



BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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**Thank
you for
your
continued
support!**



This week, we celebrated Harvest in assembly. The Harvest Festival marks the time of year when crops are gathered, giving people an opportunity to reflect and show gratitude for the food they have. The tradition has deep roots in history, dating back to when communities relied on successful crops, and farmers would give thanks for a good harvest.

During assembly, the children celebrated by reflecting on the vibrant colours of the harvest and the joy it brings to life. We enjoyed wonderful contributions from across the school: beautiful artwork from the Red Area, a thoughtful poem from the Blue Area, and a story from the Green Area, all performed wonderfully. The choir also treated us to a lovely performance.

We took time to consider those who are less fortunate and do not have enough food. Janice from the Juice Community Project, our local food bank, spoke to the children about their important work. She was incredibly grateful for the generous donations from our school community and asked me to pass on her thanks to everyone who contributed.

In other news, we are delighted to share that Miss Crandon is expecting! She will be going on maternity leave at the end of November, and we wish her all the best.

Lastly, a big thank you to the PTFA and everyone who volunteered at the school disco. It was another hugely successful event, but we couldn't do it without our volunteers! We are now looking for more volunteers to help at the Christmas Fair—just one hour of your time is all we need to run a stall. If you're able to help, please speak to Mr. Webster or a member of the PTFA.

Holiday Club



HOLIDAY CAMPS

AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE & ACTIVE CHILDCARE

Teachsport holiday camps are aimed at children aged 5 to 12 and are designed to suit all sporting interests and abilities.

OCTOBER CAMP: TUESDAY 29TH OCT - FRIDAY 1ST NOV

10am - 4pm: £20

Early drop-off from 8.30am: £5



Barrs Court Primary School
Stephens Drive
Longwell Green
Bristol
BS30 7JB

We offer and accept...

- ✓ 10% sibling discount
- ✓ Government Tax-free account payments
- ✓ Childcare Voucher payments

SPORTS ~ GYMNASTICS ~ ARTS & CRAFTS
FOREST SCHOOL ~ TEAM BUILDING
ARCHERY ~ DANCE ~ PLAY



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ONLINE**



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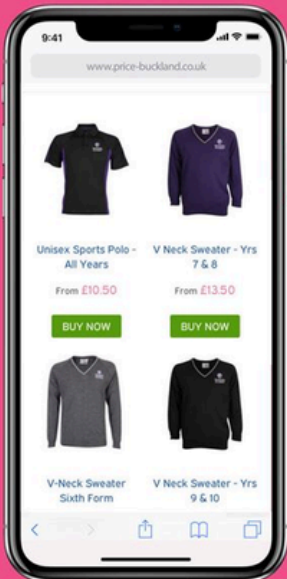
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Welcome to our new School Parliament! These representatives will ensure the voices of all pupils are heard and will help plan events and assemblies throughout the year. Elected by their classmates, they will be working closely with Mr. Balch to make a positive impact on our school community.



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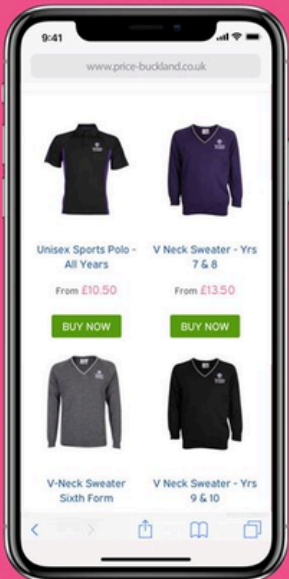


Miss Pinnell is excited to work with the new ECO team this year! A big cheer for the ECO reps, who were elected by their classmates. Their role is to help the school become more eco-friendly, and they will be organizing events throughout the year to promote sustainability.

Arbor Issues

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Some parents/carers have been experiencing problems with in-app message notifications since the beginning of the school year, even though they were receiving them perfectly well before this. This has been escalated to Arbor and we have already shared a link with parents/carers with a suggestion to overcome this [CLICK HERE](#)

In the majority of cases, this has worked. However, some parents/carers are still having issues and we have gone back to Arbor to ask for further help.

The advice we have received from Arbor technical support for those of you still struggling to receive messages is to delete the APP and reinstall it.

As a school we are equally frustrated that some of you are not receiving the messages. Please contact the office if you continue to have problems. The office team don't work for Arbor but may be able to help you.

Costumes



The children love dressing up during lunchtime. If you have any costumes that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate any donations to the school.

All donations will be gratefully received.

Safeguarding

What is meant by safeguarding in schools?

Simply put, when a child is in school, the school is responsible for keeping them safe from harm and abuse. As a school we create a safe learning environment, identify children who are suffering from or may be at risk of harm and take suitable action.

Everyone Barrow Court who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil our responsibility effectively, all professionals make sure their approach is child-centred. This means we consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.

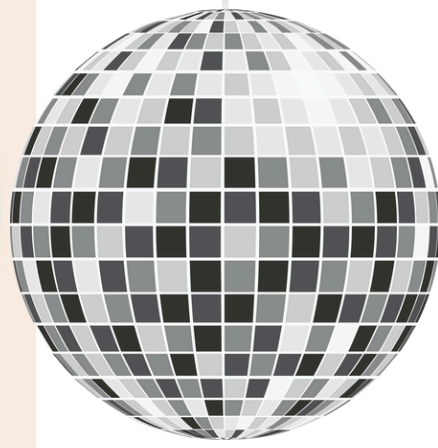
To help protect children we have:

- A designated team responsible for dealing with safeguarding. (Mr Webster, Miss Warlow and Mrs Cook)
- Clear procedures to follow if staff are concerned about a child and for checking staff before they work with children.
- Staff who are trained to identify signs of abuse or other safeguarding issues including what to do if they or someone else is worried about a child.

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we also teach children how to protect themselves. Personal, social and health education (PSHE) lessons explain, for example:

- Risky behaviour(s).
- Suitable and inappropriate physical contact.
- Dealing with peer pressure.
- Safe internet use.
- Bullying and harassment.

If you have concerns about a child, please speak to a member of the Safeguarding team.



Upcoming Events:

AGM

Wednesday 16th
October @5pm

Fireworks

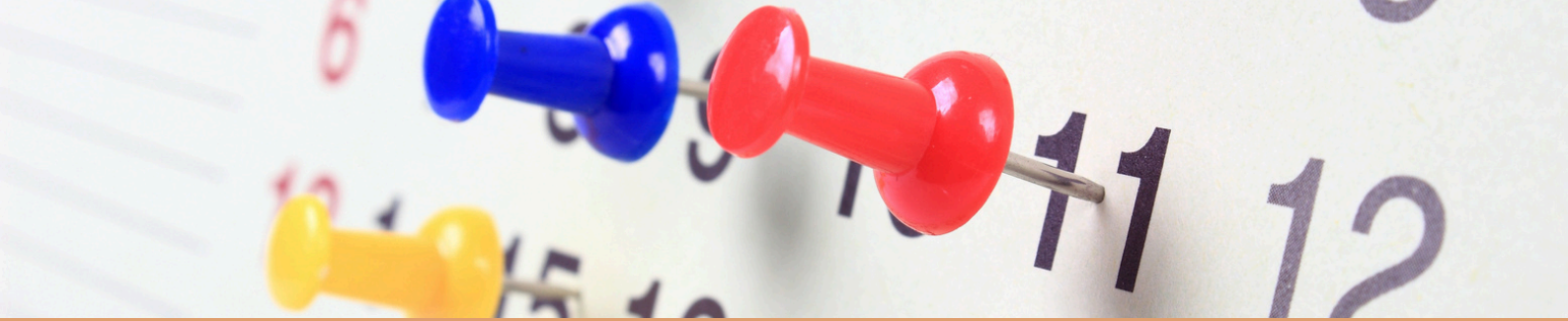
Sunday 3rd
November

Winter Fair

Saturday 30th
November



The PTFA is a vital part of our school community. The work they do bringing people together, organising events and raising funds is invaluable. It is run by an amazing group of volunteers, but we are always looking for new members. If you can spare any time to support the PTFA, please speak to a member of the school staff or a member of the PTFA.



Dates for the diary

- Wednesday 16th October** - PTFA AGM @5:30PM
- Thursday 25th October** - Year 6 Road Safety Workshop
- Friday 25th October** - Last Day of Term 1
- Monday 4th November** - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 5th November** - First Day of term 2
- Monday 11th November** - Flu Immunisations
- Monday 11th November** - Anti-bullying week
- Monday 18th November** - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 20th November** - Parents Evening
- Saturday 30th November** - PTFA Winter Fair
- Monday 16th December @ 11am** - Blue Area Christmas performance
- Monday 16th December @1:30pm** - Green Area Christmas performance
- Tuesday 17th December** - Reception and Red Christmas performance
- Wednesday 18th December** - Reception and Red Christmas performance
- Friday 20th December** - End of Term 2
- Monday 6th January** - INSET Day (School closed)
- Tuesday 7th January** - First day of term 3

Local Events



Christmas WREATH MAKING

TUESDAY | 3RD &
10TH
DECEMBER | 7PM - 9PM

JOIN US TO MAKE AND TAKE AWAY YOUR OWN FRESH
CHRISTMAS WREATH

£30 PP

£10 NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO HOLD
YOUR SPACE

BALANCE IS DUE ON THE DAY

BOOK NOW WITH KERRY - 07720537959

HOT DRINKS AND MINCE PIES PROVIDED

Local Events



We work with children and young people aged 0-25 with additional needs or disabilities, and their families.

Everyone can join in, with or without a diagnosis.

Our friendly team is supportive, understanding and non-judgemental.



Our home...

A welcoming, accessible space in the heart of Thornbury, South Gloucestershire.

When you visit, you can expect...

- Accessible venue entrance and toilet facilities
- Sensory play area with toys and games
- Visual timetables for all children and youth activities
- Pets As Therapy dog at some services
- SENSory Lending Library at groups and online
- Youth-led Community Café one Saturday every month
- Siblings welcome to join in too

We are here for...



Children, Young People and Families

Inclusive activities to encourage fun, help reduce isolation and aid friendships for the whole family.

Tuesday Group (drop in)
Home Ed Group
Developing Through the Senses (ages 1-5)
Holiday Activities
Coding Club (ages 9-25)
Family Forest Fun
SENSory Lending Library



Parents and Carers

Support services designed to increase wellbeing, awareness and resilience.

Training and Awareness
1:1 Support
Signposting
Creative Wellbeing
Wellbeing Goes Wild
Woodland Wellbeing
Breakfast and Afternoon Teas
Connect Online Facebook Group



Youth Empowerment

Safe spaces where young people can have fun, share experiences, and celebrate their unique strengths with each other and their community.

Project 5 Mental Health Resilience
YES Youth Empowerment Sessions (ages 11-25)
Youth Club (ages 14-25)
Young Volunteers Service (ages 6-16)
Youth Empowerment Supported Volunteering

