what we think will happen.

On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to visit Thurston High School to take part in a fantastic team-building morning alongside the other Year 6 classes. The children rose to every challenge, using their thinking skills, negotiation techniques and sporting abilities. Most importantly, they worked together, encouraged one another and showed some excellent teamwork. A great time was had by all!

Finally, in History, we have travelled back to the Second World War. We began by considering the Treaty of Versailles and its significance before moving on to explore what life was like for people living in Britain during WWII. We have started learning about propaganda, The Blitz and air raid shelters, and the children have been fascinated by the ways in which the war affected everyday life for families and children.

Sports Week Arrangements

Sports Week 2026!

Our First Ever Sports Week at Barnham!

We are so excited to be holding our first ever Sports Week at Barnham! It will be a fantastic week filled with fun, movement and new experiences. The children will have the opportunity to try different sports, learn from inspiring visitors and take part in exciting activities across the school. We can't wait!

Monday
28th September

Sports Day! 1pm

We are super excited to kick off our Sports Week with Sports Day! Friends and family are welcome to come along and support. Please arrive at 1pm via the side gate to the field. Please bring a chair if you wish to sit.

This year we have changed when we run Sports Day due to climate change and to avoid the searing heat, keeping the children safe.



Tuesday
29th September

Ashley Dance Company

We are very lucky to have Ashley Dance Company, a dance school from Thetford, come and run dance workshops across the school.



Wednesday
30th September

Hockey Workshops

We have Leonie Kammeijer (aka Joe's Mum!) who is a very experienced hockey player and coach coming in to run hockey workshops across the school. She will also be sharing with the children her own hockey journey and what she has experienced and learnt along the way.



Thursday
1st October

Martial Arts

We have Verve Karate and the Sports Partnership coming in to run some Martial Art/ Karate sessions with the classes.



Friday
2nd October

Kurling and Boccia

We have the Sports Partnership coming in to give the children a go at Kurling and Boccia. Maybe it's a sport you have never played or heard of before!



Children need to come to school
in PE kit all week.



Getting to know Team Barnham

This week, we'd like to introduce you to our Music Teachers. Mr Morley works for Suffolk County Music Service and comes into school every Tuesday to teach year 3 to play ukulele and year 4 to play the guitar.

Val is a private music teacher and currently teaches lots of our children to play the piano/keyboard and clarinet. If you are interested in your child having lessons with Val, she also teaches the saxophone (but you'd need your own instrument)- please do e mail her directly to enquire about availability and costings of this. Val's e mail address is: val@wagdin.uk

We are also very keen to hear from any children that might want to learn to play the cello, please speak to Miss Bacon if this is your child and we can hopefully make some arrangements for this to happen.

Miss Bacon is our Music Lead and can be contacted at rbacon@barnham.org

Barnham CEVC Primary School

Getting to know me

My name is Mr Morley
I'm the Ukulele & Guitar Teacher!

About me
I love playing music, creating music, listening to music, and talking about music.



What does my job involve?
I teach ukulele, guitar and bass to whole classes, small groups and individual pupils

What is important to me?
I like my pupils to have a broad awareness of music from a variety of styles and decades, in the hope that they find something that they are inspired by.

How do I like to be supported?
As long as pupils are listening and putting in some effort then I will do the rest. That, and a working laptop.

What do people like and admire about me?
I'm lucky enough to teach a subject that I am passionate about, and some say that I can also occasionally be patient

Contact via the school office- admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk

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Getting to know me

My name is Val,
I'm the Piano, Saxophone and Clarinet Teacher!

About me
I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I love the outdoors and walking our dog. I also enjoy live events especially music and theatre. I like to try new things because it's fun and interesting. I do not like it when people are unkind and rude.



What does my job involve?
My job is doing what I love, which is music. I enjoy playing and teaching clarinet, saxophone and piano. Most of all I love sharing my passion for music with my pupils and it makes me happy when they enjoy learning a musical instrument, even when it gets challenging!

What is important to me?
My family and friends. I love my job and music is a passion.



How do I like to be supported?
By family and friends



What do people like and admire about me?
I am a good listener and I love to make time for friends and family. I am a positive person, and I do like to try new things. I think people admire me for that.

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A Harvest Challenge

Hedgehogs & Moles



Badgers & Foxes



Squirrels & Otters



This year, we'd LOVE your help to support Thetford Foodbank by taking part in our very first Change Agents Challenge – A Harvest Mission!

We're always encouraging our children to be Change Agents – people who make a difference in the world through kindness, generosity and small acts that have a big impact. This is the first of our Change Agent challenges, and we're excited to see our children getting involved!

Each class has been given its own special mission, with a particular type of donation to collect. Children can bring in donations anytime before Friday 9th October and should take them directly to their classroom, where their class will create its very own food hamper.

Hedgehogs & Moles – The Treat Troops

Your mission is to collect the treats and goodies shown on the poster.

Badgers & Foxes – The Tin Team

Your mission is to fill your classroom hamper with the tinned items shown on the poster.

Squirrels & Otters – The Care Crew

Your mission is to collect the essential items shown on the poster.

Every donation, big or small, will help make a difference to local families in our community. We can't wait to see our Change Agents rise to the challenge and show just how much kindness we can spread together!

Thank you for your support!

Further details about Our Harvest Festival at the church will be shared soon.

Thank you Change Agents

Congratulations Clarence!



Over the summer holidays, we received the exciting news that Clarence had won a competition with TJ Jones. He reviewed one of his favourite books and this has won £500 voucher to spend on books for our school which is simply incredible! Here's his review-

"Where else could you climb a tree with pot-wearing, moon-headed strangers, visit impossible lands, and still be home safely for teatime?" - Clarence, Year 4, reviewing The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton.

Thank you Skyla



Over the summer holidays, Skyla was creative and set up her own business- 'Skyla' Makes and Bakes'. She raised money by selling bracelets, brownies and cookies.

Skyla made over £60 and decided to share some of the money raised with the school and Thetford Foodbank.

Skyla was very proud to tell us that on the first day she made £30- simply incredible! Thank you for sharing the money you raised Skyla.



Well done Grace!



We are so proud of Grace who was also busy over the summer holidays collecting plums from her tree and making plum jam to sell to raise money for 'Abbie's Army' inspired by her friend, Olivia teaching us all about DIPG and her friend who sadly passed away with this awful disease.

You are a real Change Agent Grace, I bet the plum jam was delicious too!

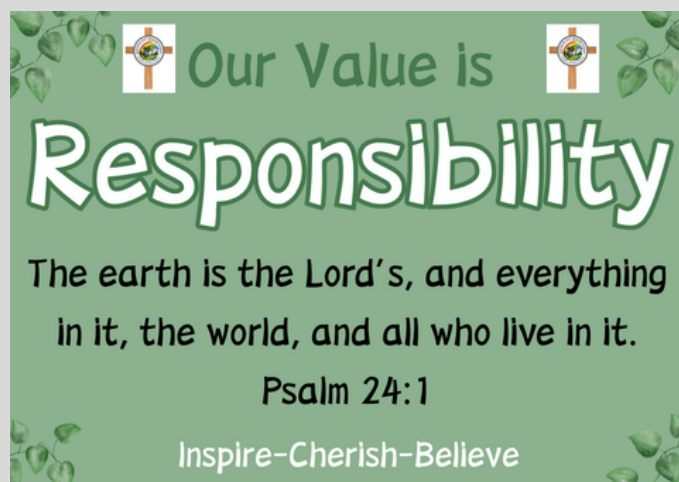
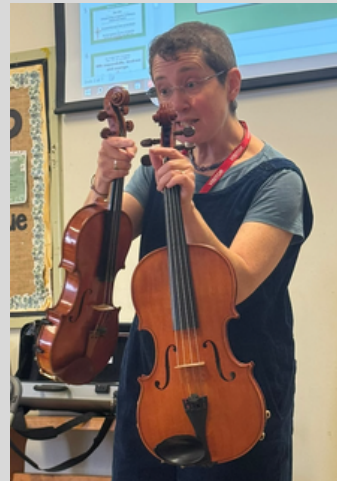
If you've got a Change Agent story to share with us or any good news- we love to hear it- please do e mail Miss Bacon - rbacon@barnham.org

Collective Worship News

This week during Collective Worship, Mr Holman shared the value of 'DEMOCRACY' with us as part of National Democracy day.



We also had a visit from Xanthe who showcased her stringed instruments for us which was simply incredible! We thank her for visiting our school again and sharing her musical expertise with us and inspiring us all. If anyone is interested in learning to play a stringed instrument, please do speak to Miss Bacon.



If you have any news to share with us of children showing the value of responsibility outside of school, we'd love to hear about it- please do e mail in any photos and information to Miss Bacon - rbacon@barnham.org.

Barnham's Book-Nic

At Barnham, we are passionate about reading and helping children develop a love of reading for pleasure.

We want children to discover books they love and experience the joy of sharing stories together.

Each September, we invite families to join us for our Barnham Book-Nic! Each class will head outside with their teacher, bringing a wonderful selection of books, blankets and cushions to create a cosy reading space on the playground.

Families are invited to sign in at the playground gate, find their child and spend half an hour reading and enjoying books together. If you have more than one child, please feel free to spend some time with each of them, but **children will need to remain within their own class area so that staff can supervise them safely.**

You are very welcome to bring blankets, cushions, teddies or favourite books to share. If you need a chair, please bring one with you.

We won't be providing snacks or drinks, as we want to keep the focus firmly on books — and protect our precious library books from spills and sticky fingers!

At 3pm, the whistle will blow and teachers will gather the children and books ready to go inside. You are welcome to remain on the playground and wait for the children to come out at home time.

We hope you'll be able to join us for this lovely celebration of books, stories and reading together!



Please note that FOBS will be having a stall after the book-nic selling sweet treats to end the afternoon well and raise some funds to buy even more books and resources for our school!

Happy Maternity Leave Miss Anderson



On Friday, we said a very fond "see you soon" to our wonderful Miss Anderson, as she begins a very special new chapter in her life — becoming a mummy!

We would like to wish Miss Anderson and Farmer Ollie all the very best as they embark on the wonderful adventure of parenthood and prepare to welcome their beautiful baby girl into the world.

Miss Anderson, you will be very much missed at Barnham. We would like to say a huge thank you for all your hard work, dedication and commitment to our school and, most importantly, to our children. Even during the final months of your pregnancy, when things haven't always been easy, you have continued to give so much to our school community. Your enthusiasm, care and commitment have been truly appreciated.

Now it is time for you to enjoy some well-deserved rest, precious time together and the excitement of meeting your little girl. We cannot wait to see you when you pop back in to Barnham and introduce us to your newest little addition!

Good luck, Miss Anderson and Farmer Ollie! We hope these next few weeks are filled with love, happiness and plenty of special memories as you begin this incredible new adventure together.

One thing we know for sure is that Baby Girl is already very lucky to have such wonderful parents! You will be missed, Miss Anderson, but we are so excited for you and can't wait to see you again soon!

BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

You are warmly invited to our

Early Years Open Days

(for prospective families of children starting school in
September 2027)

We would love to show you
around our unique school
environment on:

~~Wednesday 16th September - 9am~~

Tuesday 22nd September - 4:30pm

Tuesday 6th October - 1:30pm

Thursday 22nd October - 6pm

Monday 2nd November - 1:30pm

Monday 2nd November - 5pm

Wednesday 4th November - 1:30pm

Monday 7th December - 9:30am

Please e mail or phone the school office to book
a place.

admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk

01842 890253

You can also book a place by clicking the link
below or by scanning the QR code and filling in
the google form.



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Lunch Menu for next week

Monday 21 st September	Tuesday 22 nd September	Wednesday 23 rd September	Thursday 24 th September	Friday 25 th September
Mac and cheese Or Loaded your way jackets Marble cake slice	Meat balls and pasta Or Tomato pasta Chocolate 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

Attendance This Week

HEDGEHOGS 97.67%

MOLES 95.33%

BADGERS 99.2%

FOXES 97.39%

SQUIRRELS 98.46%

OTTERS 95.6%

Well done Badgers again for the best attending class this week. Let's all aim to improve next week.

Can any class make it to 100%?



Diary Dates



Please note, new dates added are in red.

Monday 21st September- Whole School 'Booknic'
(from 2:30pm)

Monday 28th September- Sports Week Begins

Monday 28th September - Sports Day, families invited
to join us from 1pm on the back field

Wednesday 30th September - Friday 2nd October -
Year 6 Residential to Grafham Water Centre

Thursday 8th October - FOBS Coffee Morning

Friday 9th October- Flu Vaccinations

Friday 9th October - Harvest Celebrations (more info
to follow)

Friday 9th October - FOBS School Disco

Monday 12th October - FOBS AGM Online

Tuesday 13th October- Tempest Photography-
Individual Photos

Tuesday 20th October - Music Extravaganza

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

Monday 23rd November - Community Christingle
(from 2pm)

Monday 7th December - Christmas Story Cafe(from
2:30pm)

Tuesday 8th December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 15th December - Music Extravaganza

Friday 18th December - Christmas Services @ Church

Friday 18th 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

