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# Praise for schools by top minister

Schools minister David Laws has written to congratulate 27 primary schools in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and named them as some of the top performing sites in the country.

As part of his role with the Department for Education, the politician has highlighted their hard work following their performances in the Key Stage 2 league tables released by the government last month.

In the letter to Barford Primary School headteacher Judith Tigerschild, Mr Laws said: "Mastery of English and mathematics is critical to success in secondary school and beyond, so these pupils now have a really good start for the next stage of their education."

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Barford Primary, to the west of Norwich, was one of eight Norfolk schools, five in Cambridgeshire and nine in Suffolk to see 100pc of its pupils achieve at least a level four in English and maths and make the expected level of progress between KS1 and KS2 in both subjects.

They included: Alsacion Primary, Langham Village, West Winch Primary, Tacolneston Primary, Thurton Primary, Worstead Primary, Brooke Primary and Friday Bridge Primary in Wisbech.

Docking Primary, Narborough Primary and Wisbech St Mary Primary were also among a total of five schools in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire congratulated for being in the top 100 schools in the country to show the most sustained improvement since 2009.

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PRAISE: Schools minister David Laws has written to schools in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire to thank them for their hard work.



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Dear Mrs. Williams,

## 2012 PRIMARY SCHOOL (KS2) SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the excellent performance of your pupils in the 2012 national Key Stage 2 tests as published on the 13 December 2012.

The overall percentage of your pupils achieving Level 4+, combined with excellent rates of progress in both English and mathematics place you amongst the top performing primary schools this year.

Mastery of English and mathematics is critical to success at secondary school and beyond, so these pupils now have a really good start for the next stage of their education.

I would like to congratulate your staff, governors and pupils for their hard work and success, and to thank you for your leadership in continuing the drive towards the highest standards of educational achievement.

Yours sincerely,

David Laws MP