

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

Harvest Celebrations



We celebrated Harvest in style this year with two wonderful services at St Gregory's Church! Our theme linked beautifully to our school value of Responsibility, as we reflected on how we can all play our part in caring for our world, sharing what we have with others and always remembering to say thank you.

We are incredibly proud of our whole school community for coming together to donate a bumper amount of food and essential goods to Thetford Foodbank. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to others in our local community.

A huge well done to Team Barnham for embracing the spirit of Harvest and showing such wonderful responsibility and compassion!

Thank you, too, to everyone who joined us at St Gregory's Church to celebrate. We hope you enjoyed the children's Harvest offerings as much as we did! It was a lovely opportunity to come together, give thanks and remember the importance of looking after one another and the world around us.

Thank you for helping us make Harvest such a special celebration!

Grandparents Day



Thank you to Noah and Ezra's grandma, Hazels grandma and grandad, Harry's grandad and Ella's grandma for visiting Hedgehog class on Monday! They shared stories about life growing up and showed us some interesting items from their childhood such as a teddy bear, a telephone, games, birth certificates and toys!



Moles class would like to say a big thank you to Lottie's Nanny Linda, Jesse's Grandma GiGi and Vincent's Grandma! They came in and shared memories of their childhood and what school was like for them. They also brought in memory boxes and photo albums which were amazing for us to see to help us understand what life was like for them when they were children, compared to life today.

News from Mole Class

Mole class have been reading the book 'The Proudest Blue,' thinking about kindness and family. The children have written brilliant poems in this unit and are going to be writing their own stories next!



Our role play area this half term has been a restaurant! Moles have enjoyed being waiting staff, chefs and managers, taking on different roles and responsibilities in our restaurant. They have ordered and cooked up a range of delicious dishes and even some interesting Gruffalo soups after reading Gruffalo Granny!



In maths we have enjoyed exploring place value, from looking at whether numbers are greater than or less than, to counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. Conkers have been a brilliant new resource to use to help with our counting too!



Mole Class News Continued

Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666! They have been learning about what London was like in 1666 compared to what London is like now – including going on an open top bus ride to see the sights! They are now learning about the sequence of events including how the fire started and why, as well as the attempts to put it out.



Mole class were very lucky to receive a gift in the post on their very first day in Mole class! Miss Cross carefully unwrapped the box to reveal a crocheted mole for them to keep and look after! They have called him Morris the Mole. Morris helps to look after us if we are feeling sad – he's great at cuddles! Morris also has great advice if we come across a sticky situation and he's always keeping an eye out for amazing learning!





Congratulations

Miss Anderson and Farmer Ollie



We are absolutely thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Miss Anderson and Farmer Ollie's beautiful baby daughter, Otilie, who arrived on Tuesday 29th September, weighing a lovely 7lbs 3oz!

We are delighted to share that everyone is doing really well and enjoying their precious baby bubble together.

We know Otilie has well and truly hit the jackpot with her wonderful Mummy and Daddy, and we couldn't be happier for them as they begin this exciting new chapter as a family.

We're sending them all our love and best wishes and can't wait to meet little Otilie one day soon!

Congratulations to you all!

Welcome to the world

Otilie Ann!



Tag Rugby Competition



Eight pupils proudly represented Barnham at the U11 Tag Rugby Tournament, playing four matches against different schools. While there was no overall winner, as the tournament focused on sportsmanship, enjoyment and developing skills, our boys really embraced everything the event was about.

They won some matches and lost others, but the progress they made throughout the tournament was exceptional. They played with a fantastic competitive yet kind spirit, encouraging one another and giving every match their absolute all. We are incredibly proud of their effort, teamwork and attitude! Well done, boys

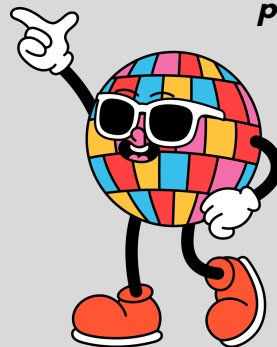
News from FOBS



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.

Thank you FOBS for an amazing first disco of the new school year!

For all future school discos- please note that we are unable to accept volunteers or parents staying with the children unless they are a member of FOBS and have relevant DBS checks- this is for the safety of all our children and school community. FOBS would love to hear from you though if you want to become a member of their team and will ensure you have the relevant paperwork and checks.



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.

Getting to know Team Barnham - Hedgehog Class

Barnham CEVC Primary School
Getting to know me
My name is Miss Wilderspin

About me
I live with my partner Steve and our three dogs: Jessy, Brooke and Barry. I love going on walks with my dogs. I love spending time with my family and friends.

What does my job involve?
I work in Hedgehog Class as a teaching assistant. I also work in breakfast club and after school club most days. A big part of my job is supporting children in their learning and making sure that they feel happy in school.

What is important to me?
My family is the most important thing to me and I love spending my free time with them. I regularly visit my sister and my dad. I spend a lot of time with my mother-in-law and we do lots of days out together. I enjoy spending time with friends and going on holiday with them. I love chocolate and an iced coffee.

How do I like to be supported?
I like it when people have time to listen to me. I like clear instructions so I can do the best I can with the information I have. I like to be included in making the school the best it can possibly be.

What do people like and admire about me?
People say that I am always positive. I always see the good in everyone and make the most out of every situation. I am kind and always try to help out wherever I can.

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Barnham CEVC Primary School
Getting to know me
My name is Miss Balugas

About me
Hello, my name is Miss Balugas. I work in Hedgehog class. I studied English Literature at University and have had a passion for reading since I was little, so in my spare time you would find me with a book and a coffee in hand! I am also a huge football fan and I enjoy watching my teams FC Porto and Tottenham every weekend! Also, my favourite colour is green!

What does my job involve?
I am a HLA currently working in Hedgehog class. My role is very varied, no day is the same. I support children in their learning through play and during lessons. I also cover the class when and if needed. I find my job to be incredibly rewarding and I love seeing how much the children grow and progress throughout the year. I also do After School club a few times a week, and I love it because I get to spend time with children from all year groups.

What is important to me?
My family and friends are very important to me. I spend most of my spare time and school holidays making memories with my loved ones. I really enjoy travelling and exploring new places with my partner. I'm a huge fan of music (especially Harry Styles and Taylor Swift!) and I love going to concerts. My culture and traditions are very important to me. I am so keen to teach others about my home country of Portugal- it's language, it's culture and it's delicious food!

How do I like to be supported?
I am the type of person who thrives on organisation and plans. I like to know the plan for the day/week ahead so I can prepare myself. I like knowing things ahead of time and struggle with last minute changes! I also suffer with migraines, and find it best to work in a low light environment. Keeping the lighting low in a classroom helps to support this.

What do people like and admire about me?
I struggled to answer this question, so I thought why not ask the children that I work with every day. Enjoy!
"You are kind and helpful. I like playing skipping with you"
"You always help me in Maths"
"You make the BEST playdough"
"You are the best teacher in the world!"
"I like your cool earrings!"

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Barnham CEVC Primary School
Getting to know me
My name is Mrs Hollis

About me
I am married with two children. I enjoy walking, yoga and spinning.

What does my job involve?
I am going to be working in Hedgehog class mainly assisting the teacher with the day to day running of the class.

What is important to me?
Being happy, healthy and having a peaceful mindset. Having my family around me.

How do I like to be supported?
I like to be kept up to date with any changes happening within the school.

What do people like and admire about me?
My loyalty and the resilience I show being a military wife.

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Barnham CEVC Primary School
Getting to know me
My name is Miss Jarvis

About me
Outside of school, I love being creative. I enjoy painting, sewing and embroidery, and I always have a book on the go as reading is one of my favourite ways to relax. I also love sharing my passion for stories with the children and try to fit as many books as possible into the school day! During the holidays, I love exploring new places and travelling whenever I can, both around the UK and abroad. I also have a very naughty dog called Wilfred, who keeps me very busy with his endless need for attention!

What does my job involve?
I am very lucky that, in Hedgehogs, we have the freedom to tailor our learning around the children's interests. A big part of my role is finding out what excites and motivates the children, then planning engaging learning experiences that build on those interests. Whether it's dinosaurs, insects, superheroes or space, I love creating opportunities that capture their imagination while helping them develop new knowledge and skills.

What is important to me?
Having a good work-life balance is really important to me. I value having time to relax and switch off outside of work so that I can return feeling refreshed and ready to give my best. Spending quality time with my friends and family is a huge priority, and I love making memories with them and Wilfred!

How do I like to be supported?
I like to feel that I am a valued member of a team where my ideas are listened to and appreciated. I value constructive feedback, as it helps me to recognise both what I am doing well and where I can continue to improve. I respond best when people communicate with me calmly and kindly and I feel like we are on the same team.

What do people like and admire about me?
I find this question difficult as I think lots of people do. I like to think that I am hard working, patient and kind with the children.

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This week, it's time to share the profiles of all the staff that work in Hedgehog Class and ensure our children have a great start to their educational journey here at Barnham School
Thank you Hedgehog Class for all you do!

Year 6 Visit Thurston Community College as part of Literature Festival

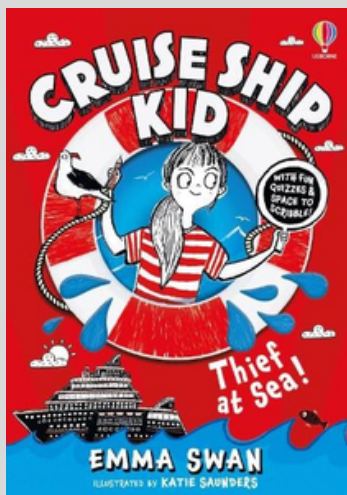


As part of Bury Literacy Week, our Year 6 children were invited to Thurston to meet the wonderful author Emma Swan for a fun-filled and inspiring talk!

Emma shared her fascinating journey to becoming an author, including the rather unusual experience of growing up on a cruise ship! She kept the children entertained throughout with funny anecdotes, engaging stories and plenty of inspiration, encouraging everyone to embrace who they are and always be themselves.

The children behaved brilliantly and were a real credit to our school, listening attentively and engaging enthusiastically throughout the talk. They also enjoyed hearing about the characters in Emma's stories, with the cheeky Silver making a few appearances along the way and bringing plenty of smiles!

We feel incredibly lucky that Emma will be visiting our school for World Book Day, and we can't wait to welcome her and hear more about her wonderful stories. What a fantastic way to celebrate a love of reading and inspire our young writers!



Have you read our Barnham Book Bulletin?



BURY ST. EDMUNDS LITERATURE FESTIVAL!

On this weekend with brilliant events for children, including author and West End actress Emma Swan who is visiting us in March for World Book Day! She is also interviewing Hugh Bonneville!

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER



DAD BOT
HILARIOUS GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR KIDS 5+
JACK NOEL
KIDS GO FREE
ACCOMPANYING ADULT: £2.50
11:00
Bury St Edmunds Library

FICTION, CHILDREN

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER



THE CRUISE SHIP KID
EMMA SWAN
KIDS GO FREE
ACCOMPANYING ADULT: £2.50
13:00
Bury St Edmunds Central Library

FICTION, CHILDREN

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER



MYTHS, LEGENDS & FOLK TALES FOR KIDS 7+
KEVIN CROSSLEY-HOLLAND
KIDS GO FREE
ACCOMPANYING ADULT: £2.50
15:00
Bury St Edmunds Library

FICTION, CHILDREN

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER



RORY SPARKES AND THE SPY WHO LOVED TEA
HUGH BONNEVILLE
IN CONVERSATION WITH EMMA SWAN
KIDS GO FREE
ACCOMPANYING ADULT: £2.50
ADULTS (attending without children): £10/£5
10:00
The Hunter Arts Club

FICTION, CHILDREN

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER



THE GIRL WHO RACED THE WORLD
NAT HARRISON
KIDS GO FREE
ACCOMPANYING ADULT: £2.50
11:00
Bury St Edmunds Library

FICTION, CHILDREN

This weekend is the Bury St Edmunds Literature Festival – do have a look at the website to find out more.

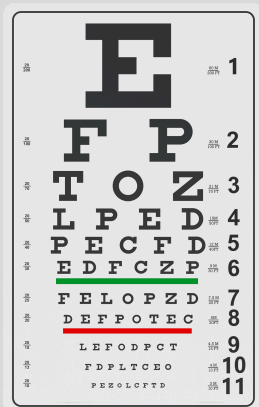
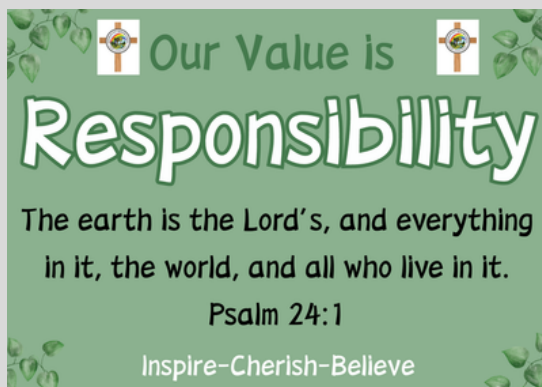
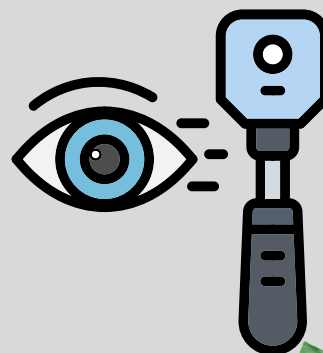
Collective Worship News



It's been a joyful week of Collective Worship as we've been busy preparing for our Harvest celebrations. The school has been filled with the sound of happy voices as the children have practised their Harvest songs, ready to share them with our community. It has been lovely to see everyone coming together in the spirit of thankfulness, kindness and generosity.

On Thursday, we also celebrated World Sight Day with a very special visit from Ruth, her husband Neil and their wonderful guide dog, Glenis! The children were fascinated to learn more about sight loss, the important role guide dogs play and how we can all help to make the world more inclusive and accessible. We learned so much together and are incredibly grateful to Ruth, Neil and Glenis for sharing their time and experiences with us. When we learn about disabilities we call these assemblies 'Fearfully and Wonderfully Made' as this quote comes from Psalm 139 in the bible and talks about how we are all made unique and wonderful!

On the theme of sight and vision, we'd love to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of regular eye checks. Looking after our eyesight is an important part of looking after ourselves, so if you or your child is due an eye test, we really encourage you to book an appointment with your optician.



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.



<https://forms.gle/Xn5NBb26DDi3c4kFA>



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Lunch Menu for next week

Monday 12 th October	Tuesday 13 th October	Wednesday 14th October	Thursday 15th October	Friday 16th October
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	Sausage and chips with beans/veg Or Quorn sausage Sticky lemon drizzle

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

Attendance This Week

HEDGEHOGS 96.33%

MOLES 95.33%

BADGERS 91.6%

FOXES 95.65%

SQUIRRELS 96.92%

OTTERS 95.42%



Well done to Squirrel Class for the best attendance AGAIN this week!

Can you make it 3 weeks in a row?

We are so very proud of you!

Diary Dates



Please note, new dates added are in red.

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



Music Lessons in School



'Clarinet group with Val. Tuesday/Wednesday Lunchtimes, for a term .

Open to children in Year 4, 5 or 6

£6.00 a week including the loan of an instrument for free. '

Contact Val if interested : val@wagdin.uk



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

