

BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

World Teacher Day

As we move into October I want to begin this newsletter with a heartfelt thank you.

This Sunday marks World Teachers' Day, and it is a fitting time to pause and recognise the dedication, creativity, and commitment of all our teaching and support staff here at Barrs Court Primary School. Every day, our team works tirelessly to create an inspiring, safe, and nurturing environment for your children. Their hard work — both in the classroom and behind the scenes — does not go unnoticed. On behalf of the entire school community, I offer a sincere and well-deserved thank you.

We also want to extend a massive thank you to our brilliant PTFA for organising last week's fabulous school disco! The children had a fantastic time, and the smiles and laughter said it all. Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. Whether you helped with planning, setting up, supervising, or tidying away — we are truly grateful. We're always looking for more helping hands, so if you're able to support future events, please do sign up. Even a small amount of your time can make a big difference.

This week, the Local Authority visited the school to carry out a review of our SEND provision. We are pleased to share that the findings were extremely positive. The reviewers noted that we adapt our lessons and teaching to meet the individual needs of our pupils and that we foster a welcoming and inclusive attitude towards children with special educational needs and disabilities. This recognition reflects the hard work of our entire staff team and aligns with our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every child at Barrs Court feels valued, supported, and able to thrive.

Thank you once again for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!



BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA's PROFESSIONAL FIREWORK DISPLAY



Barrs Court PTFA Professional Firework Display

Tickets On Sale NOW

Sunday 2 November 2025

Time: 5:15 PM – 7:30 PM

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

Join us for a spectacular evening as Barrs Court PTFA hosts its annual professional firework display! We're once again teaming up with award-winning Star Fireworks and Party Peeps to bring you a night of entertainment.

Gates open: 5:15 PM

Party Peeps entertainment: 5:30 PM onwards

Fireworks display: 6:45 PM

Food & Family Fun

All attendees must have a ticket, regardless of age, to help us manage capacity and meet licensing requirements.

Adults (16+): £7.50

Children (Ages 2–15): £5

Babies & Toddlers (Under 2s): Free

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

This is a ticket-only event — no tickets will be available on the gate. Numbers are limited, and once sold out, no more tickets will be released.

Important Information

This is a charity event organised by Barrs Court PTFA (Charity No: 1197894).

Thank you for your support, we can't wait to see you there!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/94251>

PTFA REQUEST

Hi everyone We're looking for some extra help at our upcoming PTFA events which are the school disco, firework display and winter fair. With many of our Year 6 parents moving on in July, our team is smaller than before, so any support you can give will make a huge difference. Please use the link below to complete a quick form (it takes just two minutes!) to let us know if you can help at one, two, or all of these events. Even a small amount of time is invaluable and helps us make sure that nothing has to be scaled back:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Just to reassure you, volunteering does not mean you're committing to join the PTFA or taking on long-term responsibilities. It's simply about lending a hand on the day. Thank you so much for considering, we really appreciate any time you can give. With thanks the
PTFA x

COMMUNICATION

If you need to contact the school, please email us at enquiries@barrscourtps.org.uk or call the school office on **01454 867799**.

Passing on Messages to Teachers

If you need to pass on a message to your child's teacher, please email the school office and your message will be forwarded, or speak to the teacher at the **end of the day**. The start of the school day is a very busy time and not the best opportunity to talk to teachers. All emails are shared with teachers each morning, so you can be assured that your message will reach them.

Alternatively, you are very welcome to speak to Mr Webster and Miss Warlow on the gate in the morning

PARKING

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.

Head Bumps – Parent Notification

Sometimes children do bump their heads in school. When this happens, we will send you a message via Arbor to let you know. If you receive a text, there is no need to take any action – we will continue to monitor your child carefully throughout the day.

If the bump is more serious, we will always phone you directly. Please be assured that in all cases your child will receive care and attention from a trained first aider.

PARENT AND CARERS EVENINGS - TERM 2

Our Term 2 Parents' and Carers' Evenings will take place on Monday 10th November and Wednesday 12th November.

Further details, including how to book an appointment, will be shared towards the end of term.

LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

If you would like to advertise a local event or club in our school newsletter, please speak to Mr Webster.

FACEBOOK

We love to share some of the exciting things happening in school on our Facebook page. Click on the picture to follow us and keep up to date with what's going on.



UPCOMING EVENTS

School Disco

Friday 3rd October

Harvest Assembly - Juice donations

Monday 6th October

Open Classrooms

Wednesday 8th October @ 3:15pm

Last day of term 1

Thursday 23rd October

Firework Display

Sunday 3rd November

First day of term 2

Monday 3rd November

SEND coffee morning

Friday 7th November

Parents and Carer Evening

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th November

KS2 Cinema Trip

Wednesday 12th November

School Closed - INSET

Friday 14th November

Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November

KS2 Christmas Performances

Monday 15th December - time TBC

Nativity Performances

Wednesday 17th December

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 19th December

First Day of Term 3

Monday 5th January



AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
STAY INFORMED AND GET INVOLVED



BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER @
17:30

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Friends of Barrs Court Primary School

We'd like to invite you to our PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM), where we'll reflect on the past year, discuss upcoming plans, and, most importantly, come together as a community to continue making a difference in the lives of our children at Barrs Court School.



Date: Wednesday 8 October 2025



Time: 17:30



Location: Barrs Court Primary School

This is a fantastic opportunity to:

Hear about all the amazing work the PTFA has done over the past year

Find out how you can get involved in supporting the school

Vote for new committee members

Share your ideas and suggestions for the upcoming year

Connect with fellow parents, teachers, and supporters of Barrs Court Primary School

Whether you're a long-time member or new to the school, we'd love to see you there! Your input and support are key to making the PTFA a success.

How to attend: Please email: ptfa@barrscourtps.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and working together to make the school year even better!

Gemma Goodman
Chair of Barrs Court Primary PTFA



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, Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS
Watermore Primary School, Lower Stone Close, Frampton Cotterell BS36 2LE.

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



SCHOOL TOURS DATES

FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

At Barrs Court, we provide:

- A creative and stimulating learning environment
- Enthusiastic, caring, and dedicated staff who love their job
- A place where all the children are valued
- A rich and inspiring Early Years curriculum
- Memorable experiences that spark a love of learning
- Breakfast and After-School Club
- A wide range of after-school clubs

AVAILABLE DATES

- Monday 15th September @ 1.30pm
- Tuesday 23rd September @ 9.30am
- Wednesday 1st October @ 5.00pm
- Friday 17th October @ 1.30pm
- Monday 20th October @ 9.30am
- Thursday 6th November @ 5.00pm
- Wednesday 12th November @ 10.00am

BOOK A PLACE

To book a place, please visit our school website or call the school office.

www.barrscourtprimaryschool.co.uk



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New Tuesday Club

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