



BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



This week, some of the children have been learning about VE Day on its 80th anniversary and its importance in British history. Through class discussions and storytelling, they've explored the significance of the end of World War II in Europe and the ways communities came together to celebrate peace. It's been wonderful to see such thoughtful reflections and enthusiasm from the pupils.

A reminder that Year 6 SATs begin next week. Our Year 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard, and we are very proud of their commitment and focus. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, well-rested, and has a good breakfast each morning. Staff will be on hand to support the children and help them feel calm and confident throughout the week.

We are also looking forward to our next GEM Reward Afternoon, taking place next Friday. This is a chance for the whole school to celebrate the hard work, effort, kindness, and respect pupils have shown in order to fill their GEM jars. There is nothing for parents and carers to do or prepare—just a well-deserved celebration for the children.

Looking ahead, the last Friday of term (Friday 23rd May) will be a PTFA Crazy Hair Day! We're excited to see all the weird and wonderful hairstyles the children will come up with. Whether it's colourful, spiky, twisted or themed — the crazier, the better! A big thank you to the PTFA for organising what promises to be a fun and memorable end to the half term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Take time to look at key dates page



HOLIDAY CAMPS

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Term Dates 2025 /26

Dates below are the dates the school is open to children.

2025

Term 1

Wednesday 3rd September - Thursday 23rd October

Term 2

Tuesday 4th November - Friday 19th December

2026

Term 3

Monday 5th January - Friday 13th February

Term 4

Monday 23rd February - Tuesday 2nd April

Term 5

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May

Term 6

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July

FRIDAY 23 MAY 25



£1

BARRS COURT PTFA CRAZY HAIR DAY

The children are encouraged to come to school with their version of a "crazy" hairdo. They can colour it, curl it, make it into something or even wear a crazy hat or wig.

£1 per child and they can either bring cash to school and give this to the PTFA in the playground on the morning of 23.05 or pay online using the above QR code of link in the post:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EUOL>





As the weather continues to warm up, we'd like to remind parents and carers of a few important points to help keep children safe and comfortable at school:

Please ensure all uniform is clearly named, including jumpers, cardigans, and especially sun hats. This helps us return any misplaced items quickly and reduces the number of things lost.

All children should bring a named water bottle to school each day. Staying hydrated is vital for concentration and well-being, particularly in the warmer weather.

Please apply sun cream at home before school. If you would like your child to reapply it later in the day, they may bring a named bottle, but they must be able to apply it themselves.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep the children safe and ready to learn.

Pop-up bike repair sessions are at Warmley Wheelers, next to Warmley Waiting Room Café

South Gloucestershire Council run regular pop-up bike repair sessions at Warmley Wheelers, next to Warmley Waiting Room Café (on the Bristol to Bath Railway Path), on the first and third Wednesday and third Saturday of each month until October. The Dr Bike is able to fix minor repairs and check to make bikes safe and roadworthy!

Our bike mechanic is experienced in providing on-the-spot repairs on bikes of any shape or size, including punctures, slipped chains or skipping gears.

There is a lot of availability for the May and June sessions, which are on:

- Wednesday, May 7 – 10am to 2.15pm
- Saturday, May 17 – 9.30am to 1.45pm
- Wednesday, May 21 – 10am to 2.15pm
- Wednesday, June 4 – 10am to 2.15pm
- Wednesday June 18 – 10am to 2.15pm
- Saturday, June 21 – 9.30am to 1.45pm



To book in a slot please visit: [Free Dr Bike Health Checks by South Gloucestershire Council | Eventbrite](#)

Drop-ins are welcome if available, but it's best to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Bikeability - Cycle Training for the 21st Century

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING COURSES

BEFORE BOOKING YOUR COURSE, PLEASE READ BELOW CAREFULLY

- All courses are subject to a £5 Booking Fee which is non-refundable, so please make sure you book the correct course for your child.
- Places are limited so they are booked on a first come basis. Please only book 1 course for each child during the holiday.
- The child must have a roadworthy bike with 2 working brakes and have a properly fitting helmet.

Bikeability Learn to Ride This course is for School Year 3 and above.

This session is for trainees who **cannot** ride a bike with pedals without stabilisers, including older children who have never mastered the skill. The session lasts 1.5 hours. Riders need time to absorb and practise the Learn to Ride skills, therefore they **MUST NOT** attend a Learn to Ride and a Level 1 course within the same holiday period.

Level 1 This course is for School Year 3 and above who can cycle without stabilisers.

This session is intended for existing riders to build on their confidence and to learn to control and master their bikes in a space away from traffic such as a playground or a closed car park. For more details about the content go to: [Bikeability Level 1](#) Session lasts 1.5 hours.

Combined Level 1 & 2 This course is for School Year 5 and above who can cycle confidently and with control.

This is a one-day course from 9:15am – 2:45pm. There is an initial assessment in the playground covering level 1 skills to ensure they are ready for on-road training. Once out on the road, they will learn about road position, which road user has priority and when, and how to recognise typical hazards as well as manoeuvring through junctions. For more details about the content of the course, go to: [Bikeability Level 2](#)

Level 3 Trainees must be in School Year 6 or above. This course is for competent riders. All riders MUST have completed a level 2 course to an acceptable level prior to enrolling on this course. An acceptable level is where on the back of their level 2 certificate each box is ticked either **Independently** or **With More Practice**. If any of the boxes are ticked as either **With Some Assistance** or **Not Yet Attempted** they should attend another Level 2 course. Riders need time to absorb and practise the Level 2 skills, therefore they **MUST NOT** attend a Level 2 and a Level 3 course within the same holiday period.

This 2-hour course aims to equip riders with skills for more challenging roads and traffic situations such as using multi-lane roundabouts and traffic lights, passing queuing traffic, road narrowing, understanding blind spots and how to perceive and deal with hazards. For more details about the content, go to: [Bikeability Level 3](#)

Courses are being held at Bradley Stoke Community Secondary School, Fiddlerswood Lane, BS32 9BS

To book on one of the above courses please log onto <https://southglos.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>
All Instructors are DBS checked and work for the Council's Road Safety Team. Bikeability certificates are awarded to all trainees who successfully complete the course.
Please note courses are subject to a minimum number of children attending on the date. Locations of training may vary according to availability.





PTFA UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS

23 MAY 25

CRAZY HAIR DAY

DETAILS OUT NOW

6 JUNE 25

COLOUR FUN RUN

DETAILS OUT NOW

12 JUNE 25

**MR NICKS ATTENDING SPORTS DAY - FREE
ICE CREAM FOR ALL CHILDREN OF BARRS
COURT**

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

JUNE 25

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

11 JULY 25

**SUMMER DISCO/FAMILY
BBQ**

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

2 NOV 25

FIREWORK DISPLAY

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

29 NOV 25

WINTER FAIR

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



Key Dates for the diary

May

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th - Year 6 SATs

Friday 16th - Gem reward afternoon

Monday 19th - Music Assembly

Monday 19th - Chew Valley Reception Trip

Tuesday 20th - Class Photographs

Wednesday 21st - Westonbirt Blue Area Trip

Thursday 22nd - Reception 2025 induction evening 5:30-6:30pm

Friday 23rd - Last day of term 5

June

Monday 2nd - First day of term 6

Monday 2nd - Dog Trust Assembly

Friday 6th - PTFA Colour Run

Thursday 12th - Sports Day (9-1pm)

Friday 27th - SCHOOL CLOSED INSET

July

Thursday 3rd - New classes released

Monday 7th & Wednesday 9th - Parent/carers evenings

Tuesday 8th - Move up afternoon

Friday 11th July - End of Year Disco and BBQ

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th - Evening performance

Monday 21st - Barrs Court Got Talent

Tuesday 22nd - Last day of term 6

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(adults and children aged 12 years & above)



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(adults and children aged 1 year & above)



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(adults and children aged 5 years & above)



SHINGLES

(adults aged 18 years & above)



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(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



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(children aged 30 days to 2 years)



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