Barningham CEVC Primary School

Owl Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2026

Dear parents/carers,
I trust everyone has had a lovely half-term break and is refreshed and ready to go again. This half-term will be busy, as always, though there will be plenty of fun in the lead up to Christmas!

Our Learning:
In **English** the children will be writing narratives based on the book 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness and then writing persuasive speeches on the topic of plastic pollution.

In **Maths** the children will continue to develop fluency in multiplication and division, before moving on to learning about fractions.

In **Science** the children will learn about the digestive system and the role of the teeth in digestion.

In **Humanities** the children's learning will focus on Geography. In our Geography lessons we will be learning about Our Connected World, developing an understanding of global trade and the impact of weather.

In **RE**, the children will focus on how tawhid creates a sense of belonging amongst the Muslim community.

In **Computing**, the children will learn how to design web pages.

In their **DT** lessons, the children will design and build automated toys.

Developing their knowledge in **French**, the children will learn how to say numbers, days of the week and recognise classroom instructions.

In **Music**, the class are receiving lessons from the Suffolk Music Service and will all be learning to play the violin.

In **PE** this half-term, the children will develop skills in Hockey and Dodgeball.

Reading and Homework
In UKS2 it is important that the children continue to read at home on a daily basis, remind your children to log all of their reading at home and make sure you have initialled/ signed your children's reading records when they have read. Please ensure that reading records are returned to school on a daily basis.

Children can take part in the school reading challenge, with house teams competing to win a cosy reading session. During the session, children can share stories, enjoy hot chocolate and bring a soft toy, blanket or

Owl Class Newsletter

pillow from home. All children have been asked to read at home daily and record this in their reading diaries. Activities that count include listening to an audiobook, sharing a book with an adult and reading a magazine. Each child who reads 7 times receives a raffle ticket and a sticker in our celebration assembly, where one ticket is drawn to win a book. Each week, the house team with the most tickets is added to the reading challenge display in the hall. The team that has read the most by the end of the term wins the cosy reading session.

At the start of each term, homework will be sent home in the form of a project, linked to an area of learning. This half term's project links to our Science topic, exploring the digestive system. The expectation is that children spend some time researching this topic to produce a project that is due in during the last week of the half term. This project can be presented in many ways, from a piece of writing to a poster, from a PowerPoint presentation to a painting – however they want to creatively show their work.

Times tables will continue to be a focus in UKS2. Please encourage the children to continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars so they can master their times tables. There is an expectation that they complete 10 garage games every week. Please speak to me if the children are having difficulty with this or there are problems accessing technology.

Spellings will be set at the start of the half term. These will be tested on a Friday. Please try to find some time to help the children to practice these as good spelling can have a huge impact on the quality of their written work.

Walking Home and Mobile Phones

If you would like you child to walk themselves to or from school, please make sure you have completed the permission slip (these can be collected from the school office). If you would like them to have a mobile phone for this journey, please let us know and these can be dropped off to the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. The children are not allowed to keep mobile phones on them during the school day.

PE kits

PE will be on Monday and Friday this term. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days, rather than changing at school. Please ensure your children are wearing shorts/jogging bottoms and PE t-shirts with trainers.

Please remember to keep up to date with the school website to see what the children have been learning and find out about whole school updates. The children have made an excellent start to the term, I am looking forward to working with the class and hope they continue to grow and flourish in Owl Class.

Mr Smith