



Barningham CEVC
Primary School

Newsletter



No.32 Summer 2025

It's Summer!

What a fantastic year we've had in 2024-2025! Thank you to all the children for working so hard every day, to all the staff for the fantastic learning opportunities that they provide for the children, and to all the parents/carers for the support you give to both the children and the school. We have already started planning for next academic year to make sure we keep driving the school forward and I have every confidence that we will do so. As you are aware, Miss Hunter finishes her term of executive headship this week and will return to Barningham full time in September. Please note that the first two days in September are PD days, so there will be no children in school. Children in Reception to Year 6, will return ready for the start of another exciting year on Wednesday 3rd September. Those children in Nursery will return on Monday 8th September. Have a very happy summer break.

Summary of support staff

Miss Gracie, our student TA, is continuing a placement with us and will support across Early Years and KS1, two days a week.

Mrs Yarrow will support in Rabbit Class and run interventions for phonics and Maths.

Mrs Morris will continue to support in Rabbit Class and run speech and language interventions.

Mrs Shelton will support in Owl Class, cover for teacher release time and continue to provide ELSA student.

Miss Faye will support in Owl Class.

Mrs Bluett will support in both Badger Class and Owl Class and continue with interventions across KS2.

Our Core Value
for this half term is



to be kind

Our Christian value
for this half term is
forgiveness

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)

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



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.

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 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

There have been some lovely events at the school in recent weeks as we approach the end of the school year including sports day and seeing the excellent performance of Peter Pan by the Owl class to their families. Although there are only two days left of the school year, those days will be busy with most of the children visiting Banham Zoo on Monday, followed by the end of term church service on Tuesday. We look forward to hearing the Y6 pupils reading their personal statements during the church service, reflecting on how their time at our school has helped them; we wish them the very best as they venture onwards to their chosen high schools. Thank you to all of our staff for the incredible amount of work they do each and every day to support our children; we wish them, and all of our children, and



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their families, a very happy summer break. We look forward to seeing you all, and welcoming our new Rabbit class pupils to the school, in September.

If you would like 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

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

Monday 1st September: PD Day for staff – no children in school

Tuesday 2nd September: PD Day for staff – no children in school

Wednesday 3rd September: Autumn term begins for children – Reception to Year 6

Monday 8th September: Autumn term begins for Nursery children

Thursday 23rd September: Last day of Autumn term 1 for children

Friday 24th October: PD Day for staff – no children in school

Monday 27th October: Autumn half-term holiday begins

Monday 3rd November: Children return to school – Start of Autumn term 2

House Points

Points this week:

Nightingale House: 102

Attenborough House: 97

Einstein House: 71

Total Points so far

Nightingale House: 4955

Attenborough House: 4456

Einstein House: 4483

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: 26 points

Badgers: 24 point

Owls: 16 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.



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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! Links to the new clubs we will run in September will go live when we return from the summer break.

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/bcevcpbadgers>

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

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

Tapestry: This is for Reception & Nursery parents only.