

BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 19th May

Class Photos

Wednesday 20th May

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

Friday 22nd May

Last Day of term 5

Monday 1st June

First day of term 6

Friday June 5th

PTFA Colour Run

Friday 12th June

Parent & Carer Coffee
morning

Thursday June 18th 9-12

Sports Day

Friday 3rd July

PTFA summer family
event after school

**Monday 6th and
Wednesday 8th July**

Parent and carers
evenings

Friday 17th July

Last Day of the year



What a fantastic week it has been for our fabulous Year 6 children, who have worked incredibly hard to complete their SATs. We are so proud of the determination, resilience and positive attitude they have shown throughout the week. Well done to each and every one of them.

In other exciting news, the children have done it again... they have filled the GEM JARS and have earned a whole-school treat! Well done to all the children for earning their GEMS by showing our school values every day. We are very proud of you all.

A reminder that class photographs will take place next Tuesday, 19th May. Please ensure that all children, including those who usually have PE on that day, come to school wearing their full school uniform. Children who have PE or an after-school club should bring their kit in a bag so they can change in school.

Our Term 6 parent/carer evening dates are Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th. Booking details will be sent out next term.

The weather is slowly beginning to feel more like summer, so please see the information later in the newsletter about sunscreen and staying safe in the sun.

The warmer weather has also brought an increase in holiday request forms. Please remember that school policy requires these to be submitted at least one month before the requested absence. Holidays during term time will not be authorised and may result in a penalty fine. I have attached a [link](#) to the letter sent out in September for your information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Parent/carer Feedback

The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



Thank you again for responding to this week's question. Once again, the response has been really positive, although some families have raised concerns about lunchtime.

At lunchtime, we support children to play games, be kind to one another and enjoy eating their lunch. As with any part of the school day, children may occasionally make mistakes. When this happens, we support the children involved to understand what has happened, make things right and move forward positively.

Where needed, individual plans can be put in place to support children when they are outside at lunchtime.

We encourage all children to speak to an adult if they are unhappy or worried at lunchtime. If your child comes home and tells you about something that has happened, please speak to a member of staff so that we can look into it and help resolve the issue.

Below are some of the other ways we support children at Barrs Court Primary School to behave well and make positive choices.

- Having a clear behaviour policy that is understood and followed by staff, children and families.
- Keeping our school rules simple and consistent, so children know exactly what is expected of them.
- Promoting our school values every day and helping children understand how these values look in their words, actions and choices.
- Creating a strong culture of respect, kindness and responsibility, where positive behaviour is noticed, encouraged and celebrated.
- Building positive relationships between staff and children, so pupils feel known, valued and supported.
- Making sure adults model the behaviour we expect to see, including calmness, fairness and respect.
- Providing support where needed, recognising that some children may need extra help with emotions, friendships or behaviour choices.
- Listening to children and giving them opportunities to share how they feel, what they need and what may help them.
- Working closely with families, building strong home-school relationships so children receive consistent messages and support.
- Using clear routines across the school so children feel secure, settled and ready to learn.

[New Question Link](#)

WHAT'S ON TODAY

BREAKFAST

Beans on Toast 75p
Toast with Butter or Jam & Squash 75p
Cereal & Milk 75p
Fresh Fruit & Squash 75p

FRIDAY SPECIAL

Bacon Sandwich
£1.50

May Holiday Clubs



8:45am - 4:00pm

26th - 29th May

BOOK NOW



From

£18.22

Per Child Per Day

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT



For Details:
07537991991



More Info:
www.swiftsportscoaching.co.uk

SPORTS REPORT



Yr 5/6 Molky and Jumpball

The team welcomed Somerdale to Barrs Court for this double fixture in two more unusual sports. After finding themselves behind in both sports, the teams dug deep to win both elements of the fixture. Well done everyone.



KS2 Ultimate Frisbee- Yate Tournament

The team travelled to Yate in this second tournament of the year. They played extremely well and ended up as champions! Great work.



Year 3/4 Multi-Sports

The team got to experience Cardio-Tennis, Tri-Golf, American Football and Pickleball in this carousel of activities. Everyone had great fun despite the rain!



SPORTS REPORT

On Tuesday, six yr5s took part in the last "come and play" event for this year. It was a great opportunity for everyone to have fun playing netball. Our team did amazing, winning all their games.

Well done everyone and hope to see you at training next year. 🙌👏👏👏👏



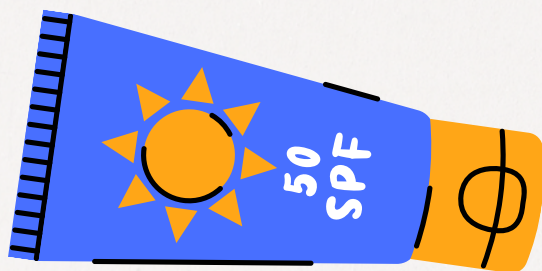
The weather looked like it would repeat it's previous wet performance on our last games but luckily, changed it's mind. Both teams displayed great energy and were skilful in their passing. The results were one win 17-2 & one loss 6-12, so an overall draw. Goal scorers were Jasna=6, Eve =3, Lenny=3, Amaya=2, Albie=2, Dara =1, Leo=1, Darla=1, Alecia=1, Layla=1, Rosie=1 and Francesca=1.

Well played everyone 🙌👏



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!

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

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 TRAIL 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



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.





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, who will be happy to discuss this further.



Dear Parents & Carers,

Instructor Nick here - Taekwon-Do is at **Barrs Court Primary School** & we are offering a Month Free! It's on **Thursdays**, spaces will **be limited and may be subject to a waiting list**. It's all about high performance freestyle Tae Kwon-Do & developing that Self-control and Confidence. Yes, we have the black belts, kicks and tricks, but it's all about:

Teamwork
Integrity
Growth
Energy
Respect
Self-Control



The upcoming 4 week free trial will run at **Barrs Court Primary School** starting **next week** and will continue at that location going forward:

Infants (School Yr 1-2): Thursdays 4:50-5:30

Juniors (School Yr 3+): Thursdays 5:30-6:15

Please do not enter the building on pickup, release will be outside.

Our classes are the lowest priced pro Tae Kwon-Do sessions in the area, all in. After the free trial, should you wish to continue, classes are just £38 a month, which includes **all training, belts, gradings, replacement uniforms, patches, licensing & insurance**. Siblings train at a huge £9 per month discount too!

To register your child, please fill out this short form **ASAP**: www.tigermartialarts.club/monthfree

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Kat, TMA admin by email: admin@tigermartialarts.club or by phone between 10am-3pm **07921855900**.

Once booked, we'll contact you before the start to confirm details. To find out more: www.tigermartialarts.club

Thanks as always for your support,

Instructor Nick

Head Instructor - Tiger Martial Arts

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



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



When Siblings Needs Clash

with Corrina Wood

Managing those times when your children need completely different things



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



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



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

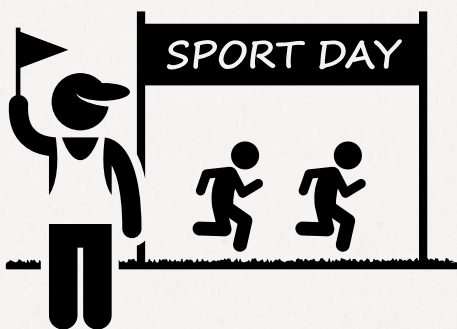
KINGSWOOD
BS15 9TR
WEDNESDAYS

YATE
BS37 4DQ
THURSDAYS

VISIT

<https://life.southglos.gov.uk>

or scan the QR code for more information



Sports Day will be on Thursday 18th 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
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!

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