

BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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**COMIC
RELIEF**

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!

Partnership

As we move further into the spring term, it is wonderful to see our school community continuing to thrive. The energy around the school has been fantastic, with pupils showing great enthusiasm for their learning and taking pride in their achievements both inside and outside the classroom.

Earlier this week many of you joined us for Parents' and Carers' Evening to discuss your child's progress, how we support them in school, and how you can continue to support their learning at home. We have also recently held two parent coffee mornings. One as part of the neurodiversity project and another with our school nurse. The next coffee morning is on June 12th.

These events highlight the importance of the strong partnership between home and school. When families and school staff work together, we are better able to support every child's academic progress, wellbeing and confidence. Open communication allows us to share successes, identify where additional support may be needed and ensure that children receive consistent encouragement both in school and at home.

One of the most important ways families can support their child's success is through ensuring good attendance. Being in school every day helps pupils build strong routines, maintain progress in their learning and stay connected with their classmates and teachers. Alongside this, supporting home learning and encouraging regular reading at home makes a significant difference. Just a few minutes of reading each day helps develop vocabulary, comprehension and confidence.

We are grateful for the time and commitment our families show by attending events, supporting learning at home and working in partnership with the school.



★ 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



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:

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.



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care & health



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



BOOK NOW



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.

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:
WEEK ONE 13/04/26 04/05/26 01/06/26 22/06/26 13/07/26 07/07/26 28/07/26 19/08/26	Option One Tomato Pasta 🌱🌱	Beef Burger with Cheese in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Peri-Peri Chicken with Herby Rice (Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa)	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	 Whole grain Plant Based Added plant protein
	Option Two Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Coconut Curry with Rice 🌱🌱	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Masaroni Cheese	Lentil & Basil Whirl with Chips & Tomato Ketchup 🌱	
	Option Three 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	
Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
Dessert Oaty Cookies 🌱🌱	NEW Orange Drizzle Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley 🌱	Carrot Cake with Custard	Ice Cream with Peaches		
WEEK TWO 20/04/26 11/05/26 08/06/26 29/06/26 20/07/26 14/07/26 05/08/26	Option One Summer Pizza with New Potatoes 🌱	Spaghetti Meatballs	Roasted Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Greek Chicken Pita with Herby Rice & Tzatziki	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	Option Two BBQ Vegan Sausage Pasta 🌱🌱	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice 🌱🌱	Roasted Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Greek Salmon and Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice & Tzatziki	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Fritata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	Option Three 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	
Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
Dessert Golden Syrup Snap Biscuits 🌱	Apple Pie with Custard	Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Orange and Lemon Shortbread 🌱		
WEEK THREE 27/04/26 18/05/26 11/06/26 04/07/26 31/08/26 21/09/26 12/10/26	Option One Vegan Meatballs with Rice 🌱🌱	Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup 🌱	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise 🌱	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	Option Two Tomato Pasta Bake 🌱	Mix 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	
	Option Three 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	
Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
Dessert Chocolate Shortbread 🌱	Peach Crumble with Custard 🌱	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Summer Lemon Cake with Custard	Strawberry Jelly With Meringue 🌱		
AVAILABLE DAILY:	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Box, 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.

SPORTS REPORT

Netball



Pickleball



Swimming





BARRS COURT SCHOOL

PUPIL PREMIUM

WHAT IS IT?

Pupil Premium is the additional funding for our school to best support all pupils to achieve their best.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Your child may be eligible if:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act
- Child Tax Credit (with income below the government threshold)

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Apply online through the South Gloucestershire Citizen Portal
<https://emsonline.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal>
- 2 Gather your details:
 - National Insurance Number
 - Date of Birth
 - Child's details and school name

Need help applying? Call 01454 868008



Upcoming Events

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

Friday 12th June
Parent & Carer Coffee morning

Thursday June 18th 9-12
Sports Day

The poster features the Swift Sports Coaching logo (SWIFT SPORTS COACHING) and the South Gloucestershire Council logo. The main title is 'EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS' in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. A red starburst in the top right corner says 'Up to 25% OFF'. The dates '8:45am - 4:00pm' and '7th - 17th April' are displayed. A list of locations includes Chipping Sodbury, Patchway, Frampton Cotterell, Barrs Court, Longwell Green, Winterbourne, and Yate. Two QR codes are provided: one for 'Paying Customers From £17.16 Per Child Per Day when discounts are combined' and another for 'HAF Customers FULLY FUNDED'. Two photographs show children at the clubs. A cartoon rabbit character holds a sign that says 'EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS'. At the bottom, the website 'SWIFTSPOORTSCOACHING.CO.UK' and phone number '07537 991 991' are listed.

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.





BOOK NOW

www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF

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.

Parent /carer Courses

Understanding Masking



BOOK NOW 

Understanding and supporting... communication



BOOK NOW 



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

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



**NO
APPOINTMENT
NEEDED**

**JUST COME
ALONG!**

South Gloucestershire
Council

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





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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

