



Barningham CEVC
Primary School

Newsletter



No.31 Summer 2025

Staffing Changes

As is the case at the end of most school years, we are sadly saying goodbye to some of our staff.

Miss Orton, who has worked tirelessly here for a number of years, is moving on to a role in another local school. We thank her so much for all the work she has done with so many children over the past few years. She has had a massive impact on so many children.

Mr Rolfe, who has taught in Squirrel Class this year, and has also taught in other classes here over the last few years, will be leaving. Again, he has had such an impact on so many children here and we thank him for all his hard work.

The student teachers Miss Ward and Mr Marsh have now finished their placements with us and we wish them every success with their future careers in teaching.

Finally, we are welcoming Mrs Allen back to the school after she has been away on maternity leave. She will be re-joining the staff in September and teaching Squirrel Class Monday-Wednesday.

Owl Class Performance

The much anticipated performances of Peter Pan are happening next week.

Monday 14th July 2025 – 1:30pm

Tuesday 15th July 2025 – 9:15am

If you haven't responded to the online form to tell us which performance you would like to come to, please can I ask that you do this by Friday 11th July, so we know how many chairs to set out.

Our Core Value
for this half term is



to be kind

Our Christian value
for this half term is
forgiveness

Monday 14th July: Owl
Class Play (1:30)

Tuesday 15th July: Owl
Class Play (9:15)

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to Reception – Stay,
Play and lunch (child
only) (11:40)

Wednesday 16th July:
End of Year Reports go
out to parents/carers



School transport

Parents can now apply for spare seats if your child is not eligible for Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded school travel.

Parents of children who are not eligible for SCC funded school travel, may wish to buy a spare seat for their child to travel to and from school on a vehicle that SCC has arranged specifically for children eligible for SCC funded school travel.

There is no guarantee that a spare seat will be or continue to be available as this will depend on the number of seats needed for children who are eligible for SCC funded school travel. School travel capacity is re-assessed every school term. This may mean that the offer of a spare seat could be withdrawn if more children become eligible for SCC funded school travel.

[View full details about spare seats and apply](#)

[Find out more about school travel](#)

Alternatively you can call the passenger transport team on 0345 606 6173 or email them at passenger.transport@suffolk.gov.uk

Free school meals update

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently updated its guidance on Free School Meals (FSM), with important changes coming into effect from September 2026. Please read the following carefully to understand how this may affect your child.

What's Staying the Same – until August 2026

If your child has been eligible for Free School Meals at any time between April 2018 and August 2026, they will continue to receive FSM. You do not need to reapply, even if your household income or circumstances have changed. Protections were introduced to support families and ensure children receive a free school meal regardless of any financial change in circumstances during the rollout of Universal Credit and this will remain in place until the end of the 2025/2026 school year.

What This Means for You

If your child is moving from primary to secondary school in September 2025, you do not need to reapply for FSM at that point.



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What's Changing – From September 2026

From the 2026/2027 school year, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of income. The current £7,400 income threshold will be removed. Transitional protections will end. To qualify for FSM from September 2026 onward, your household must be receiving Universal Credit at the time of eligibility assessment. From September 2026, schools and local authorities will check FSM eligibility once a year, to avoid any sudden changes for families during the school year.

Need More Information?

If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please email the Free School Meals Team: freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk. We'll continue to share any further updates from the Department for Education as soon as they are available.

Reading Quest

Join Reading Quest at your local library for a summer of fun and reading! Collect your passport and visit any library six times across the summer to stamp your passport, collect rewards and borrow exciting books! Reading Quest begins 19 July.

Supporting children and young people to manage their emotions

On Thursday 17th July, SENDIASS is hosting a relaxed online session for parents and carers exploring ways to help your child to understand and manage their feelings. This will run from 10am until 11:30am. They will also explore strategies which schools may use, and how they can access advice to enable them to support your child. The presentation will be delivered by specialist teachers from Suffolk's Social, Emotional and Mental Health Service. This is one of the five Specialist Education Services in Suffolk, which support schools to support pupils with different special educational needs. The session will explore:

- what your child's behaviour may be communicating
- strategies to support your child
- what can lead to meltdowns and how to support your child during and after a meltdown
- strategies schools may use and how they can access advice to help them support your child.

If you would like to register for the session, please follow this link: [Supporting-to-manage-emotions.pdf](#)

Barningham Conservation Group

Barningham Conservation Group are looking for volunteers with a love of the countryside to form a group, aiming to protect and enhance the natural environment in our village. This would involve



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mapping of ancient trees, hedgerows, and other plants / habitats / wildlife which we value, as well as maintenance and enhancement of our green spaces. If you are interested please email Bobby at: conservation.barningham@outlook.com / drop in to the village hall on Saturday 26th July, 10-30 a.m. – 11.30 am.

A note from the governors

We hope all the children enjoyed their transition days yesterday, mixing with their new year groups and learning about what September will bring when they go up to another year group. The end of the school year is approaching fast, and whilst we try and keep safe in this heatwave, we are looking forward to the traditional events the last few days of term will bring, including the Owl performance next week, and the Church Service on the last day of term. As Governors, we have a vacancy for a Co-opted governor. If you are interested in supporting our Governing Body, or would just like to know more about our role in the school, please get in touch with me to discuss at admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk Julie Surridge, Chair of Governors.

Key Dates for your diary

- Monday 14th July:** Owl Class Play (1:30)
- Tuesday 15th July:** Owl Class Play (9:15)
- Tuesday 15th July:** New to Reception – Stay, Play and lunch (child only) (11:40)
- Wednesday 16th July:** End of Year Reports go out to parents/carers
- Wednesday 16th July:** St Benedict's Catholic School – first transition day
- Thursday 17th July:** St Benedict's Catholic School – second transition day
- Friday 18th July:** St Benedict's Catholic School – third transition day
- Monday 21st July:** Banham Zoo trip – Reception to Year 5
- Tuesday 22nd July:** End of year church service (9:15)
- Tuesday 22nd July:** Year 6 leavers assembly in school (2:30)
- Tuesday 22nd July:** End of term – Summer holidays begin

House Points

Points this week:

Nightingale House: 115 **Attenborough House:** 103 **Einstein House:** 143

Total Points so far

Nightingale House: 4853 **Attenborough House:** 4359 **Einstein House:** 4412



Attendance Race

This Week:

1st Place: Rabbit & Squirrel Class

2nd Place: Badger Class

3rd Place: Owl Class

Total points so far this term:

Rabbits & Squirrels: 24 points

Badgers: 21 point

Owls: 15 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:

Monday – Dodgeball

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-925962/>

Tuesday - Badminton

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-925963/>

Wednesday – Football

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-925964/>

Thursday – Dance

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-925968/>

Friday – Athletics

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-925965/>

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')

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/bcevcpsbadgers>



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

@BCEVCPRabbits <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcprabbits>

Tapestry: This is for Reception & Nursery parents only.