

BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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Today we celebrate and say thank you to all our Teaching Assistants, HLTAs and SENTAs. They play a vital role in school, supporting children to access their learning while also working closely with teachers to help them carry out their roles effectively. We are very lucky to have such a skilled, dedicated and hardworking team who often go above and beyond to support our children. Thank you!

School Book Fair

Monday marks the start of our school book fair, which will run until Wednesday. The book fair will be open straight after school each day, so please come along and support the school.

For every book purchased, the school receives a donation that can be spent on new books. Our last book fair raised over £400 for the school library, so your support really does make a difference! Please note that the book fair is card only.

School Photographs

Next week children are having their individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure that your child wears their full school uniform on Tuesday and Wednesday (for siblings), even if they have PE. If your child has PE on either day, please pack a pair of trainers in their school bag so that they can change into them for PE if needed.

Have a good weekend!

**A SMALL
DONATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE**



HARVEST 2026

Harvest Donation

Once again, children are invited to bring donations of tinned/packet food which will be given to the Cadbury Heath Food Bank. The Food Bank are struggling to keep up with the pace for demand from families who need their support. The Food Bank have always been exceptionally grateful to receive the Barrs Court Primary School Harvest donations and to the huge generosity shown by our school community.

How to make a food donation...

Food donations will be collected on the playground on **Monday 5th October**. Parents/Carers & Children are asked to leave donations on the designated tables when arriving at school in the morning ready for the Food Bank to collect later that day. If your child attends Breakfast Club, children are able to bring their donations to the school hall.

Suggestion of items to donate

- Tinned Vegetables – Carrots ,Peas, Sweetcorn
- Tinned Potatoes or Instant Potato
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Jar or packet sauces
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Spaghetti /Ravioli
- Pasta and Rice
- Tuna
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned meals like Chicken Curry, Mince beef
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Long Life Milk.

Thank you for your continued support

Dates for the diary

- **Monday 28th September – Wednesday 30 September** – Book Fair
- **Tuesday 29th September** – Individual Class photos
- **Wednesday 30th September** – Sibling Class photos
- **Friday 2nd October** – Blue Area Shadow Workshop
- **Monday 5th October** - Harvest foodbank donations
- **Friday 9th October** – Road Safety Workshop – KS2
- **Friday 9th October** – Red Area End of Enquiry Event
- **Friday 9th October** – Disco (PFTA)
- **Monday 12 October - INSET Day (school closed)**
- **Wednesday 14 October** – Year 5/6 Life Skills
- **Friday 23rd October** - Last day of term 1
- **Monday 2nd November** - First Day of Term 2
- **Thursday 12th November** - Blue Area @ Kingswood Heritage Museum
- **Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th November** - Parent and carer evening
- **Friday 18th December** - Last Day of term 2

**BACK TO SCHOOL
HALLOWEEN
DISCO**

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

3:30 – 4:00 **RECEPTION TASTER SESSION**
4:00 – 5:00 **YEARS 1-2**
5:00 – 6:00 **YEARS 3-6**

**£3.50
PER
TICKET**

**KIDS CAN
WEAR FANCY
DRESS IF
THEY WISH!**

SCAN THE QR CODE
OR USE THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS

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

THE RECEPTION TICKET INCLUDES A DRINK AND
A PACKET OF SWEETS OR CHOCOLATE BAR
YEARS 1-6 CAN PURCHASE REFRESHMENTS AT THE DISCO

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SHARED CLOSER TO THE EVENT

Click Here

Sports

Report

Girls Football

Barrs Court 5-1 Longwell Green

Scorers: Kiara (3), Tia, Chloe

Player of the match: Ava

The whole girls squad were invited to take part in this first pre-season friendly. A tight first half saw the squad 1-0 down despite some great battling performances. The second half saw a number of Barrs Court chances converted smartly to turn the game around in our favour.



Boys Football

Longwell Green 3-0 Barrs Court Orange

Players of the match: Brayden and Aiden

A big squad got split into two mini- teams for each half of this pre-season friendly. It was great to get going for the new academic year and despite the result not going our way, there were some promising signs of good teamwork starting to be formed. Good effort everyone.



Barrs Court Yellow 3-5 Barrs Court Pink

Players of the match: Daniel and Callum

Scorers: Jaxson (3), Joel (2), Serhii, Callum, Monty

The remainder of the squad who hadn't played in the previous friendly got to play against each other in this entertaining match. The game was end-to-end and once the scoring started, it didn't seem to stop. A game played in a great spirit throughout.



Parent and Carer Tours for September 2027

We are pleased to welcome prospective parents and carers to visit our school and see it in action. Each tour is limited to 10 families to give you the opportunity to ask questions in a small group setting.

Tours are led by the Headteacher and take place during a typical school day, so you can experience the school as it really is. For those unable to attend during the day, we also offer after-school sessions.

We have provided a variety of times and days, but if none are suitable, please contact the school office and we will do our best to accommodate you. The tours last up to an hour. While they are not specifically aimed at children, we are very happy for you to bring them along so they can experience the school too.

To book a slot please follow the links below.

 TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2027 9:30 AM	<u>Book a place</u>
 WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2027 2:00 PM	<u>Book a place</u>
 FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2027 9:30 AM	<u>Book a place</u>
 THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2027 2:00 PM	<u>Book a place</u>
 TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2027 9:30 AM	<u>Book a place</u>
 TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2027 9:30 AM	<u>Book a place</u>

We look forward to welcoming you!

Parent /carer Courses

Online Workshops



Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences

Wednesday 30th September
10:00am - 1:00pm



Understanding Emotional Development and Mental Health

Tuesday 13th October
7:00pm - 9:00pm



AuDHD (Autism and ADHD combined)

Thursday 19th November,
6:30pm - 8:30pm



Understanding and Supporting Communication

Wednesday 9th December
10:00am - 1:00pm



Understanding Masking

Thursday 14th January
7:00pm - 9:00pm



Understanding and Supporting Behaviour

Monday 8th February
10:00am - 1:00pm



We are happy to say that due to funding, we are able to provide our workshops free of charge.



Being a parent carer of a child or young person with SEND can bring extra situations which are challenging to know how to handle.

Our online workshops are here to empower you on your child's SEND journey.

- ✓ Confidence in understanding and meeting your child's needs.
- ✓ Ideas, effective strategies and signposting to other services.
- ✓ A chance to ask questions, as well as receive extra support if needed.

Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to access any of our support



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



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Drop-In SEND Support



Our Community Base,
Kingswood



Tuesday
10:00am - 1:30pm
Term Time Only



Children welcome
we have toys and games, an
outdoor area and sensory
room with hoist.



Speak with a friendly adviser
from SEND and You (SAY) each
month for free advice and
support.



Gympanzees Lending Library
Partner Hub

Here at South Glos Parent Carers we
are all parent carers, so we truly
understand the challenges and joys of
raising a child with Special
Educational Needs and Disabilities
(SEND).



The Kingswood
Centre, New
Cheltenham Road,
BS15 4FS



Are you feeling confused,
frustrated or isolated on your
child's SEND journey? Do you
need someone to talk to about the
challenges you are facing?

Come along to our relaxed and
friendly parent support drop-in.
Meet our Peer Support Team
who can:

- ✓ Help you become more
confident in identifying
and supporting your
child's needs
- ✓ Signpost you to services
that may be beneficial to
your family
- ✓ Provide a listening ear
over a cuppa

Your child does not need to
have a diagnosis for you to
access any of our support

Early Years Drop-In SEND Support



Patchway Children's
Centre



Wednesdays
10:00 - 11:30am
Term Time Only



For parents of
children aged 0 - 5
including children in
their reception year
Children welcome



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Educational Needs and Disabilities
(SEND).



Set your satnav to
BS34 5TF and
park behind
Coniston Medical
Centre



Are you concerned about your
child's early development or need
help navigating your child's
disability?

Come along to our relaxed and
friendly parent support drop-in.
Meet our Peer Support Team
who can:

- ✓ Help you become more
confident in identifying
and supporting your
child's needs
- ✓ Offer useful information
around key transitions
such as starting school
- ✓ Provide a listening ear
over a cuppa

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**NO
APPOINTMENT
NEEDED**
**JUST COME
ALONG!**



Compass

**DROP IN
ANYTIME**
between
9am and
12:30pm



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 4QQ
THURSDAYS

VISIT

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

or scan the QR code for more information



Could You Help Our PTFA?

Our PTFA events bring so much to our school community. They provide opportunities for families to come together, have fun and make wonderful memories, while also raising valuable funds that directly benefit our children and school.

However, these events simply cannot happen without the support of our wonderful parent and carer community. You don't need to commit to lots of time. Even giving just a little of your time to help set up, run an activity for a set time or tidy away would make a huge difference and would be very much appreciated.

We have set up a PTFA WhatsApp group for anyone who would like to register their support. There is no obligation to help at every event; the group will simply allow us to let you know when help is needed and give you the opportunity to volunteer when you are able.

Every helping hand makes a difference—thank you for supporting our school and our children!



Music Opportunities



West of England
MUSIC & ARTS

NEW AT WEMA MUSIC CENTRES

- **DJ skills**
- **Music Production**

Brand new sessions for young musicians.
Mix, produce and make your own tracks.

- Saturdays - Backwell - from 9.30am
- Mondays - Little Stoke - from 6.30pm
- Wednesdays - Bath - from 5.45pm

Bookings open now
wema.org.uk/music-centre-lessons
Discounts available for children eligible for Pupil Premium



West of England
MUSIC & ARTS

NEW AT WEMA MUSIC CENTRES

Instrument Lessons & Courses

Woodwind, Brass, Piano, Strings, Guitar

Music Production, DJ Skills

Learn after school at your local WEMA Music Centre -
then join an ensemble when you're ready!

Discounts available for children eligible for Pupil Premium

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DJ & Music Production times

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- Mondays - Little Stoke - from 6.30pm
- Wednesdays - Bath - from 5.45pm



School Nursing Service

School Nurses work with children, young people, parents 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:

0300 125 5151

Bristol North: 0300 124 5816

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



★ 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