

# BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Well, that certainly wasn't the Friday any of us were expecting.

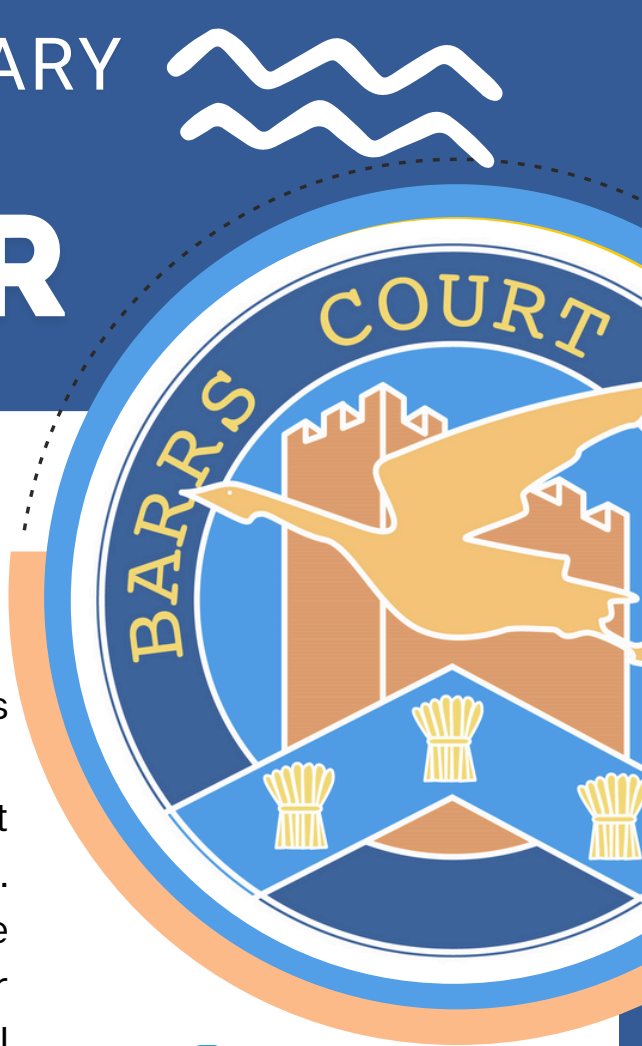
Thank you for your understanding and support following the decision to close the school. Unfortunately, the school simply could not operate without running water and there was no clear timeline for when the supply would be restored. I know many of you were also affected by the burst water pipe locally and I hope it wasn't too disruptive and that you were able to get through the day as smoothly as possible.

Despite this, it has been a really positive week in school. We were delighted to welcome the Travelling Kitchen, who have been working with the children in Years 5 and 6. The children thoroughly enjoyed baking bread, cooking pasties and mixing coleslaw. The smells drifting through the green areas were absolutely amazing! The Travelling Kitchen will be returning in March for those who missed out this time.

In Red Area, the children have also been practising their own 'cooking' skills by making healthy wraps. Meanwhile, in Blue Area, pupils have been learning all about electrical circuits, including insulators and conductors, in preparation for welcoming parents and carers into school next Friday.

In Reception, the children have been learning about Lunar New Year, exploring how it is celebrated through art and culture. They have shown great curiosity and creativity in their work.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.





# World Book Day

The school will be celebrating World Book Day on

**Thursday 5th March.**

Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book of your choice. Football kits are discouraged this year.

Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative costumes.

If your child does not enjoy dressing up, they are very welcome to take part in our alternative competition. Children can create a model of their favourite book character using materials such as recycled items from around the house, cardboard or fabric. The choice is entirely theirs – creativity is encouraged!

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of this competition as well.

# FEB Holiday Clubs



8:45am - 4:00pm

16th - 20th FEB

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On Monday, our yr6 netballers played two matches against Beacon Rise (one home - one away). Although the temperature was low, their mood was definitely high. Two great games were played, one won & one lost. Well done to everyone who participated.

Goal scorers were :- Lenny=1, Noah=1, Dara=1, Darla=1, Amaya=1 & Lyla=1.





On Monday, a team of seven yr6s went to Mangotsfield PS for a friendly netball match. Luckily , the rain didn't stop play. Although the score was 1v2 at the end of the first quarter, we were feeling strong. This was shown in the second quarter as we scored 4 goals. The third quarter saw excellent defending and 2 more goals followed in the fourth. Final score Barrs Court 7 v 4 Mangotsfield. Goals scored were :- Jasper =1, Jasna=1, Lenny=2 & Amaya=3.

Well played everyone 🍌🍌



### **A Reminder About Parking and Road Safety**

As the weather gets colder and wetter, we understand that more of our school community may need to drive to school, which can lead to increased congestion at drop-off and pick-up times.

If you do need to drive, please do not stop or park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gates. These areas are there to keep the space clear and safe for children to cross.



We also ask that you park considerately and avoid stopping close to junctions. Parking near junctions significantly reduces visibility and makes it much more dangerous for children and families trying to cross the road.

There is free and accessible parking available in Asda, behind the curry house, and in designated on-street parking areas nearby. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.



**AEK BOCO TROJANS**  
**U9 HML LEAGUE**

**ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS**

**➡ FOR THE START OF ⬅**

**GROUP 4**  
**2026/27 SEASON!**



## **SEND Report Now Available in Video Format**

Mr Balch has recorded our SEND report and it is now available to view in the videos section of our school website. Each section of the report has its own video, clearly explaining key areas such as our core universal offer, targeted support, and the specialist interventions we provide for children with additional needs.

You'll also find a downloadable file containing the presentation slides that accompany each video, allowing you to follow along or refer back at your convenience.

We hope this format makes our SEND provision even more accessible and transparent for our families.

**Please find find link to the videos [here](#)**

## SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

### **SAFEGUARDING TEAM**

We are proud to have a strong and dedicated safeguarding team. If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mr Daniel Webster
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs): Mrs Cook, Mr Balch, Miss Hannahbuss

We're here to support children and families. You can speak to us in person, call the school office, or email the school if you'd prefer a private conversation.

**Please find find link to the safeguarding newsletter [here](#)**

# Parent Courses

## Understanding Masking

*with Corrina Wood*

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



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## 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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## 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, attend meetings, or take 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

## LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

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

## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Reception Parent Event

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> @2:45p

### Blue Area Parent Event

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15pm

### Last day of term 3

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### First Day of Term 4

Monday 23<sup>th</sup> February

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

SEND parent coffee morning @ 9am-10:30am

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Parent and Carer Evenings

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Book Fair