

# BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming Events

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>  
First Day of Term 5

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
SEND parent and carer  
meetings

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday  
24<sup>th</sup> April Year 4  
Residential

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Red Area Hedgehog  
Experience

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Red Swift Enrichment Day

11-14<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Class Photos

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Last Day of term 5

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
First day of term 6

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Parent & Carer Coffee  
morning

Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> 9-12  
Sports Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Last Day of the year



## Happy Easter

As we come to the end of Term 4, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for what has been a wonderfully busy and productive term. It has been a particularly exciting week, with Reception enthusiastically planting as part of their enquiry, "What is growing?". Meanwhile, the Blue Area have been exploring the outdoors on their bug hunts, and the Red Area have impressed us all with their bridge building and their growing knowledge of the SS Great Britain.

Adding to the excitement, the Green Area were thrilled to receive a letter from a famous author—well-deserved recognition for the hard work and dedication they have shown in their writing. You'll have to keep reading the newsletter to find out who the author was!

We are incredibly proud of the curiosity, creativity and teamwork shown by all our pupils.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support, it is always very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break, and a very Happy Easter. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the start of the new term. on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.



Malorie Blackman OBE is a British writer who served as Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015. Green Area sent some of their writing to her, and they were very excited to receive a letter in response, in which she said how much she enjoyed their work. The students had written an alternative ending to her novel *Pig Heart Boy*. See what she said below...

Dear Mrs Quinton,

Thank you so much for sharing your Y5/6 alternative *Pig Heart Boy* chapters with me (and my apologies for taking so long to get back to you.)

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed reading each and every one.

Your students captured so well how Marlon must've felt when he was first told what Cameron intended to do. I loved how they described how Marlon tried to hide his feelings and emotions from his parents and enjoyed how some of your students used the weather to reflect how Marlon was feeling. They were so well written and some of them were very moving.

Please could you thank your students for sharing. I congratulate them on their excellent hard work and wish them all happy reading.

My very best regards,

Malorie Blackman

# Bug Hotel Competition

**Eco Club is excited to launch a fun and creative competition over the Easter holidays!**

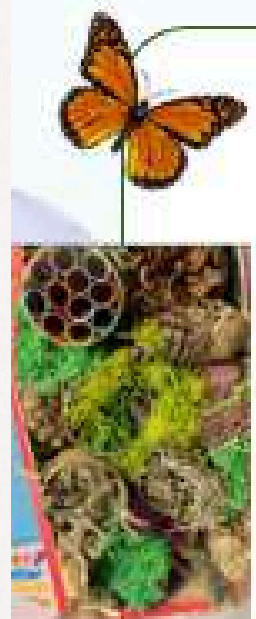
**We are inviting all children to design and make their own bug hotel using recycled or natural materials.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity for children to get creative while learning about supporting wildlife and caring for our environment.**

**Completed bug hotels should be PHOTOGRAPHED and the photo emailed to school. All entries should be emailed by May 1st. Then pop your hotel in your garden and wait for the bugs to check-in.**

**A winner will be announced on May 15th and there will be a special prize for the most imaginative and eco-friendly design.**

**We can't wait to see all the fantastic creations!**





## Bikeability Cycle Training

### Easter Holiday Courses

Practical cycle training delivered by South Gloucestershire Council's Bikeability team. Children build confidence and essential skills with qualified, DBS checked instructors.

**You'll need:** a roadworthy bike and a correctly fitted helmet.

#### Courses

#### ★ Learn to Ride (Year 3+)

Can't yet ride with pedals / without stabilisers. **1.5 hrs • Playground**

#### ★ Level 1 (Year 3+)

Already riding without stabilisers; build confidence & control. **1.5 hrs • Playground**

#### ★ Level 1 & 2 (Year 5 & 6 and older)

For riders who can cycle with control. Assessment in playground then on road: road position, priorities, hazards & junctions.

#### ★ Level 3 (Year 6+ with Level 2 completed)

More complex roads & traffic situations. **2 hrs**



#### Book and contact us

**Book online:** [Bikeability Cycle Training South Gloucestershire Council](#)  
(Scroll to "school holiday courses".)

- A non-refundable booking fee applies.
- **Places are limited:** one course per child per holiday period.
- **Cancellation:** 24-hour notice required.
- Bikes may be available by prior agreement; bring your own helmet.

#### Locations

- **Bradley Stoke Community School** – Fiddlers Wood Lane, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9BS
- **Watermore Primary School** – Lower Stone Close, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2LE

# SPORTS REPORT

It has been another busy and successful period of sport for Team Barrs Court, with pupils showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination across a range of events. Our dodgeball team travelled to Longwell Green for a long-awaited fixture after an earlier cancellation. The squad enjoyed taking part in a variety of skill-based games, and the match ended in an honourable draw – well done to everyone involved.



Pupils also represented the school in the CSET flag football and basketball competitions. Both teams gave fantastic performances in two sports that are quickly becoming favourites at Barrs Court. It was great to see such positive energy and skill on display.



Our Year 3/4 archery team showcased the skills they have been developing in PE this term – and their hard work paid off as they won the entire event. An outstanding achievement – congratulations to all involved!

In football, our Year 3 team played an exciting 2–2 draw against St Barnabas, with goals from Tommy and Monroe. It was a fast-paced and competitive game, with players from both teams showing great sportsmanship. Special mention goes to Jaxson and Aiden, voted players of the match by the opposition, and Monroe, chosen by his teammates.



Meanwhile, the Year 5/6 Titans secured a fantastic 3–1 victory against SSJ Crusaders in their latest league match. After going behind early, the team showed resilience to level the score before half time, then went on to dominate the second half. Goals from Jordan (2) and Leo H sealed the win. Well done to Albie, voted player of the match by the opposition, and Leo H, chosen by his teammates. Well done to all our pupils for representing Barrs Court so positively!





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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FUNDED**



**EASTER  
HOLIDAY CLUBS**



[SWIFTSPOORTSCOACHING.CO.UK](http://SWIFTSPOORTSCOACHING.CO.UK)



07537 991 991

From Monday 20th April 2026, we will be partnering with Caterlink to provide our school meal service.

There will be no changes to the current booking & payment method. Please continue to use the Arbor Parent Portal as normal to book & pay for lunches.

**\*\* Please note - School dinners should be pre-ordered in advance; this is to ensure the kitchen is suitably stocked and the correct number of meals are prepared each day. School meals can be booked termly/monthly/weekly in advance through the Arbor Parent Portal.**

What if my child has a Food Allergy/Intolerance?

The new team is fully trained in allergen management. If your child has a food allergy, please complete the Food Allergy & Intolerance Form [online](#) by Friday 20th March.

Please note that this will need to be accompanied with medical evidence (see attached leaflet for more information on this). You will only complete this form once whilst your child is at our school, unless there is a change in their allergy/medical condition.

When completing the form, please use our Unique Unit Number - 7790

### SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 13/04/26 04/05/26 01/06/26 22/06/26 13/07/26 07/09/26 28/09/26 19/10/26	<b>Option One</b> Tomato Pasta 🌱🍅	Beef Burger with Cheese in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Peri-Peri Chicken with Herby Rice Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salads	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	 Whole grain  Plant based  Added plant protein
	<b>Option Two</b> Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Coconut Curry with Rice 🌱🍅	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Macaroni Cheese	Lentil & Basil Whirl with Chips & Tomato Ketchup 🌱	
	<b>Option Three</b> Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings including Salmon Mayonnaise	
<b>Sides</b> Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
<b>Dessert</b> Oaty Cookie 🌱🍪	<b>NEW</b> Orange Drizzle Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley 🌱	Carrot Cake with Custard	Ice Cream with Peaches		
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 20/04/26 11/05/26 08/06/26 29/06/26 20/07/26 14/09/26 05/10/26	<b>Option One</b> Summer Pizza with New Potatoes	Spaghetti Meatballs	Roasted Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice & Tzatziki	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	<b>Option Two</b> BBQ Vegan Sausage Pasta 🌱🍅	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice 🌱🍅	Roasted Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Greek Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice & Tzatziki	<b>NEW</b> Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	<b>Option Three</b> Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	
<b>Sides</b> Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
<b>Dessert</b> Golden Syrup Snap Biscuit 🌱🍪	Apple Pie with Custard	Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Orange and Lemon Shortbread 🌱		
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 27/04/26 18/05/26 15/06/26 04/07/26 31/08/26 21/09/26 12/10/26	<b>Option One</b> Vegan Meatballs with Rice 🌱🍅	Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup 🍅	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese 🍅	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	<b>Option Two</b> Tomato Pasta Bake 🍅	Mild Five Bean Chili with Rice 🌱🍅	Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Vegan Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup 🌱	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	<b>Option Three</b> Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	
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<b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Shortbread 🌱	Peach Crumble with Custard 🍑	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Summer Lemon Cake with Custard	Strawberry Jelly With Mandarins 🌱		
<b>AVAILABLE DAILY:</b>	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings. Salad Bar. Freshly Baked Bread. Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

**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 TRIAL 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



**COLOR RUN**

Friday 5 June 26

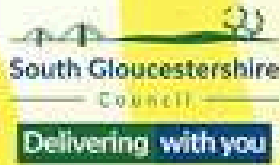
After the success of last year's event, Barrs Court Primary PTFA are bringing back the Colour Fun Run!

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.





**BOOK NOW**

[www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF)

[HAF@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@southglos.gov.uk)



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# Easter

# FUN



Four days of fun activities fully funded for children & young people who receive benefits-related free school meals.

# 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!

## 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



# 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.

**BOOK NOW**



## 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).

**BOOK NOW**



## E Safety links for families

### Useful Websites

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

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

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## 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.



**Sirona**  
care & health

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED JUST COME ALONG!**

South Gloucestershire  
Delivering with you

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 4DQ  
THURSDAYS

**VISIT**  
<https://life.southglos.gov.uk>  
or scan the QR code for more information



**Sports Day will be on  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>96%+</b>	7 Days	1,5 Weeks	35 Lessons
<b>95%</b>	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
<b>90%</b>	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
<b>85%</b>	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
<b>80%</b>	39 Days	7,5 Weeks	200 Lessons
<b>70%</b>	57 Days	11,5 Weeks	250 Lessons
<b>Below 70%</b>	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**