

BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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Staff Car Park

For the safety of everyone on site, no children or non school adults should enter the staff car park before or after school.

Please ensure that all pupils and families use the pedestrian gates at the front of the school when arriving and leaving the site. This includes children attending Breakfast Club.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe.

Labelling uniform

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We currently have a large number of unlabelled items in lost property. When clothing is named it can be returned promptly to the correct child as soon as it is found.

Your support with this makes a real difference and helps us reunite items with their owners quickly. Thank you.

Booking after school club and breakfast club

If you need to book a place for Breakfast Club or After School Club, the most convenient way to do so is through the app.

If your booking is last minute or you are unable to access the app, please contact the school office and the team will be happy to help.



Wonderful term of learning

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term I want to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been a period full of learning and adventure and achievement across our school community.

This week some of our Year 6 pupils have been away on residential camp. It has been a wonderful experience building confidence and resilience and teamwork. The children have been outstanding embracing new challenges and stepping outside their comfort zones and supporting one another every step of the way. Experiences like this are invaluable and create memories that will last a lifetime.

I would like to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children. Volunteering to spend a week away from their own families is no small commitment. Without their dedication and generosity and willingness to go above and beyond these opportunities simply would not be possible. We are incredibly grateful.

Back in school Reception have been celebrating Chinese New Year with great enthusiasm. From dragon dancing and lantern making to exploring traditional music the children fully immersed themselves in their learning. It was a joy to welcome so many families to Wednesday's celebration. Thank you to everyone who came along to share in this special event and see the children's work.

In Blue Area this term pupils have been reading The Iron Man and linking their literacy learning with science through their work on electrical circuits. Their end of unit challenge was to design and build an Iron Man head with light up eyes. The finished models looked fantastic but what impressed us most was the children's ability to clearly explain how their circuits worked and demonstrate their understanding. Thank you to those who joined us to celebrate their hard work. It makes such a difference to the children.

As the term draws to a close I hope you all enjoy a well earned and restful break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23rd February for the start of Term 4.

Fingers crossed for a little less rain next half term!

E Safety Why It Is So Important

At Barrs Court, we teach children from a young age about how to be safe online. Through our curriculum and regular discussions, pupils learn how to use technology responsibly and confidently. In today's digital world, keeping children safe online is an essential part of safeguarding. Whether using devices for learning, gaming or socialising, children are spending increasing amounts of time online.

While the internet offers many positive opportunities, it also brings risks. As a school, we reinforce key messages regularly, but this is most effective when learning is supported at home.

Practical Tips for Parents

- Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible
- Use parental controls on apps, games and broadband
- Agree clear rules about screen time and the types of websites and apps that can be used
- Regularly check privacy settings on games and social media
- Know the age ratings of games and social media platforms
- Encourage children to think before they post or share

Most importantly, talk regularly about their online experiences in the same way you would talk about their day at school.

Working together, we can ensure that children develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to navigate the online world safely and responsibly. If you ever have concerns or would like further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



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

Parent Courses

Understanding Masking



BOOK NOW

Understanding and supporting... communication



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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](#)

WORD BOOK DAY!

* Unleash Your Imagination!

Thursday 5th March?

COSTUME COMPETITION!



Character Model Challenge

* Create your favourite book character from things around the house.



Barrs Court Primary 2026

FEB Holiday Clubs



8:45am - 4:00pm

16th - 20th FEB

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From
£16.06
Per Child Per Day
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT



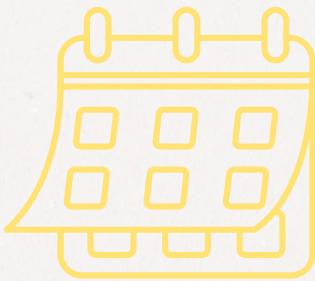
For Details:

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More Info:

www.swiftsportscoaching.co.uk



Upcoming Events

First Day of Term 4
Monday 23rd February

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

Friday 6th March
SEND parent coffee
morning @ 9am-10:30am

Monday 9th and
Wednesday 11th March
Parent and Carer Evenings

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

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is fundamental to children's success at school. Every day in the classroom provides essential learning opportunities, builds confidence and strengthens friendships. When children attend regularly, they are able to develop secure understanding, maintain routines and feel fully part of their class community.

Even occasional absence can have a significant impact. Learning is carefully sequenced so that each lesson builds on previous knowledge. When a child misses a day, they often miss key explanations, modelling and guided practice. Although teachers will always support children to catch up, it is not the same as being present for the original teaching.

Broken weeks can be particularly disruptive. Missing a Monday or Friday, for example, can mean that a child loses the introduction to new learning or the opportunity to consolidate and apply skills at the end of a sequence. This can lead to gaps in understanding and reduced confidence. Over time, repeated broken weeks can accumulate into a substantial loss of learning time.

Strong attendance habits established in primary school lay the foundations for future success. By prioritising attendance and avoiding unnecessary absence, families help ensure that children can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

If you are experiencing difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please speak to the school.

We are here to work in partnership with you and support every child who attends Barrs Court to achieve their very best.

HAVE A LOVELY BREAK



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ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

→ FOR THE START OF ←

**GROUP 4
2026/27 SEASON!**

