BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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in each person that they might flourish
and fulfil their potential

Barnham Remembers with Gratitude and Thanks

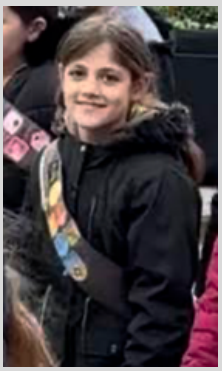












We are incredibly proud of all our children for the respect, thoughtfulness and gratitude they have shown as we have come together as a school to mark Remembrance Day.

It has been truly special to hear the wonderful family stories shared by our children, reflecting on generations of service, bravery and sacrifice. These personal connections have made Remembrance even more meaningful, helping our children understand the importance of remembering those who have served, those who continue to serve, and the sacrifices made by so many.

A particularly heartfelt thank you to all our military families, who are such an important part of our school community. We recognise and appreciate not only the dedication of those serving, but also the strength, resilience and sacrifices made by the families who support them.

Thank you for your service.

Above all, we want our children to understand that Remembrance is about more than wearing a poppy. It is about remembering, reflecting and being thankful for the courage and sacrifices of generations before us, and recognising the importance of kindness, peace and hope for the future.
We couldn't be prouder of the compassion and respect our children have shown.
We will remember them.











On 11th November, our whole school came together at Barnham War Memorial for a truly special and moving Remembrance service.
As part of our reflections, the children had each created their own poppy, sharing something they are thankful for. Together, we placed these at the memorial to create our very own Garden of Remembrance – a beautiful and meaningful display of gratitude, reflection and respect.
It was an incredibly proud moment to see our entire school gathered together, remembering those who have served and sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy today. The children showed such maturity, thoughtfulness and respect throughout the service.
It was also particularly lovely to see members of the Barnham village community watching from the sidelines and joining us in remembrance. It made the occasion feel even more special, bringing generations together in a shared moment of reflection.

We will remember them.

News from Otter Class

What a fantastic start to the new half term Otter Class have made! The children have been working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum, and Mrs Kennedy and the Year 6 team are so impressed with the way they come into school each morning, settle quickly and get straight on with their learning. Their positive attitudes, determination and willingness to persevere, even when learning feels challenging, have been wonderful to see. We are very proud of them!

In English, we have been reading Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah. This has been a particularly thought-provoking read, and the children have been moved by some of the hardships, prejudice and challenges faced by those who travelled to Britain as part of the Windrush generation. It has given us plenty to think about and discuss, particularly around fairness, identity, belonging and empathy. Using our Writing Roots unit, we have been developing our writing in response to the text, exploring how authors use language to convey emotions and experiences and working hard to bring greater depth and impact to our own writing.

Our writing has included exploring Leonard's thoughts and feelings, considering his experiences from different perspectives and thinking carefully about how to communicate difficult emotions to an audience. We have also been developing our use of vocabulary, sentence structures and descriptive language to make our writing more engaging and effective.



Otter Class Continued







In Maths, we have been working incredibly hard on long division, developing our understanding of the method and tackling increasingly challenging calculations. We have now moved on to fractions, where we are building on our knowledge and exploring new concepts. Some of the learning has certainly stretched us, but the children have shown great resilience and determination. We don't always find things easy, but we keep trying, learn from our mistakes and never give up!

In Science, we have started our new topic on the human circulatory system. Last week, we had great fun making our own models of blood! Who knew that Cheerios could make such good platelets and mini marshmallows such convincing white blood cells? It was a lovely hands-on way to explore the different components of blood and their important jobs in our bodies. We have also been investigating how nutrients from our food are absorbed through the walls of the small intestine and into the bloodstream through diffusion. Our Skittles experiment helped us to explore and visualise this process – science certainly can be colourful!

One of our proudest moments recently was seeing the children represent the school so beautifully at our Remembrance Day service. They were fantastic ambassadors for Barnham, supporting younger children and speaking with such clarity and confidence as they respectfully recited the names of those who fell from Barnham. It was a really special moment, and we were incredibly proud of them.

Well done, Otters! You are working so hard, showing fantastic attitudes to learning and demonstrating what it means to be resilient, supportive and responsible members of our school community. Keep it up – Mrs Kennedy and the Year 6 team are very proud of you!

Getting to know Team Barnham - Squirrel Class


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Getting to know me

My name is Mr Holman

About me

I have been teaching long time (I even taught a few of the parents). I am married and have two teenage daughters. Outside the classroom, I love reading, playing football and playing the ukulele and guitar. In the summer holidays I love camping on the Norfolk coast and swimming in the sea.

What does my job involve?

I am the Year 5 class teacher and the History and Geography Subject Leader. I am also a Level 3 Forest School leader. I love to encourage the children to explore and learn outdoors and to develop a closer connection to nature. I enjoy playing the ukulele and run a weekly lunchtime club

What is important to me?

It is really important to me that children develop a love of learning, especially in their primary years. History is a subject I am particularly passionate about but I also love reading and writing. Learning outside he classroom is also very important to me. Away from school, there is nothing more important than spending time with my family (apart from weekly 5-a-side football and some 'me time' at the allotment!)

How do I like to be supported?

Like a child or a pet dog, I respond well to praise. I work better if given one task to focus on with a short deadline, otherwise I have a habit of leaving things to the last minute. I much prefer face-to-face conversations to emails.

What do people like and admire about me?

I think people would agree that I am approachable and have a good sense of humour. I tend to find the best in people and always do my best to treat others as I would wish to be treated myself. I think some staff might admire the fact that I have been teaching longer than some of them have been alive! (I have the grey hairs to prove it!)

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Getting to know me

My name is Miss Tuffen

About me

Hello, I'm Miss Tuffen! I live with my mum, dad and 17 year old brother Alfie. We love exploring new places as a family, and having lots of fun! I also have a 12 year old cat called Herbie, she's very cute but can also be a bit grumpy! I love spending time with friends and being creative. I am often drawing, painting, singing or dancing! My favourite subjects in school are Art, Writing and Drama!

What does my job involve?

I have been a teaching assistant for 5 years, and i've been at Barnham for 1.5 years! My job involves supporting and helping the children in my class - this can be with anything! I am always here to help you with your work, comfort you if you're feeling a bit wobbly or have a giggle at something funny! You will also see me at lunchtime helping children and sometimes I help teach my class (especially Art!).

What is important to me?

The people in my life are very important to me. I love spending time with my amazing family and seeing my friends, as they help me feel happy, supported, and connected. I also care deeply about the children in my class. Helping them to learn, grow in confidence, and feel safe and valued is one of the most rewarding parts of my role. Although I hope to become a teacher in the future, I love working at Barnham and enjoy making a positive difference every day. Positive relationships and making a difference in children's lives is at the heart of what matters most to me.

How do I like to be supported?

Communication is key with me! I love to be told what I'm doing, where I need to be, and who with. Praise is always nice to hear, and can help me understand if I'm doing a good job! I also love having a little chat and getting to know everyone on a personal level, then I feel able to support my students to the best of my ability!

What do people like and admire about me?

When I asked my friends and family, they all said they admire how caring and selfless I am. I have a nurturing approach, which lots of people find comforting. They also said I am very loyal and kind person. I also like to think I have a great sense of humour, and I'm quite easy to get along with!

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This week, it's time to share the profiles of all the staff that work in Squirrel 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 have now been sent out and these groups will begin next week- we can't wait!

Cub Club will continue to be on Monday- Friday each week too.

Safeguarding - NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe

We are pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. This is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help chiildren understand and recognise the signs of the different types of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly, age-appropriate programme is fully aligned with the curriculum and consists of a short film and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children aged 6-7 and 9-11. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.
To find out more about the programme, please watch the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. 'Introduction for Parents/Carers film'. Link or scan QR code.

Parents and carers are asked to let us know if your child has experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme. (Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Arnold, Miss Bacon or Rhonda ahead of next Friday)

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.
www.nspcc.org.uk/parents www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

We hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the Speak out. Stay safe. programme helpful. Please do contact us if you have any further questions.

NSPCC Staff will be working in school with some classes next Friday and other classes will have these workshops delivered by their class teacher.



Year 4 Trip to Shimpling Park Farm










Fox Class had a fantastic day at Shimpling Park Farm today, discovering the fascinating journey from grain to pizza!

The children enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, learning all about wheat and how it is grown, harvested and turned into flour. They explored the different parts of a grain of wheat and had a go at grinding it themselves, discovering just how much hard work goes into making the flour we use every day!

The class also got their hands muddy investigating the soil and learning why healthy soil is so important for growing crops. They discovered more about organic farming and how farmers work with nature to look after the land and the wildlife around them.

One of the highlights of the day was visiting the mill to see how wheat is ground into flour using enormous millstones. The children were fascinated to see how the grain they had been exploring could be transformed into something used to make their favourite foods.

Of course, the most exciting part was becoming pizza chefs! After learning about the bread-making process, the children rolled, stretched and shaped their own pizza dough before adding delicious toppings. Once cooked, they were able to enjoy their freshly made pizzas – a very tasty reward for all their hard work!

A huge thank you to Farmer Alice and Baker Dominic for such a wonderful, memorable experience. Fox Class returned to school with full tummies, big smiles and a much greater understanding of where their food comes from. What a brilliant day of learning!

Interfaith Week 2026







This week, we have been celebrating Interfaith Week across our school, taking time to learn about and appreciate the different religions, beliefs and traditions that make our world such a wonderfully diverse place.

Inspired by our love of nature and the outdoors, we explored the idea that just like a garden is made beautiful by its variety of flowers, plants and trees, our school community is made special by the differences between us.

Children across the school have been discussing the importance of kindness, respect, understanding and belonging, recognising that we don't all need to share the same beliefs to live, learn and grow together.

As part of our celebrations, each child has created their own unique flower, sharing a message about how we can help everyone feel welcome, valued and respected. These flowers will come together to create our very own Garden of Belonging, celebrating the individuality of every child in our school.

Keep the conversation growing at home!

We'd love families to continue these important conversations. You might talk about different religions and celebrations, explore what makes your own family traditions special, or simply discuss how we can show kindness and respect to people whose beliefs are different from our own.

After all, every flower is different, but every flower belongs. Together, we grow something beautiful!



Odd Socks Day



Next Monday (16th November) , we are inviting all children to come to school wearing odd socks to mark Anti-Bullying Week!

There is no charge or donation required - this is simply a fun way to celebrate our differences, raise awareness of bullying and encourage conversations about kindness, respect and acceptance.

Odd Socks Day will provide a great talking point and help us open up further discussions in class throughout the week.

So dig out your brightest, boldest, most mismatched socks and join in!

Children in Need - Thank You





A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need fundraising!
We had a very special visitor, Pudsey Bear, who loved meeting and greeting the children on the playground as they arrived at school. What a lovely way to start the day and bring smiles to so many faces!
Thank you also to everyone who purchased our special Children in Need-themed tuck and a huge thank you to Charlotte and Sandra for making them. Through your kindness and generosity, we have all helped to make a difference.
Together, we raised £76.85
Pudsey Bear loved visiting Barnham School and even came back for Collective Worship to personally high five all our certificate winners!
Thank you for helping us support such a wonderful cause!

News from FOBS

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 20th November

Get ready to brighten up the school! FOBS will be holding a Colour-Themed Non-Uniform Day on Friday 20th November.

In exchange for wearing their own clothes, we kindly ask children to bring in one item in their class colour to help us create some fantastic raffle hampers!

Donations can be anything from food and drinks to toys, toiletries or treats – as long as they match your child's class colour! If donating food, please ensure it has a long best-before or use-by date.

FOBS will then work their magic to create some beautiful, colourful hampers! Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children, ready for the prize draw on Friday 11th December.

Please see the poster below for your child's class colour.

Thank you for helping us make this a colourful success!

Barnham's Special Portrait Tea Towels – On Sale Now!

Looking for a unique Christmas gift or a lovely keepsake?

Our very own Barnham pupils' portrait tea towels are now available to buy!

Featuring the children's wonderful self-portraits, these special tea towels make a fantastic Christmas present for family and friends, or a treasured reminder of their school days.

Just £4.50 each!

Look out for the FOBS team selling them on the playground before and after school.

Please see the attached poster for more details.

Thank you, as always, for supporting FOBS and helping us raise funds for our school!





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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 16th November	Tuesday 17th November	Wednesday 18th November	Thursday 19th November	Friday 20th November
Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Rice and sweetcorn Chocolate Cake	Chicken Korma & Rice served with peas Selection of fruit	Spaghetti Bolognese, garlic bread and vegetables Gingerbread Shortbread	Sausage Roast & Fresh vegetables Or Quorn Fillet Jelly	Fish Fillet, chips, beans or vegetables Vanilla Crunch and Custard

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 93%
MOLES 98.33%
BADGERS 97.6%
FOXES 96.09%
SQUIRRELS 98.08%
OTTERS 81.67%



Well done to Mole Class for the best attendance again this week!
This is the third week in a row.
We are so very proud of you!



Diary Dates



Please note, new dates added are in red.

Monday 16th November - Please wear odd socks if you can for anti-bullying awareness

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
Tuesday 15th December - Music Extravaganza
Friday 18th December - Christmas Services @ Church
Friday 18th December - Last Day of Term



Music Lessons in School



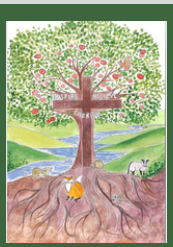
'Clarinet group with Val. Tuesday/Wednesday Lunchtimes, for a term .
Open to children in Year 4, 5 or 6
£6.00 a week including the loan of an instrument for free. '
Contact Val if interested : val@wagdin.uk



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 and begun this week. 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

