BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

2nd October 2026
Newsletter 5

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

Our Very First Sports Week!

What an incredible first Sports Week at Barnham!
The children had the chance to try a fantastic range of activities, including Street Dance with Ashley Dance Company, hockey with Leonie, Karate with Verve Karate, and Kurling and Boccia with the Sports Partnership.
Everyone embraced the opportunity to learn new skills, challenge themselves and step outside their comfort zones.
The week was all about inspiring children to try something new, discover new interests and develop a love of sport. We hope everyone had as much fun as we did and that it has sparked a passion for something new!

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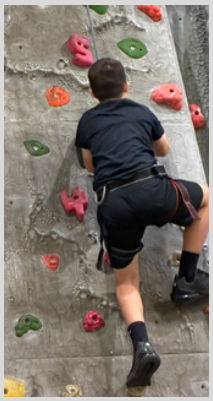
Sports Day

What a fantastic Sports Day we had at Barnham! The children threw themselves into a brilliant range of events, from sprint races and team relays to egg and spoon races and fun challenges, showing incredible determination, resilience and team spirit throughout the afternoon.

It was wonderful to see everyone cheering each other on, celebrating achievements and, most importantly, having fun! The excitement continued with our much-loved parent, preschool and teacher races, which brought plenty of smiles and laughter.

A huge thank you to all the parents, friends and family who came along to support, cheer and encourage the children. Your enthusiasm helped make the day so special. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and the fantastic sportsmanship they demonstrated. Well done, everyone!

Outdoor Adventure Activities



What an incredible Sports Week Year 6 have had! As part of their residential to Grafham Water Centre, our pupils have thrown themselves into a fantastic range of Outdoor Adventurous Activities, including paddle boarding, kayaking, sailing, climbing, pioneering, high ropes, archery and so much more!

Throughout the week, the children have challenged themselves, supported one another and, most importantly, stepped outside of their comfort zones. Whether facing a new height, taking to the water or mastering a new skill, they have shown tremendous courage, resilience and determination.

We are incredibly proud of every single one of them and all that they have achieved. They have created some wonderful memories, had plenty of laughs and demonstrated just how much they are capable of when they challenge themselves.

A huge thank you to all the staff who have supported the children throughout the residential, encouraging them every step of the way and helping them to make the most of every opportunity.

Well done, Year 6 – what an adventure! We couldn't be prouder!

Year 6 Residential

News from FOBS

Don't forget FOBS have lots of exciting events coming up.
Please do get involved and support them if you can.
We need you and are really keen for lots of new members to join our team this year- please gather your friends and come along to their coffee morning to find out more.

Photos- We need your views!

We are continuing to review our approach to photo consent and how we share images across our school community, and we would really value hearing your views.

As we mentioned last week, we are exploring creative ways to capture and share moments from school life while avoiding children's faces wherever possible. Safeguarding our children will always be our highest priority, and we recognise that families may have different views and concerns about the use of children's images, particularly as technology and AI continue to develop.

We would like to make sure that the approach we take reflects the views and needs of our whole school community. Whether you have strong views on the subject, questions you would like us to consider, or simply want to share your perspective, we would be very grateful to hear from you.

Your feedback will help us as we consider the best and safest way forward.

If you'd like to share your thoughts, please click the link below:

Share your views with us

Orchard Explorers

MAYNARD HOUSE

Orchard-pressed fruit juices

This week, three of our pupils enjoyed a special enrichment visit to Maynard Orchards in Bury St Edmunds, where they had the opportunity to meet experts and learn more about orchards, farming, nature and the journey from fruit to juice.

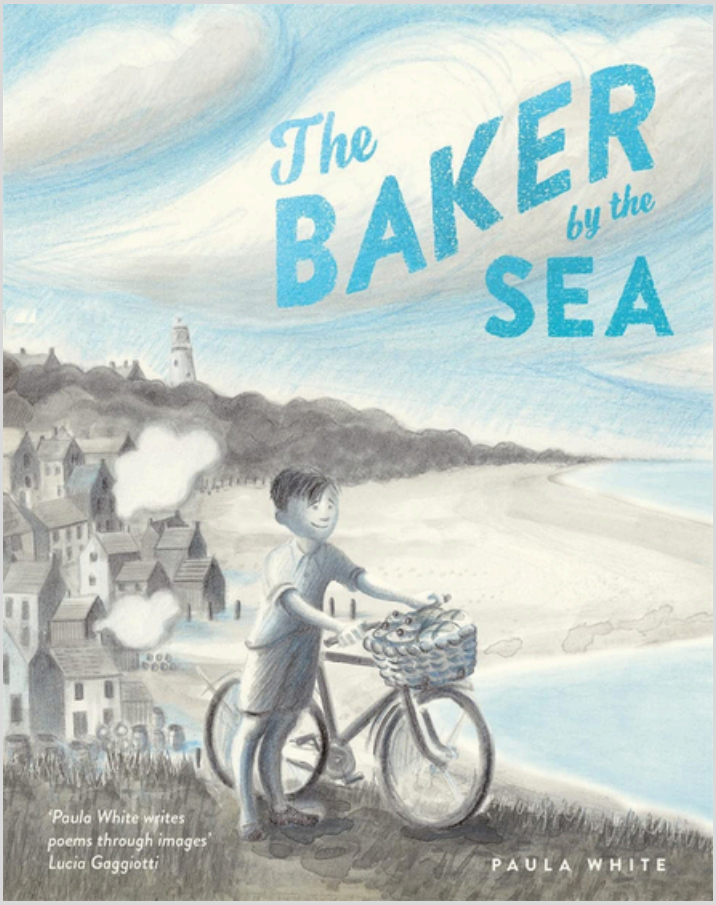
The visit provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their oracy skills. They practised speaking confidently with adults, asking thoughtful questions, listening carefully to answers and using what they had heard to ask follow-up questions. They also discovered the wide range of skills and career opportunities connected to farming, food production and the natural environment.

Our young orchard experts were so enthusiastic about their experience that they have already shared their learning with their class. They will also be sharing their discoveries and new knowledge with the wider school community.

We are incredibly proud of the confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm they demonstrated throughout the visit.

Thank you for having us Maynard House Orchards and for the tour Clive- we all loved it and learned so much!

News from Fox Class



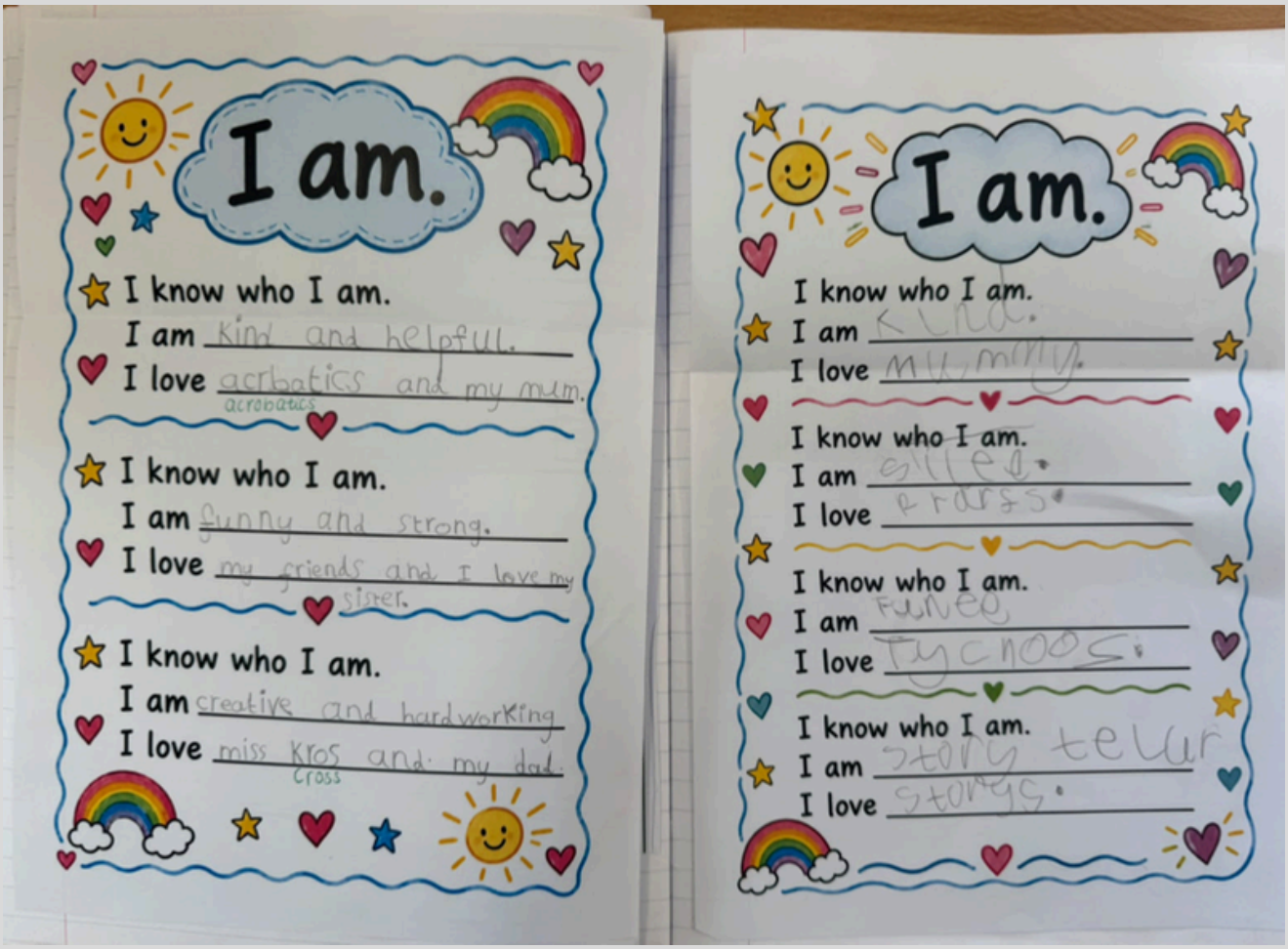
Year 4 Fox Class have been very busy this week putting their writing skills to work! In our Writing lessons, we have been exploring the beautiful text The Baker by the Sea by Paula White, which has inspired us to imagine life in our very own 'Village by the Sea'.

The children have been drafting tourism brochures designed to persuade visitors to come and explore their seaside village. They have been thinking carefully about what makes a brochure engaging and informative, using descriptive and persuasive language to bring their imagined destinations to life.

With descriptions of coastal scenery to exciting local attractions, Fox Class have shown lots of creativity while also developing their skills as purposeful writers. We are looking forward to polishing our drafts and seeing the finished brochures come together next week!

They've obviously also loved all of the Sports Week activities too- what an incredible week!

National Poetry Day



This week we celebrated National Poetry Day on Thursday! Hedgehogs and Moles loved listening to Michael Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake' and decorating their own cakes after he made them feel a little bit hungry! Moles also wrote poems all about themselves linking to the book they are reading about celebrating who you are. Badgers and Squirrels enjoyed performing poems, working on rhythm, timing and expression! Squirrels did a brilliant performance of 'Walking with my Iguana' by Brian Moses in collective worship for us! A brilliant day filled with poetry and rhyme.

Getting to know Team Barnham

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Getting to know me

My name is Mrs Brewer

About me

I am married with two grown up children and four wonderful grandchildren. I live locally and enjoy walking and going on holidays with my family

What does my job involve?

My job involves helping in the office. I answer the telephone, meet and greet visitors, send emails to parents, photocopying and ordering all the daily lunches.

What is important to me?

Things that are important to me are my family and friends. Being kind and always treating people the way you would like to be treated yourself.
Chocolate raisins are high up on my list too!

How do I like to be supported?

We all work as a team at Barnham and that makes me feel very supported.
There is always someone available to ask for advice and help in everyday challenges.

What do people like and admire about me?

I would like to think that I am always approachable and people find me easy to talk too.
I am always happy to help out whenever I can and I make a great cup of tea!

lbrewer@barnham.org

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Getting to know me

My name is Mrs Cronin

About me

I enjoy spending time with my family, seeing friends and walking my dog Lazlo. My husband has just finished building our dream house which was team work, his building and my admin with the paperwork- this was a dream job of ours we made a reality!

What does my job involve?

My job involves helping parents and children through answering the phone and face to face. Doing school finances, admissions, checking on recruitment, setting up new staff, dealing with HR. I keep all records up to date and any other admin, finance bits that arise.

What is important to me?

Honesty, people being kind, my family and friends

How do I like to be supported?

People being honest, helping where they can and being given the correct information and advised correctly.

What do people like and admire about me?

Hopefully how I like to be supported and what is important to me other people feel I do this in return.

maxine.cronin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk

This week, we're introducing you to some of the lovely ladies behind the scenes in our office!

They're the friendly faces (and voices!) who answer the phone most of the time, keep on top of your emails and are always on hand to help whenever you need us.

We honestly would be lost without them! They work so hard behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly and are always happy to help – especially if it comes with a friendly smile and a little chat!
So, say hello to our wonderful office team!

Thank you Mrs Cronin and Mrs Brewer for all you do to keep everything running smoothly at school!

Harvest is next Friday!

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.

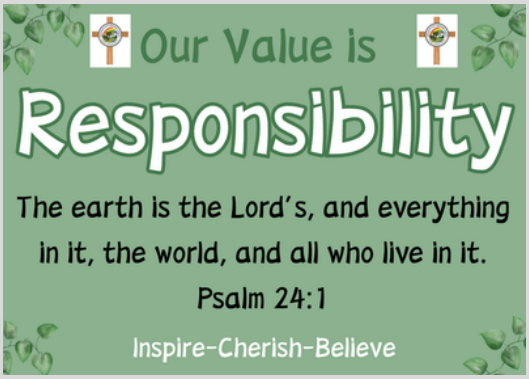
Squirrels & Otters – The Care Crew
Your mission is to collect the essential items shown on the poster.

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!

Harvest Festival Arrangements for 9th October are as follows:
9:30am Service - Hedgehogs, Badgers, Otters
2pm Service - Moles, Foxes, Squirrels
You're more than welcome to join us at the church as we celebrate Harvest together.

Thank you Change Agents

Collective Worship News



This week, we were delighted to welcome back Helen Matter to lead our Collective Worship. It was wonderful to see her again as she shared an engaging reflection on the Battle of Hastings and the Bayeux Tapestry. As we explored this important moment in history, we also considered the ways in which faith, courage and choices can shape the stories we tell and the communities we build.

We have also enjoyed a wonderful range of sports-themed assemblies this week, celebrating the values that sport can help us develop – teamwork, perseverance, respect, courage and encouragement. These are values that sit at the heart of our Christian vision and remind us of the importance of supporting one another, celebrating each other's strengths and showing kindness both in victory and in challenge.

Safeguarding October

Another new month is here already!
This month, our safeguarding focus with the children is staying safe during the darker nights and talking about stranger danger.
Please use the poster to help you have some simple, age-appropriate conversations with your child at home. It's a great opportunity to talk about staying safe when it gets dark earlier, what to do if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe, and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult.
Thank you, as always, for supporting us with these important conversations and helping to keep our children safe.

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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.

https://forms.gle/Xn5NBb26DDi3c4kFA

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Lunch Menu for next week

Monday 5th October	Tuesday 6th October	Wednesday 7th October	Thursday 8th October	Friday 9th October
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

Attendance This Week

HEDGEHOGS 91%

MOLES 98.33%

BADGERS 96.8%

FOXES 93.91%

SQUIRRELS 99.23%

OTTERS 92.8%

Well done to Squirrel Class for the best attendance this week!
We are so very proud of you!

Diary Dates

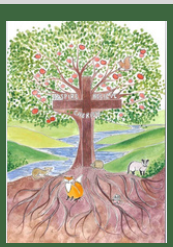
Please note, new dates added are in red.

Monday 5th October - Hedgehogs & Moles Grandparents invited into school for afternoon
Friday 9th October- Flu Vaccinations
Friday 9th October - Harvest Celebrations (more info to follow)
Friday 9th October- Year 6 visiting Thurston for Author Event
Friday 9th October - FOBS School Disco
Monday 12th October - FOBS AGM Online
Tuesday 13th October- Tempest Photography- Individual Photos
Tuesday 20th October - Music Extravaganza

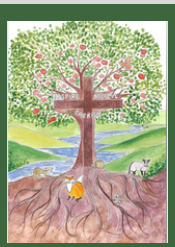
Half Term - Saturday 24th October- Sunday 31st October- Children back to school on Monday 1st November

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