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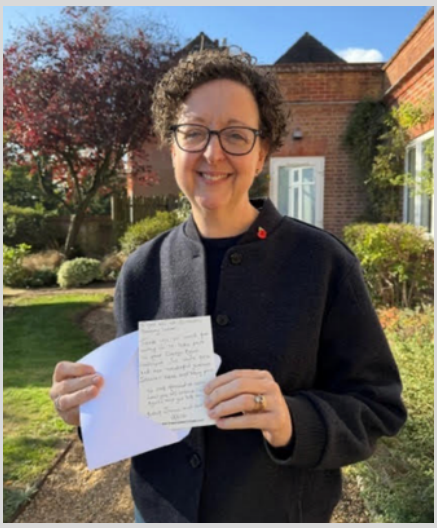
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Well Done Change Agents- Mission Accomplished






A huge well done to everyone who completed their Autumn Change Agent Challenges!
We've loved hearing all about your helping hands – from gardening and doing jobs to supporting your siblings. We've heard about the kind words you've shared to encourage friends and even inspire others to climb mountains! And we've been so impressed by your good choices, including recycling materials to create wonderful crafts.
You've all been fantastic Change Agents, showing God's love in action through kindness, encouragement and care for others.
We were especially thrilled to hear how the Bishop and everyone in her office got involved too!
Congratulations, everyone! Keep shining God's love and making a difference!

News from Hedgehog Class









What an absolutely wonderful week it has been in Hedgehog Class! There has been such a fantastic buzz of excitement, curiosity and enthusiasm as our little Hedgehogs have continued exploring their topic, 'Celebrations', with a very special focus on Bonfire Night!

The excitement began when a mysterious letter arrived from Hovis the Hedgehog, setting the children an important challenge: to discover all about Bonfire Night and, most importantly, how to keep themselves safe around bonfires and fireworks! Our Hedgehogs certainly rose to the challenge, impressing us with their brilliant questions, thoughtful ideas and growing understanding of firework safety.

At Forest School, the children enjoyed a magical story around the campfire in the cabin before heading off to collect natural materials to create their very own pretend bonfires. What fabulous imagination, teamwork and creativity we saw!

Back in the classroom, there have been mark-making opportunities galore, with beautiful firework pictures, colourful creations and lots of enthusiastic early writing. The children have been so proud to share their wonderful work!

As if that wasn't exciting enough, we have also launched Drawing Club this week! The children have loved getting creative and letting their imaginations run wild as we explored The Colour Monster, thinking about different feelings and emotions through stories, drawing and discussion.

Our classroom has been bursting with creativity, laughter, language and learning, and it has been an absolute joy to see our Hedgehogs embracing every opportunity with such confidence and enthusiasm.

We are SO proud of our wonderful Hedgehog Class! What a sparkling start to our 'Celebrations' topic - we can't wait to see where their curiosity and imagination take them next!

Getting to know Team Barnham - Fox Class


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Getting to know me

My name is Mrs Ashford

About me

Hello! I live with my husband, our two children, two tortoises and our very lively dog, Dixie. She's 9 years old but still behaves like she's a bouncy 2-year-old! When I'm not at school, I love spending time with my family, especially if we can head to the coast for a day by the sea. I love anything creative, so you'll often find me decorating, sewing, gardening or working on a new project. I also enjoy curling up with a good book whenever I get the chance.

What does my job involve?

I have the best job because every day is different, and I absolutely love it! Every day I get to help children learn, grow in confidence and enjoy coming to school. We'll learn lots of exciting new things together, celebrate successes and work through challenges as a team. I can't wait for a fun and successful year together!

What is important to me?

Like most people, my family and friends mean everything to me and are at the heart of everything I do. As a teacher, I passionately believe that every child has the right to feel safe, secure and respected, whatever their background, and that every child can achieve. I always do my very best to make this happen by building nurturing relationships with each child and their parents and carers, creating a classroom where everyone feels valued, supported and encouraged to be the very best they can be.

How do I like to be supported?

My brain is often like having lots of tabs open at once! Sometimes I'm super organised and efficient, while other times I'm a bit of an expert at leaving certain jobs until the last minute. I work best with a clear deadline to aim for, otherwise I might get distracted by another task that needs doing. I'm also not very good at saying "no". I love helping others, so I sometimes need a gentle reminder that I'm already doing enough and it's okay not to take on every job!

What do people like and admire about me?

People often tell me that I'm warm, friendly and easy to talk to. I'm a good listener and always try to see things from other people's point of view, so I hope everyone feels listened to and supported.
I'm also a bit of a "doer"! I love getting stuck into things and giving them a go—sometimes a little too quickly, before I've even read the instructions! I like to get involved, help wherever I can and bring plenty of enthusiasm to everything I do.

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Getting to know me

My name is Mrs Heffer

About me

My family and loved ones are the most important things in my life. I live with my husband, two sons and three dogs and we are lucky to have a wonderful support network around us who all mean the world to me.

What does my job involve?

I help create a positive, nurturing environment where children feel safe, inspired and cherished as part of our community at Barnham. I support pupils to discover their strengths and feel proud of their unique abilities.

What is important to me?

Empowering others to trust in their abilities and meet their personal goals is hugely important to me. I volunteer for a charity training and mentoring breastfeeding peer supporters and help run a group to support families through their parenting journeys. I'm also passionate about history, especially people connecting with our historic landscape. I've always loved exploring the countryside, reading, and music. I think having an eclectic mix of musical opportunities in schools is so important and even play in a steel pan band with one of my former teachers from when I was in year 5!

How do I like to be supported?

I can struggle with verbal information and can't lip-read for toffee so written lists or notes work best for me. Prioritising different tasks and maintaining perspective can be tricky for me so I appreciate specific instructions and long-term plans.
I'm motivated by feeling like I'm making a difference so, although I am uncomfortable with direct praise, I do like reassurance that my efforts are having a positive impact.

What do people like and admire about me?

"Compassionate, kind and you have a good work ethic." - Miss Anderson.
"Patient, resilient, good at adapting work to engage children with varying needs and interests. You're always flexible and go the extra mile." - Mr Holman.
"A very caring and generous person and if people need help you're always there to help them" - Pupil.

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Getting to know me

My name is Mrs Heartford

About me

I live with my husband and our two wonderful children, (15 and 11). Our home is completed by two scruffy dogs, Will and Tess, and our cat Kirkat — who is absolutely convinced she's a dog too! My husband is in the RAF and we've been lucky enough to live in lots of amazing places. We've had 8 homes across England, Scotland and even Cyprus, so I've become very good at settling in quickly, making friends and finding the fun wherever we go.

What does my job involve?

I'm a TA in the wonderful Squirrel Class, supporting Mr Holman and all the amazing children with their learning. Every day is full of moments that make me proud. Most afternoons, I'm outdoors with Thrive Hive, helping the children build confidence and resilience in a space where they feel safe to try new things. Watching children become braver, happier and more sure of themselves is one of the most rewarding parts of my role — I just love it!

What is important to me?

My precious family means everything to me, and time spent with them is the most important part of my life. We love being outdoors, appreciating nature together. Our favourite thing to do is camping in our tent — usually involving long road trips in search of the perfect view. With a genuine love of the outdoors, I've taught my children how important it is to appreciate the world around us. I believe deeply in being kind and respectful to all living things, no matter how big or small.

How do I like to be supported?

It's really important to me that I support both teachers and children in the best possible way. I truly appreciate it when people let me know if something isn't quite right — I helps me improve how I work and ensures I can support everyone even better in the future.

What do people like and admire about me?

People often tell me that I am kind, patient and always try to find the positive in every situation. I'm also told I'm very smiley, which apparently gives me "a happy aura" that people warm to! (thanks to my daughter for that description!)

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This week, it's time to share the profiles of all the staff that work in Fox Class. Thank you to all the staff who work in there to make school days so exciting!

Thrive Hive News

Thrive Hive will be on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays this half term. Letters for the new groups will be sent out on Monday or Tuesday, ready to restart the week beginning 16th November.

Year 6 Trip to Duxford









On 22nd October, Otters' Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum, where they had the opportunity to bring their learning about World War II to life.

Throughout the day, the children explored the fascinating aircraft displays, getting up close to some of the most iconic planes from the Second World War, including Spitfires, Hurricanes and impressive bombers. They discovered more about the important roles played by pilots, engineers and ordinary people during wartime, gaining a deeper insight into this significant period in history.

A particular highlight was the interactive filming workshop, where the children stepped into the shoes of wartime reporters, filmmakers and eyewitnesses. Using green-screen technology and a range of props, they worked creatively to recreate scenes from the past, bringing historical events and stories to life.

The children were absolutely brilliant throughout the visit. They were enthusiastic, engaged and curious, showing great interest in everything they saw and took part in. It was wonderful to see them asking questions, sharing their ideas and making connections with their learning in the classroom.

The visit was a fantastic opportunity to deepen their understanding of World War II in such a memorable and hands-on way. Well done, Otters - you were a credit to yourselves and the school!

Football Competition



The U11 boys had a fantastic time at their football tournament! They worked incredibly hard throughout, showcasing some excellent football skills, encouraging one another and demonstrating brilliant sportsmanship. The team won two matches and lost two, finishing an impressive 5th overall – a brilliant achievement! There were some great goals along the way, with Louis scoring one, Otis scoring two and Natty finding the back of the net three times. Well done, boys! We are very proud of you all!



Safeguarding Focus - November



Each month, we explore a different contextual safeguarding theme with children in school, helping them develop the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe. We'd love families to continue these important conversations at home too!

This month, our focus links to festivals of light and fire safety. As the colder, cosier months arrive, with fires being lit, candles glowing and homes being warmed, it's a perfect opportunity to talk about staying safe around flames, heat and potential hazards in the home.

By working together, at school and at home, we can help children make safe choices and keep themselves and others safe.

Children in Need - Friday



Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day.

As we already have a non-uniform day planned for Friday 20th we thought we'd do something different this year!

Pudsey Bear will be doing a special Meet and Greet on the playground in the morning- ready to pose for your photos and collect any donations/ loose change for this worthwhile charity.

All children will then be invited to bring in 50p for an extra special tuck at breaktime that Charlotte is kindly planning with a special Pudsey theme.

Children need to wear their school uniform but if they'd like to add in a few pudsey accesories, bear ears, a spotty bandana, something yellow- they are more than welcome to do so.

Thank you for helping us to support this worthwhile cause.

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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~~

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~~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 9th November	Tuesday 10th November	Wednesday 11th November	Thursday 12th November	Friday 13th November
Loaded your way jacket potatoes and salad Pancakes and Sauce	Mini toad in the hole with vegetables and gravy Selection of fruits	Beef burgers with beans and salad Fruit crumble and custard	Roast Chicken with all the trimmings Selection of fruits	Fish fingers, chips and beans or vegetables Chocolate cake

Gluten-Free, Vegetarian, Dairy-Free and Vegan Options available
Please note, our menu is subject to changes and these will be communicated via ParentMail

Attendance This Week

HEDGEHOGS 92.33%

MOLES 99%

BADGERS 92%

FOXES 92.17%

SQUIRRELS 95.77%

OTTERS 96.25%



Well done to Mole Class for the best attendance again this week!
We are so very proud of you!
Can you make it 3 weeks in a row?



Diary Dates



Please note, new dates added are in red.

Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance in School
Friday 13th November - Year 4 Visit Shimpling Park Farm
Friday 13th November - Children in need
Friday 20th November - Non-Uniform Day for FOBS Christmas Hampers
Monday 23rd November - Community Christingle (from 2pm)
Monday 7th December - Christmas Story Cafe(from 2:30pm)
Thursday 10th December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity
(Please note we have had to change this date)
Tuesday 15th December - Music Extravaganza
Friday 18th December - Christmas Services @ Church
Friday 18th December - Last Day of Term



Music Lessons in School



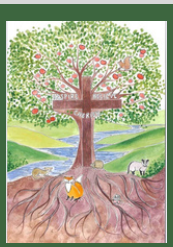
'Clarinet group with Val. Tuesday/Wednesday Lunchtimes, for a term .
Open to children in Year 4, 5 or 6
£6.00 a week including the loan of an instrument for free. '
Contact Val if interested : val@wagdin.uk



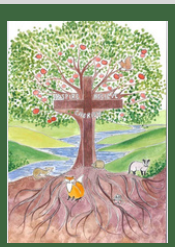
Would your child like the opportunity to learn to play the cello?
Xanthe a music teacher who lives in the village has kindly offered to give 3 children the opportunity to start learning after October half term. She has kindly offered 6 weeks of 30-minute lessons for free. Two of these sessions have already been taken.
If you are interested in this- the cello that we have avaialble for hire and use would only suit a taller Year 5 or Year 6 child so please let me know if your child might be interested in this.



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