



Barningham CEVC
Primary School

Newsletter



No.5 Autumn 2025

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.

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.

Inclusion Quality Mark

We had a great day on Wednesday celebrating our school and showcasing all we do to be inclusive for all children and families. We are looking forward to receiving the report, which should arrive in the coming weeks so that I can share this with parents.

Our Core Value
for this half term is



**to be
ambitious**

Our Christian value
for this half term is

courage

Monday 6th October

Harvest Festival at St
Andrew's Church @
9.15am.

**Tuesday 7th at 1.30pm
Wednesday 8th at 9am**

New Reception/
Nursery Open Session
-Stay and play

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



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Dates for Autumn 1

These have been updated – changes are in red and have dates added for Friends events. Please see this link for updated dates: <https://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Autumn-1-Key-Dates-for-Parents-1.pdf>

Our Friends need new volunteers!

The Friends next meeting is on Wednesday 15th October at 7pm in the Royal George, Barningham. Please do come along. They will be planning for the Christmas Fayre as well as other exciting events for the children and to fundraise for the school.

The first event for this year is our popular **Pumpkin Carving competition**. Entries £1 each. Your child can bring their entries to school on the last day of this half term, **Thursday 23rd October**.

Mrs Chapman has kindly agreed to continue her **School Pudding Raffle** again this term. This half term the prize is a freshly baked **Cornflake Tart** which will be available to collect from school on Thursday 23rd October. **Tickets are £1 each** and available from the school office

Catch up Flu Vaccines

If your child missed their vaccination at school, we have scheduled a number of catch-up clinics around the UK which you can book onto by clicking this link:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>

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/>

NSPCC Support around anger management in children

The NSPCC have put together advice and support for parents when supporting anger management in children. There is some really practical advice about how parents can help their child here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension>



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/LJjvaMEBUj> 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	161(Winner)	Einstein	149	Nightingale	145
Total	645	Total	675	Total	672



Attendance Race

Rabbits & Squirrels	100% (Winner)	Badgers	97.3%	Owls	92.4%
Total	11	Total	9	Total	6

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	7 readers	Einstein	9 readers	Nightingale	4 readers
Total	0	Total	4	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.

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/>



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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>

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

Tapestry: This is for Reception & Nursery parents only.