

# BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming Events

**11-14<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 6 SATS

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Class Photos

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Red Area learning  
exhibition 3:15-3:45pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Last Day of term 5

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

First day of term 6

**Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

PTFA Colour Run

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Parent & Carer Coffee  
morning

**Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> 9-12**

Sports Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

PTFA summer family  
event after school

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Last Day of the year



It has been another great week at Barrs Court!

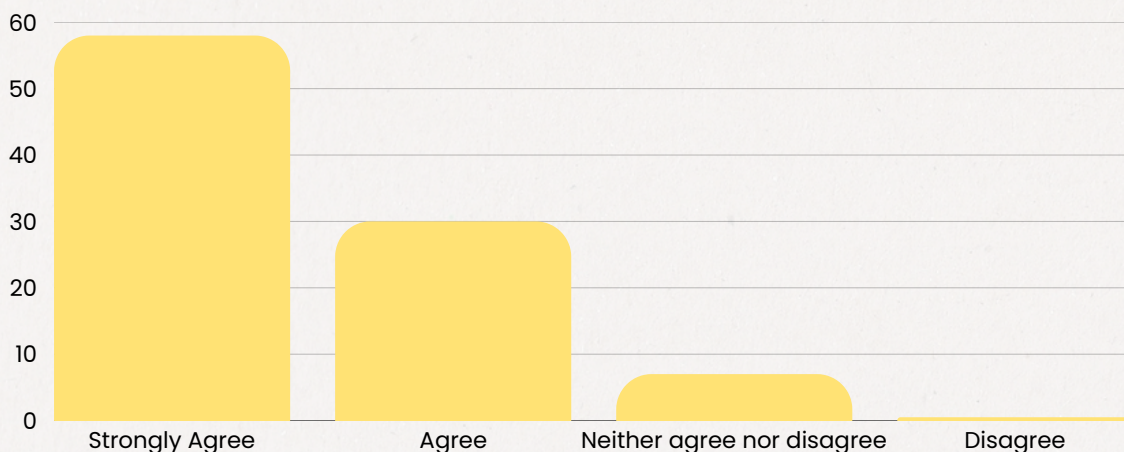
Reception have enjoyed welcoming lots of furry visitors as part of their enquiry, while Red Area have been out on a local area walk and have also been working hard in maths. Blue Area have been busy preparing their speeches, which I am very much looking forward to hearing and learning to play the violin. Our Year 6 children have also been working hard and getting ready for next week's SATs. We are very proud of the calm, positive and determined way they have approached their preparation.

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, which is a valuable reminder of the importance of looking after ourselves and each other. At Barrs Court, we know that small acts of kindness can make a big difference: checking in on a friend, listening carefully, including others, asking for help when we need it and noticing when someone may need support. We will continue to encourage the children at Barrs Court to talk about their feelings and support one another with kindness and respect.

Well done everyone for another fantastic week.

# Parent/carer Feedback

## My child feels / children feel safe at this school.



Thank you to everyone who responded to the question. The responses were overwhelmingly positive, and we are pleased that so many families feel their children safe at Barrs Court. Below are the ways we keep your children safe in school.

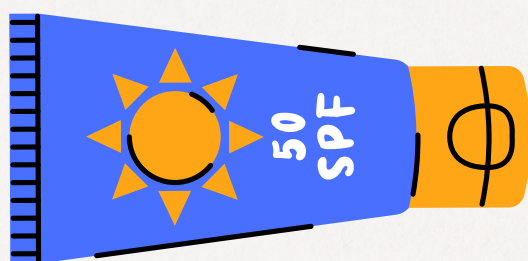
How we keep children safe in school environment	How we keep children safe in school through the curriculum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• secure entry and exit systems</li><li>• clear visitor procedures and checks</li><li>• appropriate staff supervision at key times, such as arrival, break, lunch and dismissal</li><li>• safe recruitment procedures for adults working with children</li><li>• trained staff who know how to spot and report concerns</li><li>• clear behaviour, anti-bullying and safeguarding policies</li><li>• risk assessments for trips, activities, medical needs and site safety</li><li>• online filtering and monitoring systems</li><li>• a culture where children feel trusted, listened to and able to speak to an adult</li></ul>	<p>We teach the things below through PSHE, RSHE, computing, assemblies and the wider curriculum and always in an age-appropriate way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• healthy and respectful relationships</li><li>• consent, boundaries and personal space</li><li>• online safety, including grooming, cyberbullying and sharing images</li><li>• bullying, prejudice and discrimination</li><li>• mental health and emotional wellbeing</li><li>• road, water and fire safety</li><li>• trusted adults and how to ask for help</li><li>• unsafe secrets and speaking up</li><li>• equality, respect and inclusion</li><li>• age-appropriate sex and relationships education</li></ul>

**[New Question Link](#)**



We are aware that some families are currently experiencing issues when booking meals through Arbor. We apologise for any inconvenience this may be causing and are working with Arbor to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

If you are having difficulty booking lunches, please contact the school office and we will be happy to book the lunch for you. We hope the issue will be resolved soon and thank you for your patience and understanding.



Just a quick reminder: staff can't apply sun cream, so please pop some on your child before school. They're welcome to bring their own to reapply, and we'll give them time to do this. Please make sure water bottles are named, we'll be encouraging lots of drinking!



What to do if you think your child is being bullied?

We want every child at Barrs Court Primary School to feel safe, included and happy. Bullying is rare at Barrs Court but If you think your child is being bullied, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible so we can listen, record the concern and work with you to understand what has happened.

Bullying is usually **repeated behaviour** that is intended to hurt, upset or intimidate another person, and often involves an imbalance of power. This can be physical, verbal, emotional or online. A single incident, such as a disagreement, falling out, unkind comment or one-off conflict, can still be upsetting and will be taken seriously, but it may not be bullying unless it becomes repeated or targeted.

Please encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult in school and avoid responding online or retaliating. Sharing details such as dates, times, names, screenshots or what was said can help us build a clear picture and respond appropriately.

We will always aim to support all children involved, restore relationships where appropriate and make sure children know how to get help.

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### Football

Barrs Court Rebels 1-2 St. Barnabas Girls  
Scorer: Darla

The team played well in this tight encounter. Everyone battled hard and we were unlucky to not come away with a draw at least. Player of the match- Bonnie



### KS1 Multi-skills

The team took part in a number of different sports activities as a carousel. Everyone had great fun and represented the school brilliantly.



### X-Country League

The team finished the league season at the tough Pophrey Hill course in hot conditions. Well done to everyone's efforts this season.

### Formula 1

Team Barrs Court headed to Avon Valley for an event involving pedal go-karts. The team pretended to be the pit crew before racing around the track in time trials.





## Fidgets in School

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify our approach to the use of fidgets in school. A fidget is a small tool designed to support a child's focus, attention or regulation. In some cases, children may benefit from having something discreet to handle or move while they work, helping them to remain calm and engaged in their learning.

Only children who have been identified by their class teacher as needing a fidget will be provided with one by the school. These fidgets are carefully selected to be discreet, quiet and purposeful so that they support the individual child without distracting others.

We kindly ask that children do not bring their own fidgets from home. Any fidgets brought into school will be removed and returned to the child at the end of the day. This helps us maintain consistency and ensures that all fidgets used in class are suitable and effectively managed.

If you would like more information about fidgets or feel your child may benefit from one, please contact our SENCO at [sendco@barrscourtps.org.uk](mailto:sendco@barrscourtps.org.uk), who will be happy to discuss this further.

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all my own work  
EST. 1989



# FATHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER

## GET CREATIVE!

It's time to get creative! Barrs Court Primary PTFA is excitedly taking part in the All My Own Work Art fundraiser. This fantastic project turns your children's artwork into exciting products & gifts, helping us raise much-needed funds together!

Get ready to be proud! Your child's artwork is being designed in class and will be sent home soon. We've made it simple for you to order unique gifts and transform their masterpiece into a truly lasting and meaningful keepsake. Just follow the easy steps below!

- ### ORDERING STEPS!
- 1 Use the weblink or QR code on the template to view the online shop.
  - 2 Order and pay online (directly to All My Own Work).
  - 3 Enter the unique Project Number to link the order to the school.
  - 4 Return the physical artwork template (with order details/code) to school. Please make sure your child's full name and class are on the form and also the code provided to you online once you have placed your order, this is so the design can be linked to your order.
  - 5 Wait for your wonderful gifts to arrive at school.

YOUR PROJECT NUMBER IS:  
**> 2636 <**

The store will **CLOSE AUTOMATICALLY** on 01/06/2026

### YOUR PROJECT TEMPLATE

- This includes your Project Number and helps ensure all products ordered online arrive at the correct destination.
- The template **MUST** be used for each piece of artwork. It provides parents/guardians with a QR code or weblink for ordering.
- You can download your **TEMPLATE** here.

- Designs will be done in class over the next two weeks and the designs will be sent home in your child's book bag.
- Details on how to order are on this poster, but to confirm: You **MUST** pay online and return your design to school.
- Return your design to your class teacher **BY 1 JUNE 2026.**

### IMPORTANT DATES!

The online shop closes on 01/06/2026. Designs will be collected and sent to be processed on 02/06/2026. After this date, we will not be able to accept any more orders.



ACCESS OUR ONLINE SHOP HERE:  
<https://schoolshoponline.co.uk/2026/fathers-day-2026-5/>

Once your orders are in and your child's masterpieces are returned to the school organiser, they'll be whisked away to All My Own Work! Their team will lovingly create your wonderful keepsakes. We'll let you know as soon as the finished orders arrive back at school, ready for our organisers and teachers to distribute!



# PTFA Father's Day

Barrs Court Primary PTFA is taking part in the All My Own Work Art fundraiser for Father's Day. Over the next two weeks, your child will be creating a special piece of artwork in class. This will be sent home in their book bag, giving you the opportunity to order a range of personalised gifts featuring their design. How to order: - Visit the online shop using the link below - Place and pay for your order online. Barrs Court Primary PTFA's Project Number is: 2636 - Return your child's artwork to school with the order code clearly written on the form

☛ Order here: <https://schoolshoponline.co.uk/2026/fathers-day-2026-5/>

Please ensure your child's full name, class and order code are clearly written on the artwork template so we can match it to your order. Important dates:

Online Orders close: 1 June 2026 (this is set by the company and cannot be changed) - Artwork must be returned to your child's class teacher by: 1 June 2026

After this date, we will not be able to accept any further orders This is a lovely way to create a meaningful keepsake while supporting the school. All funds raised will go towards supporting Barrs Court Primary.

Please see the attached poster for full details. Thank you for your continued support. Barrs Court Primary PTFA

## Marlee's Grand Appeal Charity Run

On the 9<sup>th</sup> May, Marlee will be running the Junior Mini Great Bristol Run alongside her good friend Teddy.

They are raising money for the Starlight Ward at Bristol Children's Hospital, which has been caring for Teddy's 3-year-old sister, Lucia. Lucia was diagnosed with a rare, terminal brain tumour at the end of 2025.

Marlee has visited Lucia in hospital and supported her with play sessions and arts and crafts activities (when Lucia has felt well enough to participate). This has encouraged Marlee to want to help raise money towards the ward caring for her friend.

Any donations, no matter the amount, will go towards supporting children and their families on the Starlight Ward. This includes providing music, art and play therapy, family accommodation to provide a safe and supportive environment close to the hospital and medical equipment.

Marlee was keen for her school adults to know about her charity run and any donations and words of encouragement will be greatly received.

Thank you.

**Teddy's Starlight Striders!**

RAISING FUNDS FOR



Scan to donate



<https://www.justgiving.com/page/marlee-rmacey>

Before donating, please ensure the URL on your device matches the official website shown above.

The money we raise will continue to improve the treatment and care of young patients and their families at Bristol Children's Hospital and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St Michael's Hospital.

[grandappeal.org.uk](http://grandappeal.org.uk)

**DONATE**



## SEND Reform: Putting Children and Young People first.

The proposals include a wide range of potential changes, such as new expectations for schools, clearer guidance on reasonable adjustments, new Inclusion Bases in schools, additional training for staff, and improved access to specialist expertise through a model called “Experts at Hand.”

At the heart of the proposals is a vision to strengthen inclusive practice in mainstream education, with a more consistent, rights-based approach so that children’s needs are recognised and supported earlier.

However, it is important to be clear that there remains many questions.

We are now in a 12-week consultation period.

There are two ways that you can have your say:

- 1.Through the Government Consultation Survey on SEND reform - Closing Date 11:59pm 18 May 2026,
- 2.Through South Glos Parent Carer Forum’s bite size surveys.

- Support is changing
- National Inclusion Standards
- Targeted and Targeted Plus
- Specialist Packages and EHCPs
- Funding, Transitions and Alternative Provision
- What if my child doesn’t fit?
- Complaints process, Accountability and Judicial Review
- And finally...



Find out more about the proposals and take the surveys.

SCAN HERE



Closing 11:59PM Sunday 3rd May



# PTFA News



## Barrs Court Primary PTFA Colour Run is back for 2026!

Taking place on Friday 5th June, with more fun, colour and new obstacles.

Please sign up for the event using the link below. This year there is also an adults race so everyone can join in the fun!

Colour Fun Run 2026 | [TryBooking](https://www.trybooking.com) United Kingdom

Sponsorship forms will come home next week. This year we are asking children to aim to raise £20.26 but if you can raise even more that would be amazing! Like last year, there will be a class treat for the class who raises the most sponsorship.

We do need you help with ensuring the event can go ahead. We are asking that each year group arranges enough parent helpers to throw paint for their child's race. Please use the link below to sign up to volunteer for your child's race.

[volunteersignup.org/HW3CP](https://volunteersignup.org/HW3CP)

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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



**SCHOOL  
COLOUR  
FUN 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.



# 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!

## RHYMETIME

**FRIDAY 9:30-10AM**

JOIN IN WITH SINGING AND NURSERY  
RHYMES IN THESE BOUNCY SESSIONS  
FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS



## LEGO CLUB

**SATURDAYS 10:30-11:30**

BUILDING BLOCKS AT THE READY!  
JOIN US FOR A STORY AND LEGO  
SESSION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CHILDREN.



# Parent /carer Courses

## Understanding Demand Avoidance

with Corrina Wood

For some children everyday demands, such as being asked to get dressed, can trigger an intense need to control the situation, meltdowns or withdrawal.



**BOOK NOW**



## Understanding and Supporting...

### ANXIETY

When children feel anxious, they cannot always understand or express what they are feeling or what's making them anxious. You might notice them becoming tearful and clingy, having difficulty sleeping or resisting trying new things.



**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 Council  
Delivering with you



**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:

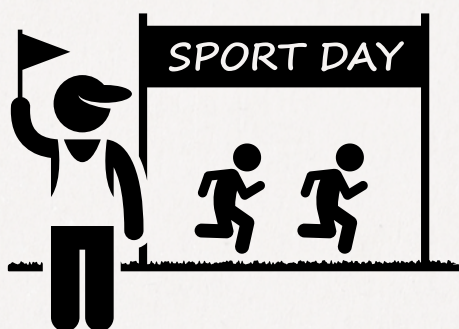
**PATCHWAY**  
BS34 5PE  
TUESDAYS

**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**