

🎄 Festive Spirit and Acts of Kindness at School 🎄

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Excitement has filled the air as our School Parliament decorated the school Christmas tree. A huge thank you to Asda for kindly donating it. The tree has brought lots of smiles already.

This week, our Red Area pupils have been living out their enquiry question "How can we help?" With your generous donations, they thoughtfully packed food boxes for our local food bank, considering carefully what should go in each one. Pupils then helped load the boxes into the volunteer's car, ready to support families in need this season. A huge well done to everyone involved.

But the kindness didn't stop there...

Earlier this week, I received a heart-warming message from a proud parent about Evie (Year 4) and her incredible efforts. Evie and her friend have been running a monthly bake sale called Besties Bakes, and decided to donate some of their earnings to a good cause. They used their profits to buy £40 worth of food for charity. When The New Inn pub in Keynsham heard about their efforts, they offered to sell some of the girls' bakes, helping them raise an additional £80. Together, the girls have now donated £120 worth of food to Operation Community Hampers, a charity supporting families over the holidays.

The charity was so impressed, they've invited Evie and her friend to help assemble the 1,200 hampers going out to local families this Christmas. 🌟 A huge well done, Evie – we are all incredibly proud of you!



School Parliament decorating the Tree (with a little help from Mr Balch)



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

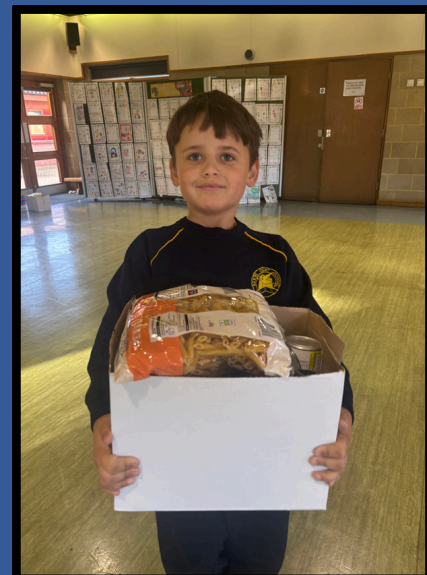
We are proud to have a strong and dedicated safeguarding team. If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us:

- 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](#)

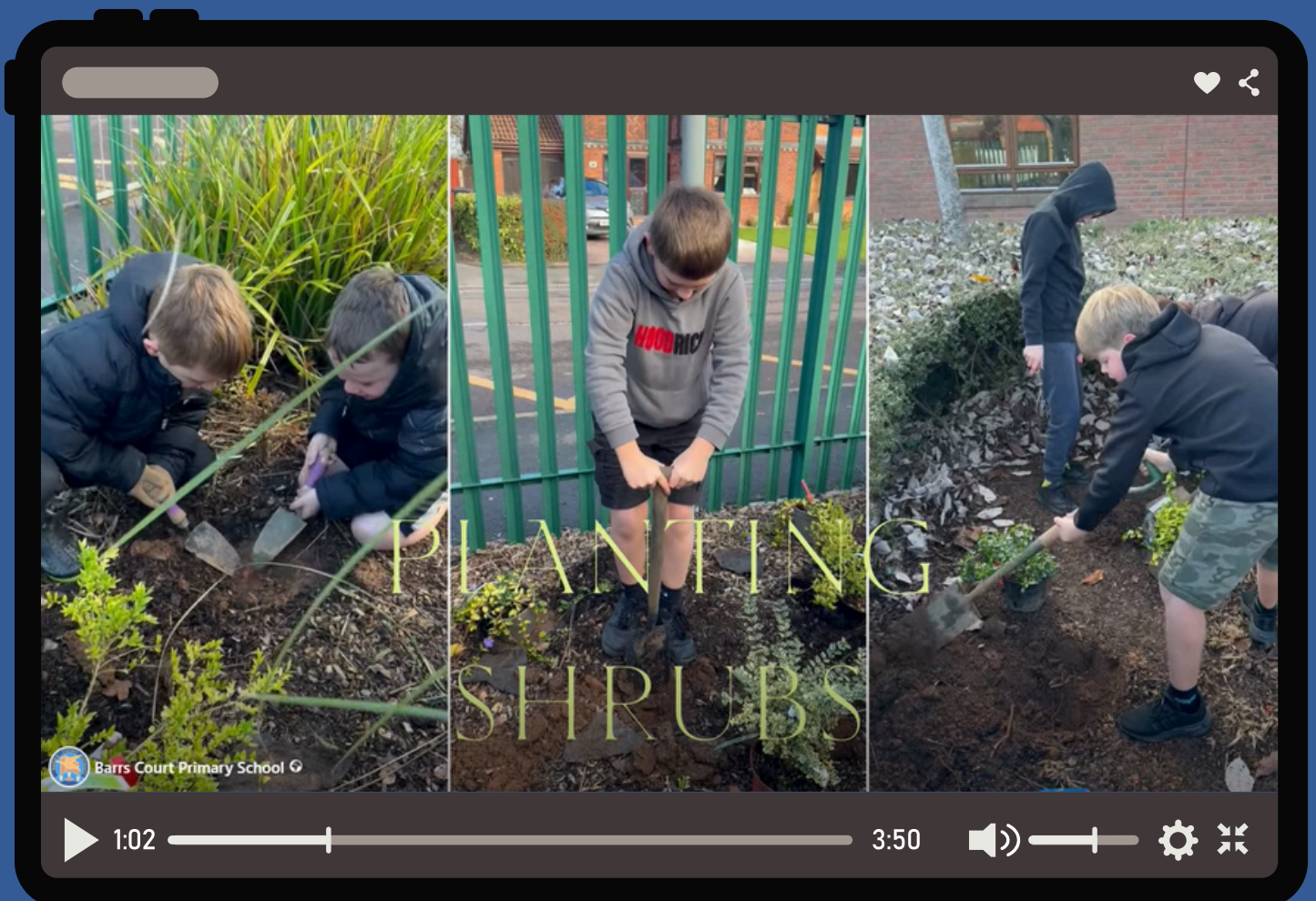
Red Area Food Parcel donations



Our amazing Eco Club have been busy digging, planting, and getting their hands dirty as they work to improve biodiversity on our school grounds. This week, they planted a range of shrubs to create new habitats for insects and other wildlife. The group showed fantastic teamwork and determination throughout the project.

A big well done to everyone involved – your hard work is making a real difference!

Watch the video below...





FATHER CHRISTMAS

is coming to
Barrs Court
Primary
School

SATURDAY, NOV 29 10-12:30



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
£3.50 PER CHILD.

INCLUDES AN
INTERACTIVE SESSION
WITH FATHER
CHRISTMAS AND A GIFT

BOOK NOW



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.

**Book Christmas Lunch
on Arbor by Monday
15th December**

***Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18th December 2025***

Roast Breast of Turkey
with Pigs in Blanket
or

Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing

Roast Potatoes Peas Carrots and Gravy

Followed By

Iced Christmas Shortbread Biscuit



gofundme



We have been truly moved and humbled by the generosity shown by our school community in contributing to a lasting memorial for Miss Paine.

If you would still like to make a donation, you can do so via the following link:

[!\[\]\(56549452e01ca28bdf2500ced9653143_img.jpg\) **GoFundMe – Miss Nicola Paine**](#)

Thank you, once again, for your kindness, compassion, and support during this time.

Winners this week

CLASS OF THE WEEK
GARNET

Award Winners



Lunchtime Award





Join us for

Wreath Making

Join us for an evening of festive
wreath making at

Barrs Court Primary School

Wednesday, December 3rd. 7-9pm

Monday, December 8th. 7-9pm

£40 pp

Tea, Coffee & Mince Pie provided.
Bring your own scissors/secateurs and
apron/gloves if desired.

Text Kerry to book your place

07720537959



Parent Courses

FEEL A BIT... MIXED UP?

Low mood or anxiety can leave young people in a muddle. SilverCloud can help them feel like themselves again. It's free and totally private, right on their phone.



feelingmixedup.uk

Support for parents and carers is also available.



Provided by NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB with Northpoint.

SilverCloud
by Amwell

Can't, not won't

Understanding what lies beneath school avoidance

SGPC and the South Glos Educational Psychology team have teamed up to create a series of video guides designed specifically for parent carers on the topic of emotionally based school avoidance (EBSA)

These videos will give information on EBSA, starting with the Psychology of EBSA including working with schools through to Recovery to Rediscovery.

- ✓ watch the first two videos in the series
- ✓ meet the SGPC Peer Support team
- ✓ connect with representatives from Send and You and Kooth
- ✓ meet with other local health and education professionals to hear about services available



BOOK
NOW



Baileys Court Activity
Centre, BS32 8BH

November 27
10:00 - 12:30





Our Music Centres bring together young musicians to perform in ensembles and groups, build skills, and have fun!

- Improve musical ability
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Take part in concerts
- Make friends

MUSIC CENTRES



Sessions run on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings during term time. Open to all - from beginners to advanced players.

Ensembles include chamber groups, orchestras, bands, choirs, and rock & pop groups.

Centres in: Little Stoke, Bath, Backwell, Keynsham, and Yate.

For more details go to:
wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres

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

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

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.

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

Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November

School Closed

Monday 15th December

KS2 Christmas Performances

Thursday 18th December

Nativity Performances

Wednesday 17th December

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 19th December

First Day of Term 3

Monday 5th January

Parent and Carers evening

Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th
January