



**Barningham CEVC
Primary School**

Newsletter



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Welcome Back to a New School Year!

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year at Barningham! It has been a real joy to welcome all of our children back to school and to see so many happy faces, smart uniforms and excited children ready for the year ahead. There has been such a positive atmosphere around school this week.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the whole Barningham team and to our children for making me feel so welcome. I have been incredibly fortunate to spend the last two days working with our Owls class, and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying being back together, reconnecting with their friends and settling into the new school year.

Our first week has been about reconnecting, building relationships and establishing the routines and expectations that will help our children to thrive. We have spent time revisiting our school vision and values and thinking about what it means to be part of the Barningham community. The children have also begun to think about their hopes, goals and ambitions for the year ahead.

Next week, the children will begin their full curriculum, and parents will receive their child's class newsletter with more information about what they will be learning this half term.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or worries about your child, please do speak to their class teacher in the first instance. We want to work closely with you and ensure that every child feels happy, safe and ready to learn.

Thank you again for such a warm welcome this week. I am excited to be part of the Barningham family and to lead the school in the next phase of its journey. I feel incredibly fortunate to have joined such a special school community and am looking forward to everything we can achieve together.

Here's to a happy, successful and inspiring year at Barningham!

Mrs Scott
Headteacher

Our Core Value
for this half term is



**to be
ambitious**

Our Christian value
for this half term is

Courage

**Monday 7th
September**

Nursery Pupils start

**Friday 18th
September**

'Meet the Teacher'
sessions after school for
Squirrels and Owls.

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



Communication

We will be sending a 'Key Dates and Events' letter with families next week. This provides a simple, one-page calendar for each half term, which will also be available on our website.

Home Learning

As a staff team we are currently reviewing our policy about homework. It makes such a difference to the children if you work with your child at home on the things listed below. We understand that it can be challenging to fit it in but even as little as 10 minutes a day will support your child to achieve their potential.

- Reading everyday – this includes your child being read to.
- Practising writing – even things like writing a shopping list.
- Times Tables, addition and subtraction
- From Year 1-6 using Times Table Rock Stars each day – Your child's login will be stuck in their reading record.

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 2026. Both Ixworth and Thurston are holding open days in the coming weeks for parents:

Thursday 17th September: Ixworth Open Evening for Y6 pupils Timing TBC

Thursday 8th October: Thurston Open Evening for Y6 pupils 5.30–8.00pm

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 by Friday 11th September.



Dogs on the School Site

We kindly ask that parents and families **do not bring dogs onto the school site**, including at drop-off and collection times. This is particularly important as we have a child in school with a severe allergy, and we need to take every precaution to keep all of our children safe. We really appreciate your understanding and support with this and thank you for helping us to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

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 Squirrels and Owls are 3.30pm – 4pm or 4pm – 4.30pm to give parents with siblings the chance to attend both classes.

Friday 18th September at 3.30-4.30pm: Y1/2/3 Squirrels & Year 4/5/6 Owls

Monday 28th September at 9am: Reception & Nursery Rabbits Stay & Play Parent Session

Prospective Reception & Nursery 2026 Stay and Play

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 they will be ready to join their school from September 2027!

Will you be looking for a school place for your child to join Reception in September 2027? Or will your child be turning 3 years old in the next few years and are interesting in our Nursery?

Barningham CEVC Primary School welcome new 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. To book a place email: admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk

Our sessions will be on **Thursday 8th October 2026 from 1.30pm to 3pm and Friday 9th October 2026 from 1.30pm to 3pm**. If you are unable to attend, please call the school office to book a tour at a date that is convenient to you.

Class Newsletters

Each half term, class teachers will send out a class newsletter. This will let you know what your child is learning in their class in all their subjects. You should receive this via email each half term. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.



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.

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 Arbor 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: Gymnastics <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-957086/>

Tuesday: Football <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-957089/>

Wednesday: Cricket <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-957090/>

Thursday: Table Tennis <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-957093/>

Friday: Multi-Activity <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15832-957094/>

Website & Tapestry

You can keep 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

Tapestry: This is for Reception & Nursery parents only.