

BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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School Nurse

The School Nurse Team will be attending Parents' Evening next week and will be available to speak with parents and carers about any health concerns or questions. They can also offer advice on accessing health services and support for your child. You will find them set up in the entrance area, so please feel free to stop by for a chat.

School Disco



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Reading in Fun!!

Reading is Fun was the theme of this year's World Book Day and it was certainly fun at Barrs Court!

The day started with an 'Oscar-worthy' performance from the staff of Wicked @ Barrs Court, which strangely featured quite a large number of Mr and Miss characters! The children loved it, and a big thank you to all the staff who got involved.

The message of the day was that reading does not need to be a chore. Just 10 minutes a day reading a comic, chapter book, play, newspaper or graphic novel can make a big difference. Making reading a regular habit will help everyone become a better reader and, most importantly, enjoy it.

The costumes this year were AMAZING! Everyone was blown away by the effort that had clearly gone into them. We saw spiders and spacemen, princesses and pirates, robots and rabbits, wizards and witches – we had everything! It was a joy to see and even more of a joy to hear children talk about the characters they had chosen and the books they love.

The book character model competition has now been extended until Monday, so there is still time to enter if you would like to take part.



On **Friday 20th March** we will be supporting Comic Relief. Children are invited to come to school wearing Comic Relief attire or their own clothes. They do not need to wear school uniform.

We kindly ask for a £1 donation, which will go towards helping people in need across the UK and around the world.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



SEND focus Coffee Morning – Friday 13th March, 9:00–10:30am

We are pleased to be holding our second coffee morning for parents and carers of pupils with SEND; however, **all parents and carers are very welcome to attend.**

The school nursing team will be joining us and will be available to answer any questions you may have, as well as signpost you to additional support and services.

There is no need to book – please just come along. The session will take place in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.



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



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We want all of our children to feel happy, safe and able to enjoy the discos

- At each disco there are familiar adults present who the children will recognise. They keep an eye out for any children who may need a little extra support so that everyone can feel comfortable and included.
- We also provide a quiet area for any children who may feel a little overwhelmed and would like a calm space for a short break
- The volunteers who support the disco and the treat stall are wonderful with the children and are always happy to help, particularly if a child is unsure about money or just needs a little assistance.
- Children with allergies will be catered for. Please indicate any allergies when purchasing tickets so that we can make sure suitable options are available.

We are very grateful to all of our volunteers who help make these events such a positive experience for the children.



★ 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?

| Acosente | Days | Wedso | 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

Spelling homework

Spelling at Home – Little and Often Makes a Big Difference!

We would love to see more of our Key Stage 2 children logging on to Spelling Shed at home. Spelling is a vital part of developing confident writing and helps children to become more accurate and fluent in all areas of the curriculum.

Practising regularly really does make a difference, Just 10 minutes a day can lead to noticeable improvement over time. The short, interactive games make learning spellings fun and engaging, while also reinforcing the patterns and rules the children are learning in class. A little and often approach is the key to success, so please encourage your child to play regularly and celebrate their progress. Every time they login and play it helps to build confidence and improve their spelling!

If you have lost your child's Spelling Shed login details, please speak to a member of the school team who will be happy to help.

For Key Stage 1 children, the weekly spelling words are available on the class pages for you to practise at home. If you would like a printed copy, please speak to Mr Webster or send an email to request one.

Thank you for your continued support.



Parents and Carer evening

We are looking forward to meeting with you at our upcoming Parents' & Carers' Evenings on **Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March.**

This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their successes and talk about their next steps in learning.

Please book your appointment via the Arbor App.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend and look forward to working together to support your child.

Emotional health learning

Big feelings, how the brain works, and relationship ideas for happier lives. Togetherness pathways for parents, carers, grandparents, and young people.

Find your journey for stronger relationships and enhanced emotional wellbeing.

Follow evidence-based educational content developed by clinical psychologists, health practitioners, and psychotherapists. Tried and tested by parents and young people.

Parent/carer course

TOGETHERNESS
Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world

South Gloucestershire Council

NHS

Understanding your child: From toddler to six years

Join our group sessions to support you in your journey of understanding emotional health, wellbeing, behaviour, and more. A 10 week programme to help you raise confident, kind, emotionally aware and resilient people.

Group Dates : 24th April 2026 – 17th July 2026
(Term-time only)
Times: Friday 9:30–11:30am
Address: Cadbury Heath Children's Centre, Parkwall Primary School, Earlstone Crescent, Cadbury Heath, Bristol, BS30 8AA

Phone: 01454 862974

Scan or click the QR code for more information

This group covers:

- Childhood development and emotional processing
- How ideas and techniques for nurturing wellbeing can be helpful for common areas of difficulty such as emotional regulation, sleep, toileting and friendships
- Support to reflect on your own child's health and wellbeing, their behaviour and your relationship with them
- Helping you feel more confident about your relationships and more connected to your child

How to access the free course. Go to <https://togetherness.co.uk/pathway-library/> and enter your South Gloucestershire postcode to access the courses for free.

The pathways are for everyone including some courses specifically for children and young adults.



Parent /carer Courses

Understanding Masking



Understanding Masking
with Corrina Wood

Masking is the way in which some people hide or 'mask' parts of themselves, such as differences and anxieties.

 
Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care System

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Understanding and supporting... communication



**Understanding and Supporting....
COMMUNICATION**

Communication is how we pass on and receive messages from other people. We may communicate through words, through noises (a whoop of celebration), through gestures or hand movements (a nod or a wave).

 
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E Safety links for families

Useful Websites

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

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

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

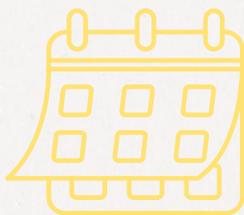
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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

www.saferinternet.org.uk

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

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Upcoming Events

Monday 9th and
Wednesday 11th March
Parent and Carer
Evenings

Friday 13th March
SEND parent coffee
morning @ 9am-10:30am

Monday 16th March
Neurodiversity week

Friday 20th March
Comic Relief - non-
uniform day

Friday 20th March
School PTFA Disco

Monday 23rd to
Wednesday 25th March
Book Fair

Thursday April 2nd
Last Day of Term 4

Monday April 20th
First Day of Term 5

Monday 20th April
SEND parent and carer
meetings

Wednesday 22nd to Friday
24th April Year 4
Residential

11-14th May
Year 6 SATS

Thursday June 18th 9-12
Sports Day

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is fundamental to children's success at school. Every day in the classroom provides essential learning opportunities, builds confidence and strengthens friendships. When children attend regularly, they are able to develop secure understanding, maintain routines and feel fully part of their class community.

Even occasional absence can have a significant impact. Learning is carefully sequenced so that each lesson builds on previous knowledge. When a child misses a day, they often miss key explanations, modelling and guided practice. Although teachers will always support children to catch up, it is not the same as being present for the original teaching.

Broken weeks can be particularly disruptive. Missing a Monday or Friday, for example, can mean that a child loses the introduction to new learning or the opportunity to consolidate and apply skills at the end of a sequence. This can lead to gaps in understanding and reduced confidence. Over time, repeated broken weeks can accumulate into a substantial loss of learning time.

Strong attendance habits established in primary school lay the foundations for future success. By prioritising attendance and avoiding unnecessary absence, families help ensure that children can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

If you are experiencing difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please speak to the school.

We are here to work in partnership with you and support every child who attends Barrs Court to achieve their very best.



South Gloucestershire Council

Up to **25% OFF**

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

8:45am - 4:00pm

7th - 17th April

- Chipping Sodbury
- Patchway
- Frampton Cotterell
- Barrs Court
- Longwell Green
- Winterbourne
- Yate

Paying Customers
From

£17.16

Per Child Per Day when discounts are combined



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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



• LOTS
MORE IN
SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS!



CRAFTERNOONS

THURSDAY 3:30-4:30PM

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



LEGO CLUB

SATURDAYS 10:30-11:30

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



RHYMETIME

FRIDAY 9:30-10AM

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





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U9 HML LEAGUE

ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

➔ FOR THE START OF ➔

GROUP 4
2026/27 SEASON!



Could you tell if your child was being exploited?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

18 March 7:00 - 8:30pm

30 March 10:30am - 12:00pm

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

18 March



30 March

