



Barningham CEVC
Primary School

Newsletter



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Get set go!

This week, the children have begun to settle into the new school year and have enjoyed exploring and finding out about some of the exciting topics they will be learning about this half term. Rabbit Class have been settling into school beautifully, making new friends and becoming familiar with their new routines. Squirrel Class have enjoyed beginning their learning about desserts, while the children in Owls have started to explore the fascinating topic of space. It has been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning, embracing new experiences and trying their very best. We are very proud of the positive start they have all made to the new school year.

If you would like to find out more about your child's learning this half term do not forget to read the newsletter sent on Wednesday this week.

Attached to this newsletter you will see a 'Highlight of the Week'. This is to celebrate the achievements of our super learners!

Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Scott
Headteacher

Friends of Barningham

We are inviting parents and carers who would like to get involved with our Friends of Barningham group to join us for an informal meeting on **Wednesday 15th October in the Badger Classroom**. Refreshments will be provided, and it will be a great opportunity to find out more, share ideas and help shape the group. Everyone is very welcome, we would love to see you there!

Our Core Value
for this half term is



to be
ambitious

Our Christian value
for this half term is

Courage

**Tuesday 15th
September**

Year 5/6 Sports
Festival at Thurston
Community College.

**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



Harvest

This year our Harvest Festival celebration will be on **Thursday 24th September at St Andrew's Church** at 9:15am. We would like to invite all the children to bring in a food item to donate to our local food bank. This can be tinned goods, dry food such as pasta, biscuits or cereal. We ask that the children bring these with them on the morning of **Thursday 24th September**. More details to follow soon.

Home Learning

Barningham Primary School Reading Challenge

We are excited to launch our **Barningham Primary School Reading Challenge**! All children are encouraged to read at home every day and record their reading in their reading diary. Reading can take many forms, including practising flashcards, listening to an audiobook, sharing a book with an adult or reading a magazine. For every **7 reading sessions** completed, children will receive a raffle ticket and a special sticker in our celebration assembly. Each week, the house team with the most raffle tickets will be added to our **Reading Challenge display** in the hall, helping us to celebrate their fantastic reading efforts. At the end of each half term, the house team with the most reading raffle tickets will win a **cosy reading session**, where they can enjoy sharing stories, drinking hot chocolate and bringing in a favourite soft toy, blanket or pillow from home. There will also be a **book prize raffle** at the end of each half term, giving every child who has completed 7 reading sessions the chance to win a book. We cannot wait to see our children enjoying their reading and helping their house team to become our Reading Challenge champions!

Miss Garland

Timetable Rockstar!

Please encourage your child to use **Times Tables Rock Stars** regularly to help them master their times tables. Children are expected to complete **10 Garage games each week**. Other game modes will remain locked until these have been completed. Class teachers have login details for every child, so please speak to them if you need support accessing the programme. If your child is experiencing difficulties or you have limited access to technology at home, please speak to me, as we can provide alternative ways for them to practise. Thank you for supporting your child with this at home — it will make a real difference to their confidence and fluency with times tables.

Mr Smith



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:

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



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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.

School Guinea Pigs

We have begun to introduce some school pets. They are two beautiful guinea pigs. Their names are Brian and Freddie. Once we have a hutch at school they will move in full time and the children will learn to care for them. For now, they will be visiting us each Friday. If anyone has, an unwanted hutch or run please let us know.

Outdoor Learning Event

This year, we are going to develop our curriculum further by providing the children with a range of rich, meaningful and memorable learning experiences. Our first event will be an **Outdoor Learning Day on Friday 16th October**, and we would love members of our school community to get involved.

Do you have a skill, hobby or area of expertise that you could share with the children? Perhaps you enjoy working with wood, gardening, making bird feeders, building or creating things? We would love to hear from you! If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact the school office at: admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk



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.