



BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

13th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been an incredibly challenging one for our school community, following the sad news we received on Monday about Miss Paine.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the staff at Barrs Court for their exceptional professionalism, care and commitment throughout the week. They have been truly amazing in the way they have supported the children, each other and the wider community during this difficult time.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to you and to the children, for your kind words, thoughtful cards, and acts of compassion. It is at times like these that we are reminded just how important community, family and friendship truly are. Many of you have asked if you can donate money towards a lasting memorial and for this we are truly grateful. So in conjunction with the PTFA we are raising funds for a lasting memorial – a meaningful tribute that reflects the love and admiration we feel for Nicola. Whether it's a quiet space for reflection, a piece of artwork, or something that captures her passion for education and children, we want it to be something her family, colleagues, pupils and the wider community can take comfort in for years to come. Link to donate is [here](#).

As a school will continue to ensure that any child who needs support in the coming days, weeks or months will be given the time, space and care they need. We know that everyone processes grief in their own way and at their own pace, and we remain committed to supporting all members of our school community.

As we move through the rest of the term, I kindly ask that you continue to be mindful of all the Barrs Court staff, many of whom are managing their own feelings of loss while continuing to care for and support the children with incredible dedication.

Please be aware that school will be closed on the day of Miss Paine's funeral, as the majority of staff will be attending, and the service will take place outside of the Bristol area. We will confirm the date with you as soon as it is known, to give families time to make any necessary arrangements.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Daniel Webster

Headteacher