



Barningham CEVC
Primary School

Newsletter



No.4 Autumn 2025

Enrichment PE Wednesdays

As part of our Sports Premium, we are always finding new ways to keep children active at school. Physical activity helps keep our bodies and mind healthy so we have decided to organise for Enrichment PE every other Wednesday for each class. Ryan will be leading this and will be introducing the children to new sports and activities that may support them in developing a passion for in the future – from archery to fencing it will be a great way to encourage physical activity. For this reason, all children will need to wear their **PE kit** on Wednesdays as well as other days for usual PE lessons.

Rabbits and Year 1: Wednesday and Friday

Badgers and Year 2: Wednesday and Thursday

Owls: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Inclusion Quality Mark: Parents needed

We applied for the Inclusion Quality Mark assessment in July and have our Assessment Day booked on Wednesday 1st October. The Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) exists to help schools create learning environments where every pupil feels valued, supported and able to thrive. We are really proud of our inclusive school and are looking forward to the day to showcase all that we do. Parents are also invited to come and meet with the assessor on the day 9am – 9.20am. Please complete the following form, even if you cannot attend, to share with the assessor what is great about our school:

<https://forms.office.com/e/p5MAgy59Ct>

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 and find out about what your child will be learning. Sessions for KS1 and KS2 are 3.30pm – 4pm or 4pm – 5.30pm to give parents with siblings the chance to attend

Monday 29th September at 3.30pm: Squirrels, Badgers & Year 5/6 Owls (Owls will also have some photos from Thorpe Woodlands)

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

Our Core Value
for this half term is



**to be
ambitious**

Our Christian value
for this half term is

courage

**Monday 29th
September**

Stay and Play for
current Rabbits 9am

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

**Wednesday 1st
October**

Black History Month
begins

Inclusion Quality Mark
Assessment Day

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



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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>

National Recycling Week

The Future World Council led a great assembly today all about the importance of protecting our planet for the future. They shared with children information about a competition that Eats Vertas are running - an Upcycle Challenge! Children can upcycle items that they have at home into something new! The winner receives a family voucher for a day at High Lodge Thetford! To enter, children take a photo of their upcycled designs and email them to socialvalue@vertas.co.uk with their name, year group and school name. **The deadline is Tuesday 30th September.**

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.

Monday's Lunch Raffle

On Monday 29th September we are having a themed lunch – all children who have a school meal will receive a raffle ticket. Two winners will be chosen during lunch service and will win a small prize. Make sure you book a lunch for Monday!

Suffolk SENDIASS Support for Parents

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/>



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Harvest Festival

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

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.

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.



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 helpful 😊

House Points

Attenborough	111	Einstein	156 (Winner)	Nightingale	147
Total	484	Total	526	Total	527

Attendance Race

Rabbits & Squirrels	100% (Winner)	Badgers	99.3%	Owls	100% (Winner)
Total	8	Total	7	Total	5

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	4 readers	Einstein	7 readers	Nightingale	2 readers
Total	0	Total	3	Total	1

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.



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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>

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

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

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Tapestry: This is for Reception & Nursery parents only.