



Barningham CEVC  
Primary School

# Newsletter



No.19 Spring 2024

## Keep Barningham Beautiful

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am until 12pm, the Parish council are inviting members of the community to support with keeping Barningham beautiful! People can support with litter picking and a general tidy up of the local area and to help make our world a better place. Added bonus of free tea and cake for all volunteers. See leaflet attached 😊

## Changes to Free School Meals

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April, there will be changes to pupils applying for Free School Meals. This does not affect pupils who already have FSM. It is important for schools to remind all parents and guardians who do not have a current claim or eligibility, to apply for this between now and the end of March 2025 if they think their child may be eligible, to ensure their claim and future funding are protected. Please visit [Apply for free schools meals - Suffolk County Council \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

## Medical Appointments

We know and understand that on some occasions, children will need to miss school to attend medical appointments as some of these are difficult to arrange after school. In the school register there is an 'M' code for medical appointments – to be able to use this code we need to see a copy of the appointment letter and so will ask parents to supply a copy. Please support the office staff with this request so our registers are up to date and accurate at all times.

## Squirrel Village Walk

On Thursday, as part of their Geography lesson, children in Squirrels will be going on a walk around their village. During this time, they will be looking at buildings, roads and pathways as well as what makes up the village of Barningham. They will be leaving around 9am and will be back in school for around 10.20am and will be supported by their teacher and other staff/volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Rolfe.

Our Core Value  
for this half term is



**to be ambitious**

Our Christian value  
for this half term is

**perseverance**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
Friends Afternoon Tea

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
Keep Barningham  
Beautiful  
(village tidy up)

**Parents Evening**  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> /Wed 26<sup>th</sup> :  
Badgers

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> /Thu 27<sup>th</sup> :  
Squirrels

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> : Year 5

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



## Breakfast Club Lead Vacancy from Sept

Miss Hopkinson, who has been running breakfast club over the last few years and has been an excellent teaching assistant in Owl class, will be leaving in July to pursue her career in becoming a teacher! She has been successfully accepted to being her teacher training from September. Therefore, we will have a vacancy for a breakfast club leader from September. If you may be interested in this role for 5 days or part time, please contact the school.

## Parents' Evening

We will be hosting parents' evening this half term as a mid way point so parents can meet with their child's class teacher and find out how they are getting on with their learning.

**Year 5 with Mr Smith** – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 3/4 with Miss Cartwright** – Mon 24<sup>th</sup>/Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 1/2 with Mr Rolfe** – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March / Thu 27<sup>th</sup> March

## Support for the Friends

I'm sure you'd agree that the events the Friends organise are great fun for our children as well as a great fundraiser for our school! However, we are struggling at the moment for volunteers who are able to support events like the afternoon teas, discos and summer fayres! Please, if you are able to donate some of your time to these events, it would make the world of difference! We would hate to start cancelling events because we can't staff them with volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school.

"In order to make the Easter Event a success, we ask **if you are able to donate an egg to this event for our tombola**. The donations box will be in the Reception area for you to place your donations. We also ask for **donations of cake** on the day to aid our refreshment stall."

## Big Spring Sing – Bury Cathedral

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, the faith council will be visiting Bury Cathedral to take part in the Big Spring Sing – a Christian Aid event to raise awareness of injustice and to come together as multiple schools to sing and raise money for Christian Aid. This year, they have space for additional pupils and we have chosen to bring Year 5 with us as well to experience a live band and take part in the singing and service. Each year we will bring Year 5 so that the whole school has the opportunity to visit.



## Changes to Nursery Payments & Nursery Spaces

From Easter, as outlined in the parent letter sent on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, we will be taking advance payments for our Nursery spaces. This is to enable the school to plan staffing and catering arrangements based on the number of pupils attending each day. We still have some spaces in our Nursery and have some availability for 15 and 30 hour placements. You can find out if you are eligible by clicking here: <https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working> . **If you are considering a placement for after Easter, please contact the school to reserve these places.**

## School Lunch Price Increase

**From April 2025, the cost for a school lunch will increase to £2.80.** Our school meals are provided by Vertas. They have notified us that this increase is due to inflation and increased cost of goods.

## A note from the governors

It has been such a delight to hear the sounds of musical instruments being played when I visited the school this week as children have engaged in their music lessons. I saw children playing the trumpet and the piano; it was wonderful. Recently I wrote to all parents and carers to explain a temporary change in leadership at the school for the summer term. We will be appointing a Head of School this term and further details will be circulated in due course. If you have any questions about this temporary arrangement, please do contact me. As governors, we have a vacancy for a Co-opted governor. If you are interested in this role or would like to know more about the work of the governing body, please contact me at [admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk) Julie SurrIDGE, Chair of Governors"

## Key Dates for your diary

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents' Evening for Badgers (1)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents' Evening for Year 5, Badgers (2) and Squirrels (1)

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents' Evening for Squirrels (2)

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Squirrels on Barningham Village Walk

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Friends Afternoon Tea **starting at 3pm**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Keep Barningham Beautiful 10am – 12pm (village tidy up & free tea and cake)

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Badger Class Performance to parents with younger siblings

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Faith Council & Year 5 visit Bury Cathedral for Big Sing

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Easter Egg Hunt @ the Martineaus

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Easter Church Service @ St Andrews at 9.15am

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Badger Class Performance to parents only



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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Craft Afternoon (Parents invited) & School Pudding Raffle

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April:** School lunch cost increases to £2.80

## House Points

Points this week:

**Nightingale House:** 91

**Attenborough House:** 43

**Einstein House:** 68

Total Points so far

**Nightingale House:** 3607

**Attenborough House:** 3059

**Einstein House:** 3696

## Attendance Race

This Week:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Owl Class

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Rabbit & Squirrel Class

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Badger Class

Total points so far this term:

**Rabbits & Squirrels:** 11 points

**Badgers:** 23 points

**Owls:** 20 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 links below

### **Mondays – Dodgeball**

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-922196/>

### **Tuesdays – Table Tennis**

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-922197/>

### **Wednesdays - Football 1**

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-922198/>

### **Thursdays – Football 2**

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-922199/>

### **Fridays – Kurling**

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-922200/>



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## 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](http://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk)

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

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/bcevcprabbits>

**Tapestry:** This is for Reception & Nursery parents only.