

BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER





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This week, the school has had a distinctly scientific atmosphere. Children have been immersed in scientific investigations and experiments linked to materials, rocks, and temperature. Their dedication enthusiasm and to learning really demonstrated our school values, particularly curiosity and joy. I also had the please if listening to some of our year 6 children read me the stories they had written - I was very impressed they have clearly been working very



hard.



In Monday's assembly, we discussed World Religion Day. We explored the importance of understanding and respecting different beliefs and perspectives, even if one does not follow a faith or believe in a God. The children displayed a thoughtful understanding of the main religions followed around the world, reflecting both maturity and empathy.

I have been wowed once again by the standard and imagination displayed in some of the home learning this week. Thank you for supporting the children in achieving this. Please can all children remember to read five times a week. Additionally, children in KS2 should access both Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars regularly. More details can be found on the next page.





We are pleased to announce that our Holiday Club will be running again during the February break. To book a place, please scan the QR code below.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Teachsport holiday camps are aimed at children aged 5 to 12 and are designed to suit all sporting interests and abilities.

FEBRUARY CAMP: MONDAY 17TH - THURSDAY 20TH FEB

10am - 4pm: £22

Barrs Court Primary School Stephens Drive Longwell Green Bristol B\$30 73B

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Government Tax-free account payment

Childcare Voucher payments

Early drop-off from 8.30am: £5

SPORTS ~ GYMNASTICS ~ ARTS & CRAFTS WOODLAND PLAY ~ TEAM BUILDING ARCHERY ~ DANCE ~ PLAY







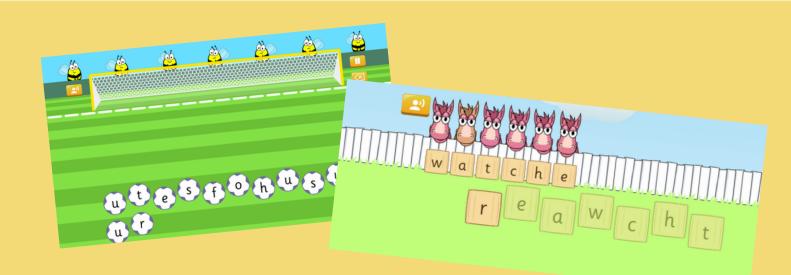




All children in KS2 should have a login for both Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars. We understand that many children find spelling and times tables challenging, and these two resources provide a fun and interactive way for them to practice these essential skills.

Teachers also set home learning tasks on Spelling Shed, tailored to each child, focusing on spelling rules they may find difficult. For those who may need assistance, Mr. Balch has created a <u>video</u> guide to demonstrate how to log in.

Additionally, a list of login details (spelling shed) for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 is available in the office if you have misplaced them. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you encounter any problems.









Friday 28th February Book a table before it sells out!!!





Cycling Training for the 21st Century SCHOOL HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING COURSES

BEFORE BOOKING YOUR COURSE, PLEASE READ BELOW CAREFULLY!

All courses are subject to a £5 Booking Fee which is Non-refundable.
 Places are limited so these are booked on a first come basis.

 \cdot The child must have a roadworthy bike with 2 working brakes and have a properly fitting helmet.

Bikeability Learn to Ride

This session is for children who are unable to cycle, including older children who have never mastered the skill. Session 1 ½ hours. This course is for School Year 3 and above.

Level 1

Consists of a 1.5 hour session where riders learn to control and master their bikes in a space away from traffic such as a playground or closed car park. This course is for School Year 3 and above who can cycle.

Level 2

Consists of two morning sessions, there is an initial assessment in the playground covering level 1 skills to ensure they are ready for on road training. Once out on the road they will learn about road position, which road user has priority and when, how to recognise typical hazards as well as manoeuvring through junctions. This course is for School Year 6 and above who can cycle.

Level 3

Aims to equip riders with skills for more challenging roads and traffic situations such as passing queuing traffic, road narrowing, understanding blind spots and how to perceive and deal with hazards. All riders MUST have completed a level 2 course to an acceptable level prior to enrolling on this course. An acceptable level is where on the back of their level 2 certificate each box is ticked either Independently or With More Practice. If any of the boxes are ticked as either With Some Assistance or Not Yet Attempted they should attend another level 2 course. Most riders will need time to absorb the level 2 skills and put these into practice, hence they MUST NOT attend a level 2 and level 3 course within the same holiday period.

Courses are being held at Bradley Stoke Community Secondary School, Fiddlerswood Lane, BS32 9BS

To book on one of the above courses please log onto https://southglos.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

ELLACOMBE PHARMACY NOW OFFERS NHS FUNDED PRESCRIPTION TREATMENTS FOR A VARIETY OF AILMENTS.

(INCLUDING ANTIBIOTICS WHERE APPROPRIATE)



Local NHS Dentist open to Children

Oldland Dental Practice are taking on NHS Appointments for Children at the end of January. Parents are able to contact the practice themselves. This service is only available for children.

https://www.oldlanddental.co.uk

Oldland Dental Practice

206 High Street, Oldland Common, Bristol, BS30 9QW

0117 9324455

Contact the surgery for more information

Sports Results

Match reports on Facebook



E-Safety

Many children have new devices that connect to the internet, making it an important time to focus on e-safety. We encourage parents to set up parental controls on devices and monitor the apps, games, and websites their children access. Teach your child about the importance of keeping personal information private, such as their name, address, or school.

Regularly talk to your child about what they do online and remind them to speak to a trusted adult if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

Below are links to useful websites for parent/carers:

NSPCC www.nspcc.org.uk

The NSPCC offers helpful guides, including information about parental controls and conversations about online safety. Their "Net Aware" platform reviews popular apps, games, and websites.

ThinkUKnow (by CEOP) www.thinkuknow.co.uk

This site provides age-appropriate advice for children and parents on staying safe online, including tips on privacy settings and spotting potential risks.

Internet Matters www.internetmatters.org

Internet Matters offers step-by-step guides for setting up parental controls and resources to help parents understand online risks.

UK Safer Internet Centre www.saferinternet.org.uk

This organisation provides e-safety tips, advice, and resources for parents, including how to manage devices and maintain open communication.









NSPCC

Contact Details and Medication Update

We kindly remind all parents and carers to ensure that the school has your most up-to-date contact details. This includes your current email address and, most importantly, your mobile phone number. Accurate contact information is essential for effective communication, especially in emergencies.

Additionally, if your child requires long-term medication, such as asthma inhalers, EpiPens, or any other prescribed items, please take a moment to check their expiry dates. If you replace these items at home, it is vital to update the school with the new medication as well.

While we do our best to send reminders when expiry dates approach, your proactive support in keeping us informed helps ensure your child's safety and well-being. Thank you for your cooperation.

South Gloucestershire One You



On this website you will find tools, apps and resources as well as a wealth of information.

Each section includes links to specialist services you can contact for more help. We have many partners across South Gloucestershire waiting to support you.

Additionally, if you would like information to support your family, no matter what stage of life, you will find pages dedicated to healthy pregnancy and infant feeding, all the way to activities available for older people.

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Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day Monday 10th - Friday 14th February - Year 6 Camp Friday 14th February - Last day of term 3 Tuesday 24th February - Term 4 Thursday 27th February - Red Area Wild Place Trip Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th March - Parent and carer evenings



Don't forget to check out <u>Facebook</u> for all the latest sports reports and see what's happening in school each week.