



Barningham CEVC
Primary School

Newsletter



No.3 Autumn 2026

Harvest 2026

We are delighted to be hosting our annual **Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 24th September at 9.15am**. The service will last approximately 45 minutes, and parents and families are warmly invited to join us and take part in this special celebration.

As part of our Harvest Service, we will be giving donations to our local **food bank**. We would like to invite every child to bring in **one non-perishable food item**, such as a tin, packet of pasta, cereal or other store-cupboard item. Please **do not send in fresh food**. The children will have the opportunity to bring their donation forward and offer it during the service.

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for us to live out our school value of 'giving' and to think about how we can show kindness and care for others within our local community. We are incredibly proud of the generous donations our school community has made to the food bank over the years, and I know that once again our Barningham families will show their generosity. If your family ever needs support from the food bank, please speak to the school or **Reverend Cathy**, who will be very happy to help.

Our children have been busy preparing **songs and an acrostic poem** to share during the service. Our **Faith Council** will also be representing the school by reading the poem and leading our prayers.

I am really looking forward to sharing this special Harvest celebration with the children, families and our church community.

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 **Thursday 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

**Thursday 24th
September**
Our Harvest Festival
Service

**Monday 28th
September**
Mock Phonics screen for
year 1.

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



A Gentle Reminder About Items from Home

We would like to politely ask that children **do not bring items from home into school**, including toys, fidgets, stationery, pencil cases or other personal belongings.

We have found that items from home can sometimes become a distraction to learning, particularly when items are lost, broken or another child touches or wants to use them. We have a good supply of stationery in school, so there is no need for children to bring their own pens, pencils, pencil cases or other equipment.

We fully recognise that some children benefit from additional sensory support. Where a child's **EHCP or individual learning plan** identifies a need for sensory support or the use of a 'fidget' item, we will ensure that appropriate resources are provided in school.

There may also be occasions when class teachers invite children to bring in a specific item from home to support their learning or as part of a special celebration. We will always let you know in advance when this is the case.

We appreciate that some children may be keen to bring special items from home into school, but we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that toys, fidgets, stationery, pencil cases and other personal belongings remain at home unless specifically requested by a member of staff.

If these items are brought into school, they will be safely stored in the school office and can be collected by parents/carers.

Thank you for your support in helping us to create a calm, focused and happy environment where all children can learn and thrive.

Home Learning

Barningham Primary School Reading Challenge

Make sure you read with and to your child as much as possible. This really makes a difference to their progress and enjoyment with reading.

Timestable Rockstar!

This week there was a great number of children who achieved the Timestable Rockstar Challenge! Keep it up. We will hopefully have lots more next week!



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.

Pre-Loved Uniform

If you have any uniform your children have outgrown (aged 3-7) and you no longer need it we would be grateful for a donation in school for our Rabbit Class children. Please bring donations to our office or pass on to Miss Garland or Mrs Morris.

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



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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. Thursday 5th November 1:30-3pm
Monday 15th November 9-9:45am 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.

A note from the governors

A warm welcome to you all to the new school year, we hope our families had a wonderful summer holiday and made lots of memories together. We are already into the third week of the new term, under the leadership of our new Headteacher Mrs Scott; the children have quickly settled into their new routines and there are many activities on the school calendar for this half term for us to look forward to. As governors, we now have a few vacancies and are looking for people to join our team. If you are a parent or a member of our community who is interested in education and helping to define the strategy for our school, or would just like to know more about our role, please get in touch with me to discuss at admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk.

We wish all the children and staff a happy and productive year.

Julie Surridge, Chair of Governors"



House Points

Attenborough	43	Einstein	36	Nightingale	56 (Winner)
Total	80	Total	94	Total	105

Attendance Race

Rabbits	94.7%	Squirrels	99.1% (Winner)	Owls	98.7%
Total	0	Total	1	Total	1

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.