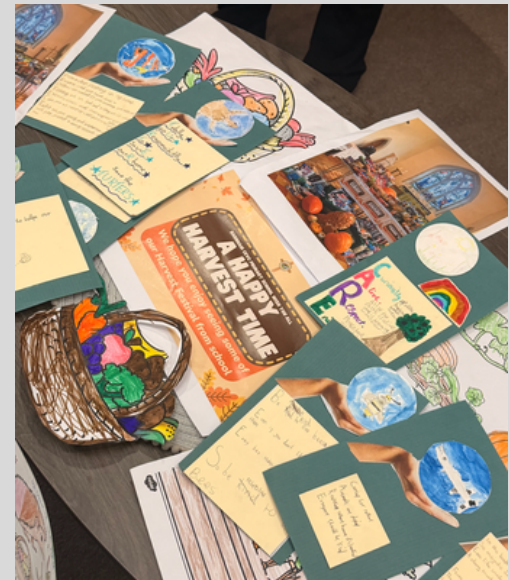




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Harvest Continues at Coronation House Care Home



Three of our wonderful children represented our school on a special visit to Coronation House Care Home, sharing photographs from Friday's Harvest Festival, their own harvest poems and artwork for residents to keep.

The children helped serve a special bread offering prepared by the chef and even took on the role of waitresses, offering drinks and chatting with residents. It was lovely to hear stories of harvest celebrations from years gone by, including memories of primary school and life on the farm. We were also delighted to see a collection box for Thetford Foodbank, linking beautifully with our own harvest donations.

We finished by sharing a harvest prayer and left feeling incredibly proud of our young ambassadors, whose confidence, kindness and wonderful conversations helped build meaningful connections and friendships.

A heartfelt thank you to Coronation House for such a warm welcome and a memorable visit.

News from Badger Class

It has been a busy and exciting half term in Badger Class, packed with hands-on learning, creativity and new adventures! Here's a little peek at what we've been up to!

Writing- Exploring the Wilderness!

Inspired by our class story Wilderness, we wrote our own information leaflets and SOS messages before designing and creating our very own Wilderness plants out of plasticine!

Barnham Circus Comes to Badger Class!

Our classroom was transformed into a circus for the day! We enjoyed popcorn, a surprise performance from our very own school clowns and used all five senses to gather exciting vocabulary for our new writing unit, inspired by Leon and the Place Between.

Science - Is a Tree a Plant?

We became budding scientists, exploring soil with a shake test, investigating how water travels through celery using coloured water, and hunting for leaves and seeds as we learnt more about plant life cycles. When even got to taste test apples and apple juice when learning about the life cycle of an apple.

Art - Meet the Hippocrump!

We brought our imaginations to life with close-up pastel drawings of the mysterious Hippocrump, using colour, texture and detail to create our own unique creatures!

Computing - From Paper to Pixels!

We explored how digital devices use input, process and output, then swapped our colouring pencils for Chrome Canvas to discover how to create art digitally.

PE - Tennis Skills!

We've been developing our tennis skills, improving our control, coordination and accuracy as we practise rallying and playing together.

What a fantastic half term of learning, exploring and creating in Badger Class!





Badger Class Continued in Photos



Developing our writing skills in Hedgehog Class!



Little Hands, Big Writing Adventures!

We've been working and playing hard to develop all the important skills that help us become wonderful writers!

Did you know that before we can even pick up and control a pencil, there is so much learning and development that needs to happen?

It all starts with our gross motor skills – those big movements using our shoulders and arms! This is why our outdoor play equipment includes ropes, monkey bars, climbing nets and pulleys. All that climbing, pulling, swinging and stretching helps build the strength and stability we need for writing.

As our muscles develop, we gain more control over movements from our elbows, then our wrists and finally our fingers and fingertips! It's a big journey for little hands!

We've been especially busy this autumn with lots of exciting activities to strengthen our fingers and develop our 'snap, snap, crocodile' pincer grip – helping us get ready to hold and control our pencils.

And we've been putting all these wonderful skills into action! Inspired by listening to Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper, we've become real authors, creating our very own autumn stories!

We're not j'ust' playing – we're very busy learning!

Developing our writing skills

Pencil grip develops through different stages as children grow, building the strength, coordination and control needed for comfortable, confident writing. Here are the stages below:



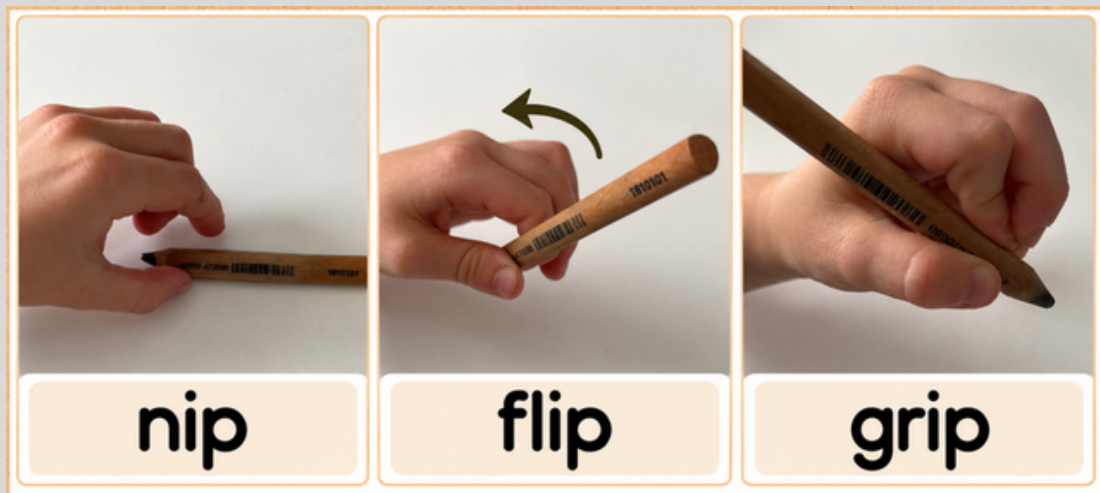
Nip, Grip and Flip – across the school!

This week, we've been looking at handwriting right across the school! We know that having a comfortable and efficient pencil grip makes writing so much easier, especially as we get older and begin writing more and more. There have been pages and pages of wonderful writing in some of our classes this week!

Developing a good pencil grip isn't always easy, and changing the way we hold a pencil can feel really quite awkward at first!

So, here's a handy little reminder of the 'Nip, Grip and Flip' technique we use across school to help children develop a comfortable, controlled pencil grip.

Why not give it a try at home? We've even been practising as a staff team, and it really does work! A little practice can make a big difference to helping our children become confident, fluent writers!



Girl's Football Competition



A huge well done to the six girls from Barnham who represented our school brilliantly at the U11 Girls' Football Tournament! Competing against nine other schools, the girls were unstoppable in their group, winning every match to secure their place in the final! Although the final didn't quite go our way, with a 3-1 defeat, the girls finished an incredible 2nd overall! They worked tirelessly, played superbly as a team and showed fantastic determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout. We are so proud of how they represented Barnham and the wonderful spirit they showed from start to finish. What an amazing achievement!



Getting to know Team Barnham - Mole Class

Barnham CEVC Primary School

Getting to know me

My name is Miss Cross

About me

I enjoy singing and am part of a choir. I like going to see musicals, going out for food and going to dance fitness classes. My favourite flowers are sunflowers so Summer is my favourite season and my favourite colour is red. My favourite animals are cats and I have my own little cat called Dolly!



What does my job involve?

I will be teaching Mole class 5 days a week and can't wait to help them to learn and be the best they can be! I am in charge of promoting reading for pleasure across the school and I have a passion for helping children to enjoy reading and writing. I love teaching English and reading stories!

What is important to me?

My family and friends mean a lot to me and I enjoy days out and holidays with them in my spare time! Travelling and seeing the world is something I really enjoy doing and I try to take every opportunity I can to go somewhere new in the school holidays. You'll always find me with a book in my hand, probably cuddling my beautiful cat Dolly!



How do I like to be supported?

I need deadlines to help me to work towards to complete tasks as this keeps me motivated. I like to know when things are happening in advance so I can plan for them. I like to feel appreciated and valued otherwise I worry I am doing things wrong. I like to be told what I am doing well as well as what I can do to improve. I am always seeking to improve and better myself.



What do people like and admire about me?

I am a good listener and am always there to help others. I am loyal and trustworthy and a good friend. I am reliable and hard working and a friendly and approachable person.

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Barnham CEVC Primary School

Getting to know me

My name is Mrs Darton

About me

I have been married for almost 50 years and we have three wonderful children, a grandson and a dog. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, reading, going to Zumba, playing pool and most importantly spending time with friends and family. I have worked in education for 18 years including running a nursery.



What does my job involve?

I currently support in Mole class with Miss Anderson and Mrs Holder although I am occasionally found in the corridor carrying out interventions and helping the children with their individual needs or outside.

What is important to me?

The most important thing to me is my family. I enjoy days out with them especially when we are all together which can be a rare thing as they are all grown up so it makes it extra special when we can spend days together. In school I like to know that children feel safe and are given plenty of opportunities to ensure they have a love for learning. I enjoy being part of a team in school and try to support others how I want to be supported. I am a great believer that people should treat others how they expect to be treated.



How do I like to be supported?

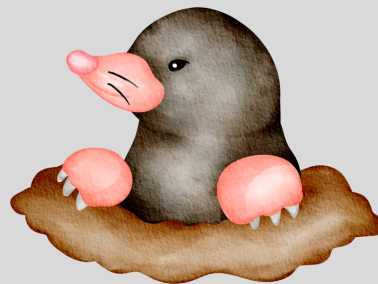
I prefer communication face to face rather than emails or texts although my memory is shocking so both can be ideal so I remember things. I like to feel appreciated and I am sure like most people enjoy praise. I would rather be told as soon as if I am doing anything wrong so I can correct things.



What do people like and admire about me?

I found this difficult to answer so I had to ask some people. The response was I am approachable, laid back, always get things done, good at using my initiative, true to my word, efficient, organised and good at making things run like clockwork as well as being a life-saver and reading minds of what needs doing. The children said I am nice, lovely, kind, funny, a good listener, help them with their problems and make learning fun. Always nice to know!

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Barnham CEVC Primary School

Getting to know me

My name is Mrs Tatum

About me

Hello, my name is Laura Tatum and I am a Teaching Assistant currently based in Fox Class. I am married and have three daughters and a dog. Outside of school I enjoy walking my dog, going for runs, being outside and gardening. I also enjoy baking and cooking for my family.



What does my job involve?

I am currently based in fox class and my role involves supporting Miss Cross - the classroom teacher - with day to day tasks whilst also supporting the students with their learning. I love that it is such a varied role in such a caring school.

What is important to me?

It is important to me to stay fit and healthy both mentally and physically which is why I love to be outside in nature as much as possible. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. My favourite stories as a child were the Anne of Green Gables series and from there comes my favourite quote which I feel is a great way to look at things...Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?



How do I like to be supported?

I like to know the general plan (be it for the day or week ahead) but am always aware that things can change last minute! I love a 'to-do' list and for things to be tidy and organised but also enjoy helping the students to be creative and make a mess! When I'm watching tv I find I concentrate better if I put the subtitles on but this drives my husband mad! :)



What do people like and admire about me?

People often say I'm very organised and reliable and that it's very rare for me to not have a smile on my face! I believe I'm very caring and that being kind is the most important thing.

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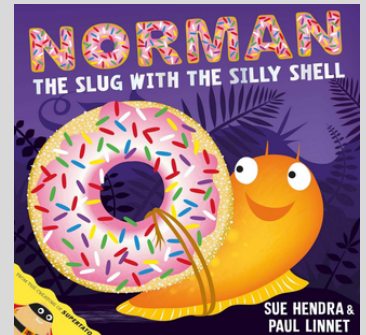
This week, it's time to share the profiles of all the staff that work in Mole Class. Mrs Veary covers in Mole Class on a Thursday afternoon but predominatnly works in Badgers- so we will share her profile next week.

Thank you Mole Class staff for all you do!

Thrive Hive News

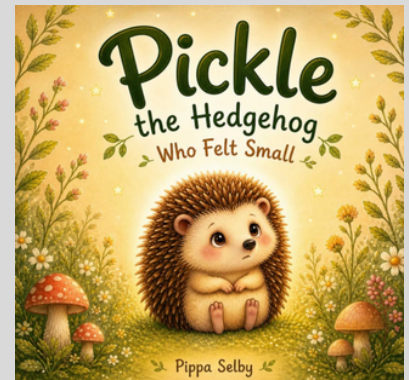
Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell

Last week in Thrive Hive, we shared Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell and explored our half-term theme of belonging and celebrating differences. We thought about how Norman felt when he wanted to fit in and discovered that we don't need to change who we are to be accepted. The children created their own special shells, celebrating the things that make them unique, before heading outdoors to make their own slugs and snails using clay, conkers and natural materials. Through our creative activities and conversations, we explored friendship, kindness and how we can help everyone feel safe, valued and included.



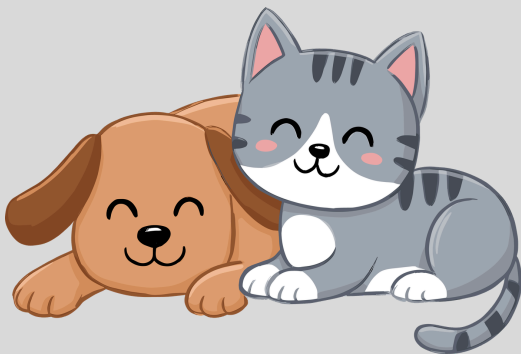
Pickle the Hedgehog Who Felt Small

This week in Thrive Hive, we shared Pickle the Hedgehog Who Felt Small and explored confidence, self-worth and belonging. We talked about how Pickle might have felt when he felt small and considered the special qualities that make each of us who we are. The children created their own special hedgehogs using conkers and natural materials, before working together outdoors to create a welcoming woodland home. Through these activities, we explored how everyone has something valuable to offer, how kindness can help others feel included, and how we can work together to create a group where everybody belongs.



We apologise again that Thrive Hive had to be cancelled for some this week due to staff shortages.

Pet Service @ Barnham Church



You're all welcome to take your pets, large and small along to an extra special service at St Gregory's Church, Barnham on Sunday 18th October @ 3pm

You will all be sure of a very warm welcome and they'd love to see you and meet your special pets.



Collective Worship News



At our school, we are proud of our colourful collective worship family groups, where every child belongs to a family represented by a colour of the rainbow. These groups provide a wonderful opportunity for children across the school to come together, build relationships and learn from one another.

We aim to meet in our family groups two or three times each half term for a special family collective worship session, led by our Year 6 children. These sessions help our older pupils develop their leadership skills while ensuring that every child has a voice and the opportunity to be heard.

This half term, we have enjoyed three fantastic sessions together. Our first focused on getting to know one another and finding our voices within our family groups. Our second explored what it means to be a great family team and helped us get ready for Sports Day. This week, we focused on the important message that everyone has a voice and everyone deserves to be heard.

During this week's session, children had the opportunity to share their thoughts, opinions and experiences of recent learning and school events, including our Harvest Festival. Listening to children's views helps us understand what matters to them and supports us in ensuring that their ideas and opinions are considered when planning future events and learning experiences.

As well as strengthening friendships and our sense of belonging, these family worship sessions provide an excellent opportunity for children to develop their oracy skills – learning to express their ideas clearly, speak confidently, listen respectfully and value the contributions of others.

Please ask your child which rainbow family group they belong to and what they have been discussing in their family collective worship! You might be surprised by the thoughtful ideas and reflections they have to share.

Sarah-Jane Clarke also visited us for Collective Worship on Tuesday afternoon- she's the waste management officer for Suffolk County Council- we are excited to welcome her back soon as she's going to be running an eco-club with our eco-warriors over the rest of the school year- we are really excited about this.

On Thursday, Victoria Bush who works for St Edmundsbury Diocese joined us for Collective Worship – she talked to us about the story of Ruth from the bible.

We love having visitors to our Collective Worship and are always grateful to them for joining us!



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 19 th October	Tuesday 20 th October	Wednesday 21 st October	Thursday 22 nd October	Friday 23 rd October
Pizza Marble cake slice	Cornish Pasty and beans Chocolate drip rice Krispie cake	Breaded chicken and wedges Or Quorn chicken Jelly and Fruit	Chicken 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 88.67%

MOLES 93.67%

BADGERS 98.4%

FOXES 90.87%

SQUIRRELS 97.69%

OTTERS 94.17%



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



Diary Dates



Please note, new dates added are in red.

Tuesday 20th October – Music Extravaganza

This is an opportunity for children to play to one another during our afternoon assembly.

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 : valewagdin.uk

Would your child like the opportunity to learn to play the cello?

Xanthe a music teacher who lives in the village has kindly offered to give 3 children the opportunity to start learning after October half term. She has kindly offered 6 weeks of 30-minute lessons for free.

If you are interested in this- these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for children in year 3 and above. Please e mail Miss Bacon- rbacon@barnham.org

Music Extravaganza

If you would like your child to perform a musical instrument that they are learning outside of school on Tuesday afternoon at the assembly, please do let Miss Bacon know via e mail – rbacon@barnham.org and ensure that they have their instrument and music ready to perform!

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

