



Barningham CEVC
Primary School

Newsletter



No.2 Autumn 2025

Spaces for Musical Instrument Lessons

We have 12 children continuing with their musical instrument lessons this year and we are proud of all the progress they have made. We do now have some spaces available for Musical Instrument lessons this year if your child wants to learn a new instrument and they have not already signed up.

We have available:

For Year 3 upwards: Violin or Flute or Clarinet

For Year 4 upwards: Trumpet or Trombone

If you are interested and would like to sign up for some free kickstarter sessions, please fill in this [form](#) by clicking the hyperlink.

Prospective Reception & Nursery 2026 Stay and Play

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022 they will be ready to join their school from September 2026!

Will you be looking for a school place for your child to join Reception in September 2026? Or will your child be turning 3 years old in the next few years and are interesting in our Nursery?

We welcome families of prospective nursery and reception children to come along and join us for a stay and play session to have fun playing in our class and meet the Early Years team. Our sessions will be on **Tuesday 7th October 2025 from 1.30pm to 3pm** and **Wednesday 8th October 2025 from 9am to 10.20am**. To book a place email: admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk If you are unable to attend, please call the school office to book a tour at a date that is convenient to you.

Dates for Autumn 1

We have made an easier guide for parents for dates for the first half of autumn term. You can view these here:

<https://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Autumn-1-Key-Dates-for-Parents.pdf>

Our Core Value
for this half term is



**to be
ambitious**

Our Christian value
for this half term is

courage

**Tuesday 16th
September**

Y5/6 Owls Sports
Festival at Thurston
Community College

**Thursday 18th
September**

Ixworth High School
Open Evening for Year
6 parents and pupils

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



Football Tryouts

We are going to be entering a football team in the local sports competition for Year 5/6 pupils. On Wednesday 17th September during lunchtime we will be hosting tryouts for anyone interested in joining the school football team. Children can bring their football boots / shin pads if they would like to tryout and we will use the cricket meadow next to the school during lunchtime.

High School Application Forms for Year 6

We wanted to make parents aware that the deadline for applications for secondary school is Friday 31st October 2025. Both Ixworth and Thurston are holding open days in the coming weeks for parents:

Thursday 18th September: Ixworth Open Evening for Y6 pupils Timing TBC

Thursday 9th October: Thurston Open Evening for Y6 pupils 6pm – 8pm

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

You can find out if your child may be eligible for Free School Meals by clicking on this link : <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and entering in your postcode and some basic information. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Online Data Forms

This year we have continued with 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/LJvaMEBUj> Please can all parents complete this asap.

Flu Vaccination at School

Parents have been emailed an information leaflet and if they would like their child to receive a flu vaccination at school. This will take place on Friday 26th September.

Meet the Teacher Parent Sessions

We will be holding these sessions for parents to give you a chance to meet your child's class teacher, find out about what your child will be learning about and key information to help your child be successful this year. Sessions for KS1 and KS2 are 3.30pm – 4pm or 4pm – 5.30pm to give parents with siblings the chance to attend both classes.

Monday 29th September at 3.30pm: Y1/2 Squirrels, Year 3/4 Badgers & Year 5/6 Owls

Monday 29th September at 9am: Reception & Nursery Rabbits Stay & Play Parent Session



School Uniform @ Church

As we start the new school year, I wanted to remind parents that if you are looking for new school uniform, we have pre-loved clean uniform available for parents in the church. Please help yourself to any items you would like and if you are able to make a small donation, that would be gratefully received.

A note from the governors

A warm welcome to you all to the new school year, we hope our families had a wonderful summer holiday and made lots of memories together. We are already one week into the new term, the children have quickly settled into their new routines, and there are many activities on the school calendar for this half term for us to look forward to. This week, we met Mr Peter Prinsley MP to show him our school and discuss the challenges that schools face. As governors, we have a vacancy for a co-opted governor; if you are interested in this role or just want to know more about the work of the governing body, please get in touch with me at admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk.

We wish all the children and staff a happy and productive year. Julie Surridge, Chair of Governors"

House Points

Attenborough	225 (Winner)	Einstein	200	Nightingale	162
Total	265	Total	244	Total	200

Attendance Race

Rabbits & Squirrels	98.7%	Badgers	100% (Winner)	Owls	95.4%
Total	2	Total	3	Total	1

Reading Challenge

We've changed the way we are doing the reading challenge. To make it fair with numbers, children will be competing in their house teams. For every child that reads, they earn one reader for their team. The winning team each week will win a point. The winning house at the end of half term will win a cosy afternoon in the hall watching a movie.

Attenborough	6 readers	Einstein	8 readers	Nightingale	8 readers
Total	0	Total	1	Total	1



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Best Start in Life

The government are prioritising early years as the best way of supporting young people and their families, paying particular attention to the ages 0-2 years old. They've developed a website for parents to access: www.beststartinlife.gov.uk which gives advice and support through their parent hub. You can read The Prime Minister's letter to parents and carers on [here](#).

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.

Monday: Badminton / Table Tennis / Racket Sports <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-938500/>

Tuesday: Fencing <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-938501/>

Wednesday: Football <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-938502/>

Thursday: Gymnastics <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-938504/>

Friday: Dodgeball <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-938505/>

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>

@BCEVCPCBadgers <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcpcbadgers>

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

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

Tapestry: This is for Reception & Nursery parents only.