19th December 2025

## Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your ongoing support. The partnership between home and school is such a vital part of what makes our community special, and we are grateful for your support. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff team, whose dedication, resilience and care for the children continues to inspire. The school simply would not be the same without them.

This term has, of course, been marked by the sad passing of our much-loved colleague, Miss Paine. Her loss has been deeply felt across the school community. I want to extend my sincere thanks for your patience, kindness and empathy during this difficult time. Many of you have asked how Monday's service went. It was a truly fitting celebration of Nicola's life and achievements. We were proud to reflect on her dedication, passion and the positive impact she had on so many children. We have been thinking carefully about how best to honour her legacy in a lasting and meaningful way, and we will share more with you in the new year.

Despite the sadness of recent weeks, it has been genuinely uplifting to welcome so many of you into school, whether to enjoy the fabulous performances or take part in the wonderful family craft sessions in Reception. Your attendance at these events means so much to the children and contributes to our thriving school.

To end the term on a lighter note, some of the staff put on a surprise pantomime today, Cinderella, which went down a storm. The acting was truly Oscar worthy, with Babbers and Gert giving particularly outstanding performances, although I might be a little biased. You will have to ask your child, for the full story.

To those of you celebrating Christmas, I wish you a joyous and peaceful festive season. And to all our families, I hope you enjoy a restful break and a very happy new year.

We look forward to seeing you all on 5 January 2026. Important dates for next term and notices are listed below.

Warm regards

**Daniel Webster** 

Headteacher



## **Dates for diary**

- First Day of Term 3 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Blue Area Trip to We the Curious Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January
- Parent and Carers evening Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 6 Residential Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Last day of term 3 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- First Day of Term 4 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

## **Attendance and punctuality**

<u>School starts at 8:45am.</u> Children should be in their line at 8:45am so they can begin the day with the rest of the class.

If you are struggling to get to school on time, please come and speak to us. We also have a Breakfast Club from 7:45am, which can be booked using Arbor.

## <u>Parking</u>

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to park safely and considerately outside school. Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on pavements, or stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines. These areas are there to keep all our children safe, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. We must work together to ensure the roads around Barrs Court Primary remain safe and respectful for everyone in our community. Thank you for your cooperation.

