

BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

11-14th May

Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 19th May

Class Photos

Wednesday 20th May

Red Area learning
exhibition 3:15-3:45pm

Friday 22nd May

Last Day of term 5

Monday 1st June

First day of term 6

Friday June 5th

PTFA Colour Run

Friday 12th June

Parent & Carer Coffee
morning

Thursday June 18th 9-12

Sports Day

Friday 3rd July

PTFA summer family
event after school

Friday 17th July

Last Day of the year

Goodbye Miss Kaur

This week, we said goodbye to Mrs Kaur, who has left Barrs Court to spend more time with her family. Mrs Kaur has worked at Barrs Court for more than six years as a Teaching Assistant, and we will greatly miss her hard work and commitment to supporting the children and the teams she has worked with. In true Mrs Kaur style, she wanted to leave without any fuss, but we could not let her go without saying a heartfelt thank you. We wish her the very best of luck for the future.

Thank you to everyone who responded to last week's Question of the Week. You can see the results and answer this week's question on the next page.

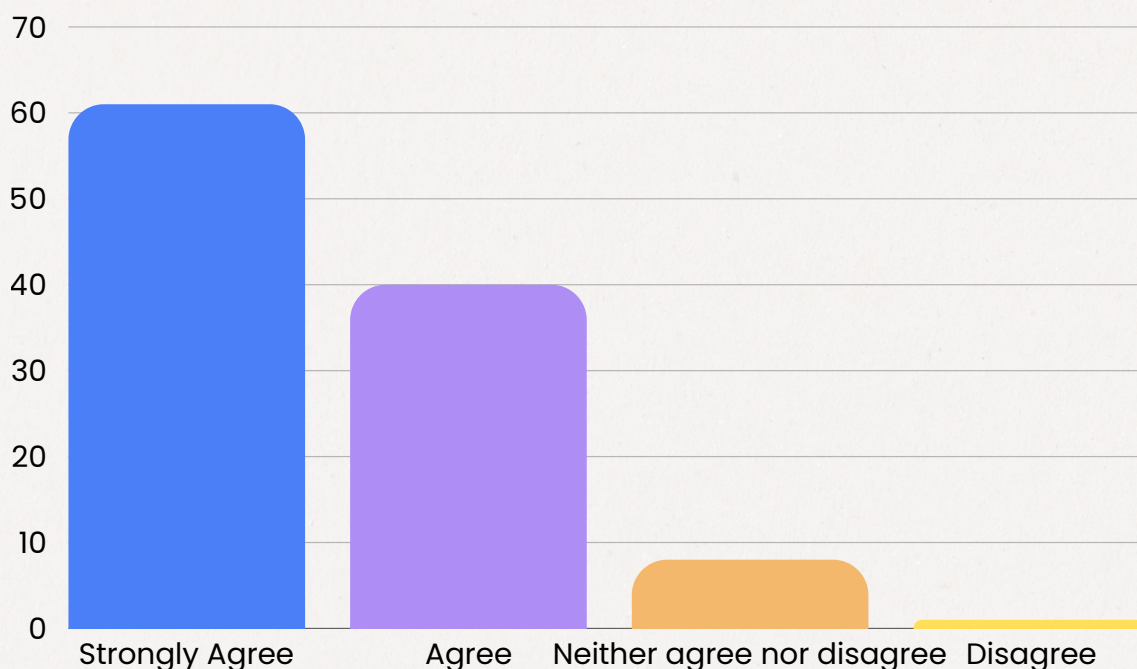
This week's newsletter is full of information about upcoming events, parent courses, sports results, Father's Day and government reforms.

Don't forget to sign up to the colour run!!!

Hopefully you all get to enjoy the bank holiday weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday 5th May.

Parent/carer Feedback

My child/children are happy at this school



Thank you to everyone who responded to the question. The responses were overwhelmingly positive, and we are pleased that so many families feel their children are happy and secure in school.

We strive to ensure that all children feel happy, safe and supported. If you are a parent or carer who has raised a concern, or if your child is not happy at school, please contact us so that we can work together to resolve any issues.

The question this week is linked to your child feeling safe in school. Please follow the link below to respond

[Question Link](#)



What to do if you think your child is being bullied?

We want every child at Barrs Court Primary School to feel safe, included and happy. Bullying is rare at Barrs Court but If you think your child is being bullied, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible so we can listen, record the concern and work with you to understand what has happened.

Bullying is usually **repeated behaviour** that is intended to hurt, upset or intimidate another person, and often involves an imbalance of power. This can be physical, verbal, emotional or online. A single incident, such as a disagreement, falling out, unkind comment or one-off conflict, can still be upsetting and will be taken seriously, but it may not be bullying unless it becomes repeated or targeted.

Please encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult in school and avoid responding online or retaliating. Sharing details such as dates, times, names, screenshots or what was said can help us build a clear picture and respond appropriately.

We will always aim to support all children involved, restore relationships where appropriate and make sure children know how to get help.

THANK YOU!

£585

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair

A huge thank you to all our families and the wider school community for supporting our recent Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm for reading, we now have £585 to spend on brand-new books for our school library.

This will help us refresh our library shelves and provide even more exciting, inspiring and engaging books for our children to enjoy.

Thank you for helping us continue to promote a love of reading at Barrs Court Primary School.



Fidgets in School

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify our approach to the use of fidgets in school. A fidget is a small tool designed to support a child's focus, attention or regulation. In some cases, children may benefit from having something discreet to handle or move while they work, helping them to remain calm and engaged in their learning.

Only children who have been identified by their class teacher as needing a fidget will be provided with one by the school. These fidgets are carefully selected to be discreet, quiet and purposeful so that they support the individual child without distracting others.

We kindly ask that children do not bring their own fidgets from home. Any fidgets brought into school will be removed and returned to the child at the end of the day. This helps us maintain consistency and ensures that all fidgets used in class are suitable and effectively managed.

If you would like more information about fidgets or feel your child may benefit from one, please contact our SENCO at sendco@barrscourtps.org.uk, who will be happy to discuss this further.

Marlee's Grand Appeal Charity Run

On the 9th May, Marlee will be running the Junior Mini Great Bristol Run alongside her good friend Teddy.

They are raising money for the Starlight Ward at Bristol Children's Hospital, which has been caring for Teddy's 3-year-old sister, Lucia. Lucia was diagnosed with a rare, terminal brain tumour at the end of 2025.

Marlee has visited Lucia in hospital and supported her with play sessions and arts and crafts activities (when Lucia has felt well enough to participate). This has encouraged Marlee to want to help raise money towards the ward caring for her friend.

Any donations, no matter the amount, will go towards supporting children and their families on the Starlight Ward. This includes providing music, art and play therapy, family accommodation to provide a safe and supportive environment close to the hospital and medical equipment.

Marlee was keen for her school adults to know about her charity run and any donations and words of encouragement will be greatly received.

Thank you.

Teddy's Starlight Striders!

RAISING FUNDS FOR



Scan to donate



<https://www.justgiving.com/page/marlee-macey>

Before donating, please ensure the URL on your device matches the official website shown above.

The money we raise will continue to improve the treatment and care of young patients and their families at Bristol Children's Hospital and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St Michael's Hospital.

grandappeal.org.uk

DONATE ❤️

SEND Reform: Putting Children and Young People first.

The proposals include a wide range of potential changes, such as new expectations for schools, clearer guidance on reasonable adjustments, new Inclusion Bases in schools, additional training for staff, and improved access to specialist expertise through a model called “Experts at Hand.”

At the heart of the proposals is a vision to strengthen inclusive practice in mainstream education, with a more consistent, rights-based approach so that children’s needs are recognised and supported earlier.

However, it is important to be clear that there remains many questions.

We are now in a 12-week consultation period.

There are two ways that you can have your say:

- 1.Through the Government Consultation Survey on SEND reform - Closing Date 11:59pm 18 May 2026,
- 2.Through South Glos Parent Carer Forum’s bite size surveys.

- Support is changing
- National Inclusion Standards
- Targeted and Targeted Plus
- Specialist Packages and EHCPs
- Funding, Transitions and Alternative Provision
- What if my child doesn’t fit?
- Complaints process, Accountability and Judicial Review
- And finally...



Find out more about the proposals and take the surveys.

SCAN HERE



Closing 11:59PM Sunday 3rd May



PTFA News



Barrs Court Primary PTFA Colour Run is back for 2026!

Taking place on Friday 5th June, with more fun, colour and new obstacles.

Please sign up for the event using the link below. This year there is also an adults race so everyone can join in the fun!

Colour Fun Run 2026 | [TryBooking](https://www.trybooking.com) United Kingdom

Sponsorship forms will come home next week. This year we are asking children to aim to raise £20.26 but if you can raise even more that would be amazing! Like last year, there will be a class treat for the class who raises the most sponsorship.

We do need you help with ensuring the event can go ahead. We are asking that each year group arranges enough parent helpers to throw paint for their child's race. Please use the link below to sign up to volunteer for your child's race.

volunteersignup.org/HW3CP

PTFA Father's Day

Barrs Court Primary PTFA is taking part in the All My Own Work Art fundraiser for Father's Day. Over the next two weeks, your child will be creating a special piece of artwork in class. This will be sent home in their book bag, giving you the opportunity to order a range of personalised gifts featuring their design. How to order: - Visit the online shop using the link below - Place and pay for your order online. Barrs Court Primary PTFA's Project Number is: 2636 - Return your child's artwork to school with the order code clearly written on the form

☛ Order here: <https://schoolshoponline.co.uk/2026/fathers-day-2026-5/>

Please ensure your child's full name, class and order code are clearly written on the artwork template so we can match it to your order. Important dates:

Online Orders close: 1 June 2026 (this is set by the company and cannot be changed) - Artwork must be returned to your child's class teacher by: 1 June 2026

After this date, we will not be able to accept any further orders This is a lovely way to create a meaningful keepsake while supporting the school. All funds raised will go towards supporting Barrs Court Primary.

Please see the attached poster for full details. Thank you for your continued support. Barrs Court Primary PTFA

all my own work
EST. 1989

FATHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER
GET CREATIVE!

MADE WITH LOVE

It's time to get creative! Barrs Court Primary PTFA is excitedly taking part in the All My Own Work Art fundraiser. This fantastic project turns your children's artwork into exciting products & gifts, helping us raise much-needed funds together!

Get ready to be proud! Your child's artwork is being designed in class and will be sent home soon. We've made it simple for you to order unique gifts and transform their masterpiece into a truly lasting and meaningful keepsake. Just follow the easy steps below!

ORDERING STEPS!

- 1 Use the weblink or QR code on the template to view the online shop.
- 2 Order and pay online (directly to All My Own Work).
- 3 Enter the unique Project Number to link the order to the school.
- 4 Return the physical artwork template (with order details/code) to school. Please make sure your child's full name and class are on the form and also the code provided to you online once you have placed your order, this is so the design can be linked to your order.
- 5 Wait for your wonderful gifts to arrive at school.

Designs will be done in class over the next two weeks and the designs will be sent home in your child's book bag.

Details on how to order are on this poster, but to confirm: You **MUST** pay online and return your design to school.

Return your design to your class teacher **BY 1 JUNE 2026.**

YOUR PROJECT NUMBER IS:
➤ 2636 ◀

The store will **CLOSE AUTOMATICALLY** on 01/06/2026

YOUR PROJECT TEMPLATE

- This includes your Project Number and helps ensure all products ordered online arrive at the correct destination.
- The template **MUST** be used for each piece of artwork. It provides parents/guardians with a QR code or weblink for ordering.
- You can download your **TEMPLATE** here.

IMPORTANT DATES!

The online shop closes on 01/06/2026.
Designs will be collected and sent to be processed on 02/06/2026.
After this date, we will not be able to accept any more orders.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ACCESS OUR ONLINE SHOP HERE:
<https://schoolshoponline.co.uk/2026/fathers-day-2026-5/>

Once your orders are in and your child's masterpieces are returned to the school organiser, they'll be whisked away to All My Own Work! Their team will lovingly create your wonderful keepsakes. We'll let you know as soon as the finished orders arrive back at school, ready for our organisers and teachers to distribute!

SAVE
the DATE

Barrs Court Primary PTFA's Upcoming Events/Save the Dates 2026

**MARCH/
APRIL**
2 APRIL (RAFFLE
DRAWN)

EASTER RAFFLE & EASTER TRAIL
RAFFLE TICKETS & EASTER TRAIL FORMS ON SALE
NEXT WEEK: MON/TUE & WED AFTER SCHOOL

TBC
APRIL/MAY

FATHER'S DAY DESIGNS & GIFTS
DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

05
JUNE

COLOUR FUN RUN
DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

3
JULY

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER DISCO &
FAMILY EVENT**
DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED. FAMILY EVENT
IS SUBJECT TO WEATHER

TBC
SEP

BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO
DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED



Friday 5 June 26

After the success of last year's event, Barrs Court Primary PTFA are bringing back the Colour Fun Run!

This year's course will have new obstacles, and even more chances to get covered in colour along the way.

And new for this year... parents can join in the fun too!

More details coming soon.





On Tuesday, our girls took part in the High Five Netball County finals. As always, the weather tried to dampen their enthusiasm but with little success. Having won 4 out of 5 games in the round robin, we were awarded 2nd place in our group. Final match was against Coombe Down for 3rd or 4th position. At half time, the score was 2-0 to B/C. Sadly our winning streak didn't last as the final score was 2-3 giving us a finishing position of 4th in the County.

A huge congratulations must be given to our girls who all played brilliantly. Mrs Press, Mr Crees and myself are SO proud of you. Well done



League Round 2 of the Cross Country took place at Blackhorse Primary. Around 100 girls and 150 boys took part in the races and all Barrs Court participants performed amazingly. What a fantastic effort!



Team Barrs Court entered two teams into the CSET Orienteering Festival at Parkwall Primary. The teams were able to show off their skills and finished joint first with each other! Great work!



Team Barrs Court entered three teams in the CSET Ultimate frisbee tournament. The teams played brilliantly and came 2nd, 3rd, and 4th overall out of the 6 teams taking part. Well done everyone!

WHAT'S ON AT **Cadbury Heath library** CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

FREE



STORYTIME

THURSDAY 9:30-10AM

COME AND ENJOY SOME STORIES
AND RHYMES! FOR BABIES AND
TODDLERS



CRAFTERNOONS

THURSDAY 3:30-4:30PM

GET CRAFTY IN THIS AFTERSCHOOL CRAFT SESSION
SUITABLE FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN



• LOTS
MORE IN
SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS!

RHYMETIME

FRIDAY 9:30-10AM

JOIN IN WITH SINGING AND NURSERY
RHYMES IN THESE BOUNCY SESSIONS
FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS



LEGO CLUB

SATURDAYS 10:30-11:30

BUILDING BLOCKS AT THE READY!
JOIN US FOR A STORY AND LEGO
SESSION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHILDREN.



Parent /carer Courses

Understanding Demand Avoidance

with Corrina Wood

For some children everyday demands, such as being asked to get dressed, can trigger an intense need to control the situation, meltdowns or withdrawal.



BOOK NOW



Understanding and Supporting...

ANXIETY

When children feel anxious, they cannot always understand or express what they are feeling or what's making them anxious. You might notice them becoming tearful and clingy, having difficulty sleeping or resisting trying new things.



BOOK NOW



E Safety links for families

Useful Websites

- [NSPCC](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

www.nspcc.org.uk

- [Childnet](http://www.childnet.com)

www.childnet.com

- [Thinkuknow](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

- [UK Safer Internet Centre](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

www.saferinternet.org.uk

- [Common Sense Media](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)

www.commonsensemedia.org



School Nursing Service

School Nurses work with children, young people, parent and carers to maximise health and well-being.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more, or call one of our locality teams using the numbers below:



Bristol East/Central:
0300 125 6980

North Somerset:
0300 125 6798

Bristol South: 0300 125 6277

South Gloucestershire:

Bristol North: 0300 124 5816

0300 125 5151

Secondary school aged children can also use our

confidential text messaging service ChatHealth. Use the QR code to find out more.



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care & health



South Gloucestershire
Council
Delivering with you



Need support for your family?

Drop in and chat with our friendly team

From pregnancy through to teenage years, Compass can give advice and signpost families to the right help and support available in South Glos.

Drop-in sessions available weekly at local One Stop Shops:

PATCHWAY
BS34 5PE
TUESDAYS

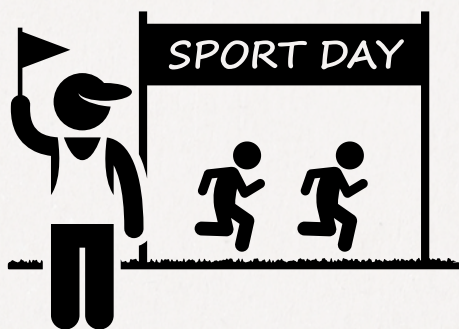
KINGSWOOD
BS15 9TR
WEDNESDAYS

YATE
BS37 4DQ
THURSDAYS

VISIT

<https://life.southglos.gov.uk>

or scan the QR code for more information



Sports Day will be on Thursday 18th June 9am - 12



★ EVERY DAY COUNTS! ★

— Why Attendance Matters —

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

96% - 100%

- ✓ You are giving yourself the best chance to succeed
- ✓ You keep up with learning every day
- ✓ You build strong friendships and routines

Missing only **7 days** or fewer across the whole year

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

90% - 95%

- ✗ You may start to fall behind in lessons
- ✗ Important learning may be missed
- ✗ Catching up becomes harder

Missing around **10-19** school days per year

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
96%+	7 Days	1,5 Weeks	35 Lessons
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	39 Days	7,5 Weeks	200 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11,5 Weeks	250 Lessons
Below 70%	67 Days	13,5 Weeks	240 Lessons

Did You Know?

Missing just **2 days** a month means:

- ✗ **20** days missed in a year
- ✗ Nearly **4 weeks** of learning lost

Because:

- ✓ Every lesson matters
- ✓ Every child matters
- ✓ Every day counts

At Barrs Court Primary School we aim for:

At least 96% attendance for every pupil

- ★ Every lesson matters
- ★ Every child matters
- ★ Every day counts

♥ Together we can help every child succeed!

Barrs Court Primary School