



Barningham CEVC  
Primary School

# Newsletter



No.3 Autumn 2025

## Staffing Update

I wanted to let parents know that Mrs Yarrow who has been working at our school for the last ten years will be leaving us on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. She has decided to resign from her role to be able to spend more time with her family. We thank Mrs Yarrow for her commitment to our children over the many years she has worked in our school and will miss her greatly.

## Harvest Festival

We will be hosting our annual **Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 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.

## Suffolk SENDIASS Support for Parents

Attached to this newsletter is a parent leaflet about SENDIASS. Suffolk SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service) is a confidential and impartial information, advice and support service on issues related to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

<https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/training/parent-and-carer-information-sessions/>

## 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**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> –  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
September**

Thorpe Woodlands  
Residential for Year  
5/6

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
September**

Stay and Play for  
current Rabbits 9am

Meet the Teacher  
Squirrels, Badgers &  
Owls 3.30 – 4.30pm

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



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## 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](mailto: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.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm:** Y1/2 Squirrels, Year 3/4 Badgers & Year 5/6 Owls

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9am:** Reception & Nursery Rabbits Stay & Play Parent Session

## High School Application Forms for Year 6

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September:** Ixworth Open Evening for Y6 pupils Timing TBC

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## 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

We hope all the children have settled into the new school year and they are enjoying having new experiences, forming friendships, and building memories. It was lovely visiting the school last week and seeing the children looking very smart in their uniform, and their good behaviour is a credit both to them and the school. 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](mailto:admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk).

## House Points

Attenborough	108	Einstein	126	Nightingale	180 (Winner)
Total	373	Total	370	Total	380

## Attendance Race

Rabbits & Squirrels	100% (Winner)	Badgers	100% (Winner)	Owls	97.9%
Total	5	Total	6	Total	2

## 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	8 readers	Einstein	9 readers	Nightingale	6 readers
Total	0	Total	2	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](http://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](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>

@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.