



Barningham CEVC
Primary School

Newsletter



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Attendance Matters

It was great to see so many of our children in school everyday since the return to school after the summer break. Children who attend school every day will continue to make progress both academically and socially and this is a life skill to instil in all of our children for their future. I wrote to parents last week to outline key changes to attendance from September 2024 with the introduction to the new National Framework for fixed penalty notices. I have updated the attendance policy to reflect these changes and have also updated the attendance policy summary for parents which is attached to this newsletter.

Harvest Festival

We will be hosting our annual **Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 26th September at 9.15am**. Parents are invited and welcome to take part in our service where we give food to the local food bank. Please can all children bring in a non-perishable food item e.g. tins, pasta, packets where they will be able to bring it to the church and offer it during the service. No fresh foods please. It is a wonderful example of how we live by the value of 'giving' to others and as a school we are known for our very kind donations to the food bank. If you ever need access to the food bank please contact the school or Reverend Cathy who will be able to support.

Prospective EYFS Open Afternoon

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021 they will be ready to join their school from September 2025!

Will you be looking for a school place for your child to join Reception in September 2024? Or will your child be turning 3 years old in the next few years and are interesting in our Nursery? Come along to our open afternoon for prospective parents. **Our Open Afternoon is on Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 3.30pm.**

ALL EVENTS AND DATES CAN BE FOUND ON THE LAST PAGE – please add these to your diaries 😊

Our Core Value
for this half term is



**to be
ambitious**

Our Christian value
for this half term is

courage

Thurs 26th September

Harvest Festival @ St
Andrew's Church
9.15am

Thurston CC Open Day

**Friday 27th
September**

Flu Vaccinations at
school

To grow in faith, grow in our learning and grow our future world



New Reading Challenge!

This year we are introducing a new reading challenge to the school. Each class will compete to win a cosy reading session for their class in which they can share stories, drink hot chocolate and bring in a soft toy or blanket/pillow from home. The children have been asked to read at home daily and have this recorded in their reading diaries. Children that have read every day will be given a raffle ticket and each class will count up their tickets. The class with the most tickets that week will be added to our reading challenge display in the hall. The class that has read the most at the end of each half term will win a cosy reading session for their class. Every child that has read daily will receive a reading certificate in our celebration assembly and we will pick out a raffle ticket to win a book.

Online Data Forms

This year we have moved to an online system to collect information from parents such as contact details and any medical issues. The link can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/LJjvaMEBUj>
Please can all parents complete this as soon as possible.

High School Application Forms for Year 6

We wanted to make parents aware that the deadline for applications for secondary school is Thursday 31st October - parents have been emailed a letter from Suffolk County Council with instructions of how to apply online. Both Ixworth and Thurston are holding open days in the coming weeks for parents:

Thursday 12th September: Ixworth Open Evening for Y6 pupils 4pm or 6pm

Thursday 26th September: Thurston Open Evening for Y6 pupils 6pm – 8pm

Flu Vaccination at School

Parents have been emailed an information leaflet and an E consent form if they would like their child to receive a flu vaccination at school. This will take place on Friday 27th September.

A note from the governors

We hope all the children are settling into the new school year and enjoying their new topics for the term. We look forward to the meet the teacher sessions this week and the harvest festival at the church next week; please do go along to these if you can, it is wonderful to have an opportunity to see the children's school environment and see them engaged in their learning. If you want to know more about the work of the governing body, please get in touch with me at admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk . Julie Surridge, Chair of Governors



Key Dates for your diary

Thursday 26th September: Harvest Festival @ 9.15am at Church

Thursday 26th September: Thurston Open Evening for Y6 pupils 6pm – 8pm

Friday 27th September: Flu Vaccinations in School (parents have been emailed information leaflet and E consent form)

Thursday 3rd October: Prospective Reception & Nursery Open Afternoon 3.30pm

Friday 25th October: Last day at school before October Half Term

Thursday 31st October: Deadline for Secondary School Applications for Year 6 children

House Points

Points this week:

Nightingale House: 144

Attenborough House: 99

Einstein House: 166

Total Points so far

Nightingale House: 235

Attenborough House: 232

Einstein House: 260

Attendance Race

This Week:

1st Place: Badger Class

2nd Place: Owl Class

3rd Place: Rabbits & Squirrel Class

Total points so far this half term:

Rabbits & Squirrels: 1 point

Badgers: 3 points

Owls: 2 points

Clubs and Extended Day Provision

We run a great **Breakfast Club**, which opens at 7.45 every morning and costs just £5 per session, payable when you drop off please or via the SchoolMoney app.

We run an **After School Club** which is open for five nights a week until 5pm and it is £7 a session.

We mix this with sports clubs to keep children active! Please book in advance via the link emailed from Premier.

Website, Twitter & Tapestry

We have lots of ways to keep parents up to date with information about what is happening in school. Whilst we await all the parent forms giving permissions for various platforms, some of these may not yet be updated. You can find out more in the following ways:

Website: www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BarninghamCEVCP> (more recently changed to 'X')



Barningham CEVC Primary School

You can follow us on **@BarninghamCEVCP**. If you can 'like' or 'retweet' our tweets, it helps to get the school some positive attention.

Our Class Pages can be found here:

@BCEVCPowls <https://mobile.twitter.com/BCEVCPowls>

@BCEVCPBadgers <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcpbadgers>

@BCEVCPsquirrels <https://mobile.twitter.com/BCEVCPsquirrels>

@BCEVCPRabbits <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcp rabbits>

Tapestry: This is for Reception & Nursery parents only.