



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



Bishop Joanne visits Barnham School

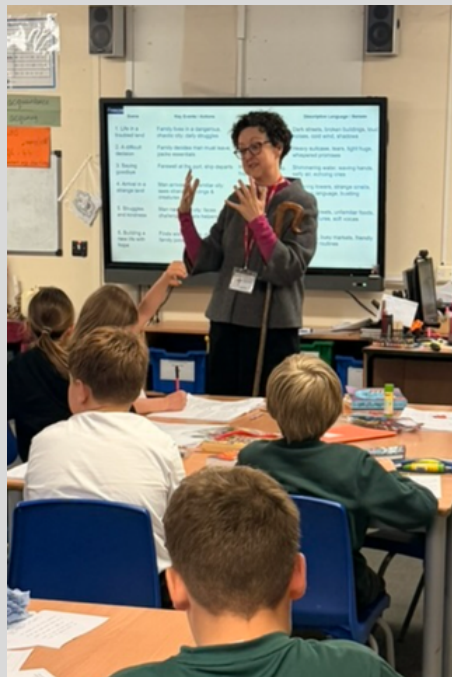
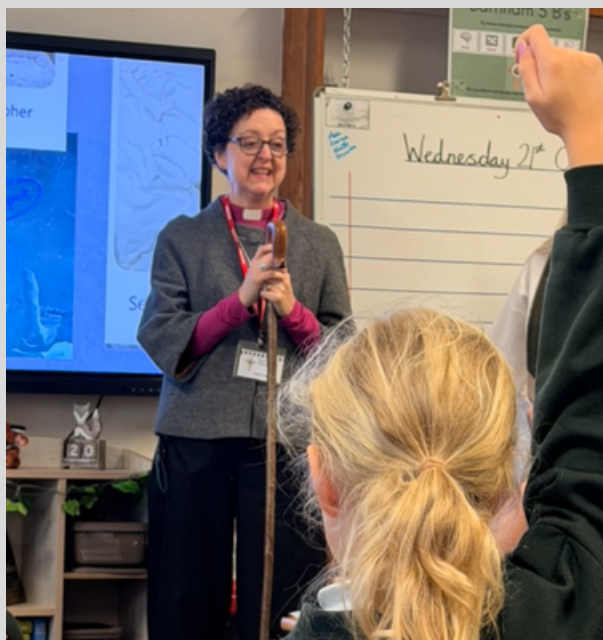
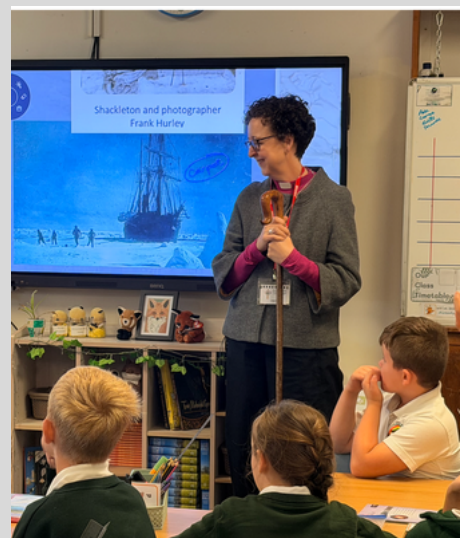


Several months ago, we wrote to Bishop Joanne to invite her to Barnham School, so we were absolutely delighted to welcome her and her assistant Elaine yesterday! It was a wonderful occasion and a fantastic opportunity to share everything that makes our school so special.

Bishop Joanne joined us for collective worship, exploring our Christian value of responsibility through the story of Feeding the 5,000. It was a wonderfully interactive experience, with all our children involved in bringing the story to life. The children were set four Change Agent challenges to complete over half-term, encouraging them to make a positive difference in the world around them. We were thrilled when Bishop Joanne said she would try to complete the challenges alongside us!

Bishop Joanne was particularly impressed by our fantastic Worship Leaders and Collective Worship Crew, who continue to make us so proud. She brought our worship to a beautiful close with a special blessing for our whole school community.

Touring our special school



During a tour of the school, Bishop Joanne and Elaine enjoyed meeting our children, hearing about their learning and seeing some wonderful writing, from *The Proudest Blue* in KS1 to *The Arrival* in Year 6. It was a lovely opportunity to showcase our rich, ambitious and inclusive curriculum, which encourages children to explore different perspectives, celebrate diversity and develop empathy and understanding.

Our children were thoughtful, curious and full of questions! They wanted to know about the best and hardest parts of being a bishop, how many churches and schools Bishop Joanne had visited and, our personal favourite, "As a bishop, do you play chess?" We also learnt about her mitre and crozier! We could not have been prouder of our children, their confidence, kindness and enthusiasm, or of the very special school community we have here at Barnham.

A heartfelt thank you to Bishop Joanne and Elaine for taking the time to visit us. It was a real privilege to share our wonderful school with you and a day we will remember fondly!
Please do come again soon!

Barnham Autumn Change Agent Challenges



hands

Helping Hands Challenge

"With my hands, I can help."

Be a secret helper! Find a job at home that needs doing and do it without being asked. Perhaps tidy up, help put shopping away, or help a family member.

Your mission: Make someone's day easier!

Kind Words Challenge

"With my words, I can encourage."

Spread kindness with your words! Give three genuine compliments, write a thank-you note, or encourage someone who is finding something difficult.

Your mission: Make three people smile!



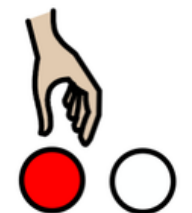
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Choose to Make a Difference Challenge

"With my choices, I can do what is right."

Make one choice that helps protect God's wonderful world. Pick up litter safely with an adult, turn off lights you're not using, save water, or choose to reuse something instead of throwing it away.

Your mission: Make one planet-friendly choice every day!



choices

God's Love in Action Challenge

"With God's love, I can make a difference."

Show love to someone who might need a little extra kindness. Make a card for someone who is lonely, check in on a relative with an adult, or donate an item you no longer need (with permission).

Your mission: Show someone that they matter!



God's love

We'd love to hear what you get up to being a Change Agent and if you can do e mail us some photographs and we'll pop these on our Change Agents display in school.

E Mail them to Miss Bacon - rbacon@barnham.org

Together we can change the world Team Barnham!



Music Extravaganza- Part 1



What a wonderful afternoon we enjoyed this week for Part 1 of our Music Extravaganza! Our talented performers absolutely amazed us!

Year 3 delighted us with their ukuleles, while Year 4 impressed with their guitar playing in unison – especially remarkable as both classes have only been learning with Mr Morley for six weeks!

We loved hearing Rachael from Squirrels continue to shine on the piano, while Finley's brilliant guitar rendition of Smoke on the Water had us humming all day! Flo and Val treated us to a fabulous clarinet duet, and it was particularly special to hear Edie from Year 4 play the piano for the first time since joining us in September. Well done, Edie!

It was also lovely to see Mrs Joubert's ever-growing Recorder Club perform How Great Thou Art, accompanied by Mrs Joubert on the piano.

We now have a wonderful problem – so many budding musicians want to perform! Parts 2 and 3 will therefore take place on the first two Tuesday afternoons after half term. Children know which afternoon they're performing, but please check with their class teacher if you're unsure.

A huge well done to everyone – we can't wait to hear more!

Collective Worship News

As a school we subscribe to and use Picture News in our classes each week.

The children love discussing the news together and learn so much from doing this in a safe and supportive environment. Picture News have asked us to share their newsletter with you all so that you know the topics we've covered this half term.

Please have a read and do look at their website to find out more.



Picture News For Parents



October 2026

Hello!

It's Katie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to this half term! Let's get started...

News Recap

Each Picture News resource focuses on a 'Big Question', to encourage deeper thinking and discussion around news stories. Let's look back at some of the topics we've explored this half term...

Learning from Dolly:

What can help us feel hopeful about a new beginning?



Dolly Parton re-recorded a song to raise money for charity, showing how revisiting something from the past can have a fresh impact. Coinciding with the new school year, children considered how they can build on their earlier experiences, take on new challenges, and make a positive difference.

Homelessness:

Do we all have a part to play in helping those in need?



Prime Minister Andy Burnham pledged to offer everyone sleeping rough in England a safe place to stay by Christmas. Children thought about times when people need the help of others, what that help might look like, and why asking for help and telling a safe adult when we are worried about someone can matter.

School Lunches:

Who should decide what we have for school lunch?



News of healthier changes to school dinner rules was the focus of this resource. Children thought about how decisions are made, discussing personal choice and shared responsibility, and the factors schools consider when providing meals.

AI:

Do we need AI wherever we go?



The announcement of the new Meta Muse Charm led to thought-provoking conversations in schools about whether AI is useful and when might we be better off without it. Children discussed AI's potential and limits, and how much technology should play a part in our lives.

Tip!



Explore our Discussion Board together at home, to share thoughts on the Big Question and find out what other children say about the stories.

VISIT THE DISCUSSION BOARD



Allergy Awareness Support

The new school year has brought new changes to allergy safety rules for schools across England. To help, we've hosted a range of Allergy Awareness Live Assemblies. The recordings are below, in case you'd like to watch together at home too!



Allergies Live Assembly with the Sadie Bristow Foundation
Clare Bristow and 14-year-old Reuben joined around 1 million children to explore what allergies are, what it's like to experience them, and how we can help keep each other safe.

[REWATCH THE SESSION HERE](#)

Being Allergy Allies! Primary Live Assembly

We explored more about allergies, with interactive quizzes and discussions. We heard from Lucy, who told us what it's like to live with coeliac disease, and shared how her friends and teachers helped to keep her safe.

[REWATCH THE SESSION HERE](#)



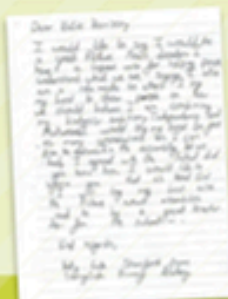
Picture News Pioneers!

Earlier this term, Picture News founder Katie Harrison led an online session teaching children about how they can become Picture News Pioneers, and lead their own assemblies and discussions in school!



We've been inundated with lovely letters from children, explaining why they'd be good Picture News leaders..

If these letters are anything to go by, we're in safe hands with the next generation of leaders!



Read some of the letters and learn more about why schools are introducing Picture News Pioneers [here!](#)

AI and schools: What's happening?



With news of the first-ever teacher of AI in a Scottish secondary school, and questions of how we can use AI responsibly amid new product launches like the Meta Muse Charm, AI has been an ongoing topic of conversation in and out of the classroom.



With 56% of children aged 8-17 using AI, we've been investigating how AI is impacting children and teachers. Take a look at our recent post to find out more [here](#).

This half term, teachers and pupils have talked openly about AI with the help of our Picture News pack. Together we explored the new Meta Muse Charm, and asked children, "Do we need AI wherever we go?"

What did your children think?



Let us know via the Discussion Board [here](#).

Bye for now!

That's all from me for now. I hope you have a wonderful time together during the half term holidays.

Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published at the end of Autumn 2, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials (linked below).

And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome! Speak soon,

Katie, Editor
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Getting to know Team Barnham - Badger Class

Barnham CEVC Primary School

Getting to know me

My name is Mrs Shepperson

About me

Hello! I'm Mrs Shepperson, the Year 5 teacher in Badgers Class. I love spending time with my family, being outdoors and keeping active. My husband, our two boys and our two cats keep life busy and full of fun. I also enjoy playing cricket and am a keen supporter of Charlton Athletic. I'm someone who enjoys getting involved, embraces new challenges and always strives to give my best.

What does my job involve?

Being the Year 5 teacher for Badgers Class is a real privilege. I love planning engaging lessons that inspire curiosity and help every child grow in confidence. My aim is to create a classroom where children feel happy, safe and valued, and where they are encouraged to be themselves, take risks and enjoy learning every day.

What is important to me?

My family means everything to me and they are at the heart of everything I do. Spending quality time with them is what I value most, and they inspire me to bring the same care, patience and kindness into my role as a teacher every day. Building positive relationships is at the heart of everything I do. I believe every child should feel listened to, respected and supported to achieve their best. I also value kindness, teamwork and creating a classroom where everyone feels a strong sense of belonging.

How do I like to be supported?

I value honesty, kindness and open communication. I enjoy working collaboratively with colleagues and families and believe that the best outcomes for children come when we work together. As someone who always gives 100%, I also appreciate a gentle reminder that it's okay if everything isn't perfect!

What do people like and admire about me?

People often describe me as kind, approachable and positive. I enjoy supporting others, remaining calm under pressure and bringing enthusiasm to everything I do. I hope that everyone who walks into my classroom feels welcome, valued and knows that I'm always happy to help.

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Barnham CEVC Primary School

Getting to know me

My name is Ms Veary

About me

(likes, dislikes, family, anything I want you to know about me)

I have two children, Edward, 10 and Isabella, 8. Edward loves playing rugby and is a member on the Chess board. Isabella loves arts and crafts and enjoys gymnastics. My parents and sister live on the coast, with my dog Dora. I love beach days and BBQs here in the summer months. I also enjoy seeing friends and having a good natter. I have danced since the age of 5 and this has remained a passion throughout my life.

What does my job involve?

I work in different classes throughout the school. Sometimes helping as a TA and sometimes covering lessons. I love teaching RE and PSHE. Seeing children thrive in all different ways is a passion I strongly follow throughout my job.

What is important to me?

The happiness of the children of Barnham are very important to me. I love seeing the smiles and joy that comes with working at the school everyday. Making sure that every child feels safe and heard is my top priority.

How do I like to be supported?

Being surrounded by positivity is important to me and a smile always makes the difference. I like to be supported by knowing that I work with a team. Positive and constructive feedback is important to me.

What do people like and admire about me?

I asked my family and friends this question. Their reply was that I'm a very caring, loving and bubbly person. Also they admire my resilience and passion in what I want to succeed to do in life.

pvearybarnham.org



Barnham CEVC Primary School

Getting to know me

My name is Mrs Holder

About me

My family and pets are my anchor. I have 5 adult children and two Jack Russell dogs whom I call 'My Boys' and keep me on my toes as those around me know, it's all I talk about!

What does my job involve?

I support the teacher in getting resources ready for the class. I also support the class with their learning, listening to them read, help explain maths concepts and ask them questions to help them to develop their ideas and opinions in literacy. I love it when a child develops more confidence in whatever they are doing and love to celebrate this with them by praising them. The joy of this moment is just magical!

What is important to me?

I have always believed that if I can make a positive difference to anyone I will try to, even in a little way to make this a better place to be. I have a love and fascination of nature and feel at peace on a forest walk or in the countryside. I love to sing and this has always been an important part of my life and keeps me going in tough times.

How do I like to be supported?

I am a visual learner and like to be shown how to do things. I like to practise new skills slowly with the support of others. I am a technophobe, big time and panic when it comes to using any technology and probably will need to be shown several times how to do things. I do struggle to hear children in the classroom and try to listen as well as listen. So using a loud voice and looking at me really helps.

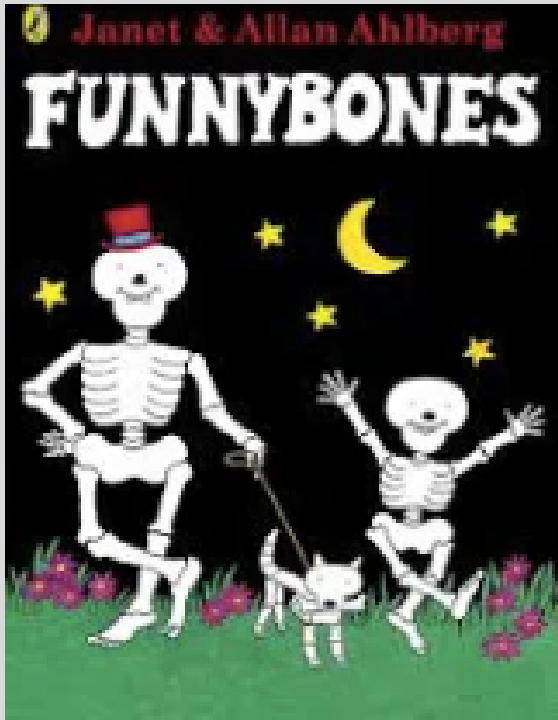
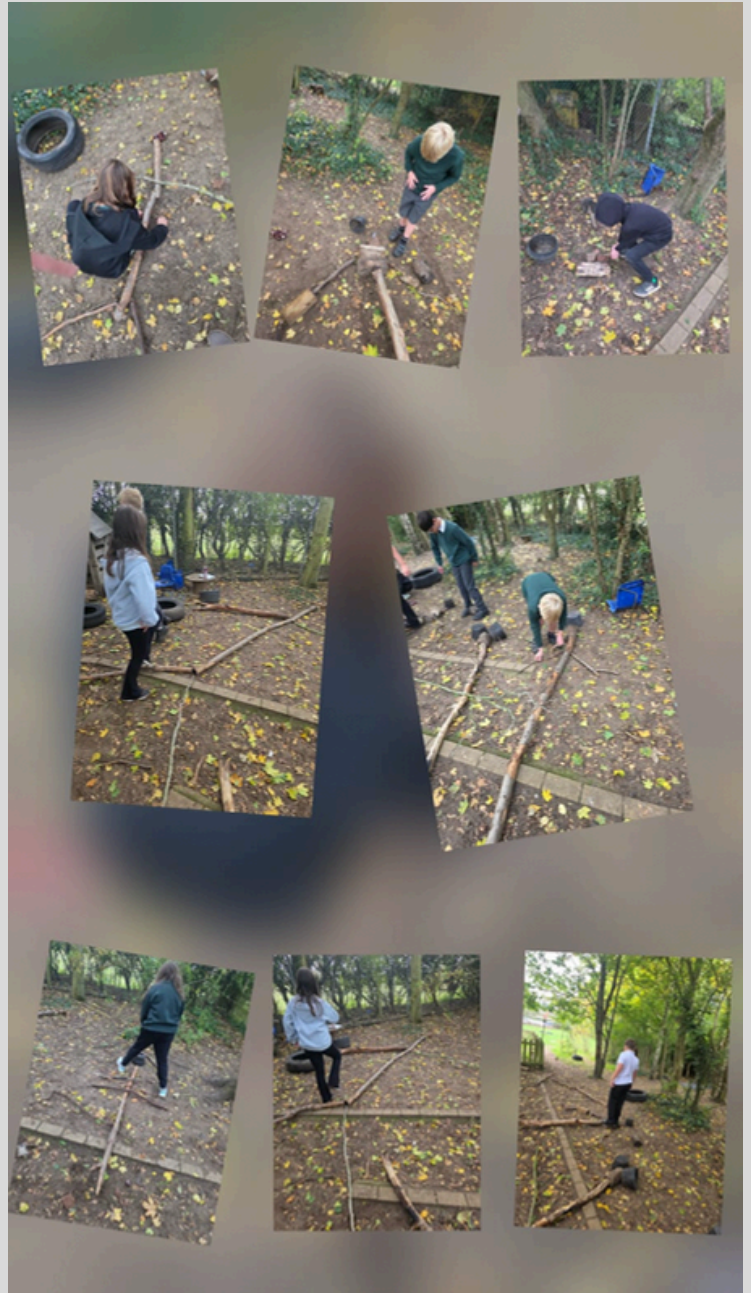
What do people like and admire about me?

I'd like to say that people find me a kind, friendly person who cares deeply about people and loves to see them flourish. I like to find the best in people and love to listen to them and help out where I can.

mholderebarnham.org

This week, it's time to share the profiles of all the staff that work in Badger Class. As you probably read in the newsletter last week, Badger Class have had lots of fun learning adventures this half term - thank you to all the staff who work in there to make school days so exciting!

Thrive Hive News



This week in Thrive Hive, we shared *Funnybones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and explored our half-term theme of belonging. The children created their own funny mummies using sticks, tissue paper and googly eyes, celebrating their individual ideas and creativity.

We also explored how we can create places where everyone feels welcome and included. Through our nature-inspired activities, the children used natural materials to build, create and work together, thinking about how each person's contribution helps make a group special.

We talked about how we don't all need to be the same to belong, and how listening, sharing ideas and helping one another can make everyone feel valued. Our key message this week was: "We can be different and still belong together"

Please remember Thrive Hive does NOT happen the first week back after half term, we will send the letters out for all new attendees during that week.

Cub Clubs will happen as usual with the groups staying the same for the first week back.

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 after half term

Monday 2nd November	Tuesday 3 rd November	Wednesday 4 th November	Thursday 5 th November	Friday 6th November
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 84.58%

MOLES 98.1%

BADGERS 97%

FOXES 80.43%

SQUIRRELS 88.94%

OTTERS 88.54%



Well done to Mole Class for the best attendance this week!

We are so very proud of you!

Have a wonderful half term everyone!



Diary Dates



Please note, new dates added are in red.

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 . One place has already been allocated so we have just two spaces left!



Unfortunately we do not currently offer private guitar lessons in school this is just part of the Year 4 class offer at this time.

However if your child is interested in learning: recorder, keyboard/ piano, clarinet, saxophone or cello - please do speak with us.

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

