

# BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming Events

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

Parent & Carer Coffee morning

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PTFA Colour Run

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

Sports Day

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Medal event

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

PTFA summer family event after school

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Parent and carers evenings

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Move up morning

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

KS2 Performance @ 5:30pm

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Blue Area Strings Performance @ 2:30pm

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

leavers assembly @ 2PM

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

Last Day of the year

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year. I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine last week; it has been a little different this week!

Thank you for your understanding regarding the decision to postpone the Colour Run. The event requires a significant amount of setting up, and we want it to be fun for everyone taking part. The weather has been unpredictable this week, so the decision was made to postpone the event until Friday 12th June.

Other events you need to be aware of this term are:

### Sports Day – Thursday 18th June, 9:30am–12:00pm

On this day, **parents and carers are welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch on the field with their child/children between 12-12:50.** If you are unable to stay and would like your child/children to sit with another family, please email the school and let us know.

### Parent and Carer Evenings – Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th July

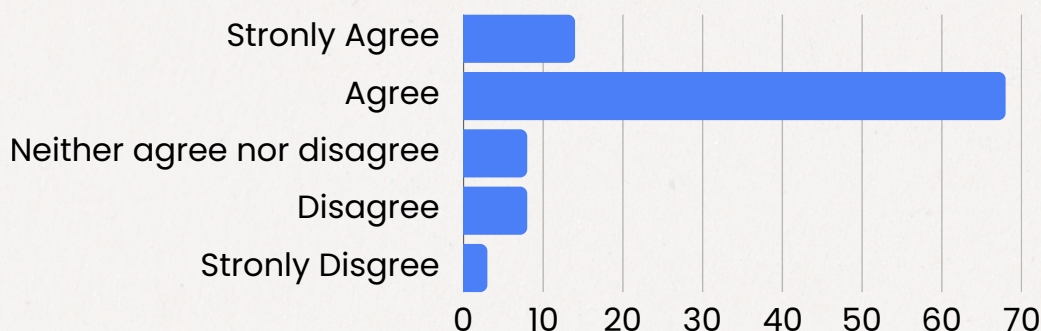
A link will be sent out next week to book appointments for the final Parent and Carer Evenings of the year.

### PTFA Summer Event – Friday 3rd July - 3:30pm - 7:30pm

Family fun on the field after school, with food and games for all the family.

# Parent/carer Feedback

## The school communicates well with me about the things I need to know



While 89% of those who responded to the question answered positively, 11% disagreed or strongly disagreed. This shows that, while communication is generally effective, we do not always get it right.

The main issues raised were:

- Not enough notice being given for events
- Multiple messages being sent
- Concerns about Arbor in general

We acknowledge that, this year, some messages have been sent out later than we would have liked. We also recognise that Arbor has not been as effective as we would have hoped, although some of this was outside of our control.

What are we going to change?

We will:

- Aim to give parents and carers a minimum of one term's notice for events, wherever possible
- Send letters by email and upload them to the school website
- Where possible, reduce the number of correspondence sent out.
- Ensure that all dates are checked carefully before they are shared

It is also important to acknowledge that there will always be occasions when messages need to be sent at short notice, or dates need to be changed, due to the nature of the school environment.

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

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# Changes to Free School Meals (FSM)

## Important Information: Free School Meals (FSM) – 2026/27

From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, the Department for Education will remove all transitional protections for Free School Meals (FSM). At the same time, eligibility criteria will be expanded to include all children from households receiving Universal Credit.

From September 2026, families will need to meet the updated criteria for their child or young person to continue receiving Free School Meals.

### Eligibility Recheck

In line with these changes, the Local Authority will review all current FSM claims before the start of the new academic year, and annually thereafter. If you remain eligible your school will be informed and your child/young person will continue to receive Free School Meals.

Under the new criteria, FSM eligibility will fall into two categories:

**Targeted – for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. This provides free school meals and additional benefits for both the pupil and the school.**

**Expanded – for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings above £7,400. This provides free school meals only.**

If your child is no longer eligible following the review, you will be notified via the Citizen Portal.

We encourage any parents who believe they may now be eligible, but have not previously applied, to visit our website and submit an application.

Free school meals can save time preparing lunches and provide children with a healthy and varied meal each day.

Apply online – Click [here](#)

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# RSE Consultation

## Upcoming Changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) - Consultation for September 2026

We are writing to inform you about upcoming updates to our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum, which will take effect from September 2026.

These amendments follow the most recent national guidance and reflect our continued commitment to providing pupils with age-appropriate, inclusive, and high quality learning that supports their wellbeing and personal development.

### What is changing?

The updated RSE content will include:

- Revised learning objectives to reflect new statutory guidance.
- Updated lessons on healthy relationships, personal safety, and digital citizenship.
- Additional age-appropriate content designed to help pupils navigate key stages of growing up with confidence and understanding.
- Clearer progression across year groups to ensure continuity and consistency.

Our aim remains to equip pupils with the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe, respect others, and make informed, responsible choices. Parent Consultation As part of our review, we would like to invite you to take part in a consultation so that your views can help shape the final curriculum. We value your input and want to work in partnership to ensure that the programme reflects both statutory requirements and the needs of our school community.

How to participate:

Link to the curriculum - click [here](#)

- Consultation period: 1st June – 12th June
  - Parent information session: **Tuesday 9th June @ 3.15pm in Barrs Court School Hall.**
  - Share your views: You can complete our consultation form at RSE Parent Consultation Survey – Fill in form [here](#) or request a paper copy from the school office.
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These sisters, Amillia and Lottie, both received a Blue Peter badge, designed by Sir Quentin Blake, for submitting their ideas and artwork inspired by books they love. Well done, girls — enjoy your badges!

Evie in year 4 was to help at a charity a events. Alongside other volunteers, she helped serve afternoon tea to 160 guests.

They served for four and a half hours and were all smiles throughout. She received lots of lovely feedback from both the organisers and guests about how well she had done.

She was also lucky enough to take home £22 in tips, all while helping to raise a fantastic amount of money for the charity.



# REMINDER

## Trim-Trail before school

Please can I remind all parents and carers that the trim trail must not be used before school by any children, including pre-school children.

This is for safety reasons, and we welcome your support in ensuring that no children use the equipment before school.

## Toys and fidgets

If a child needs a fidget in school, this must be agreed by the class teacher and included as part of their school plan.

No toys should be brought into school. If toys or fidgets are brought in without permission, they will be kept safely until the end of the day and returned to whoever collects the child.

Please note that if toys or fidgets are brought into school without permission and are then lost or broken, the school takes no responsibility for this.

# Term Dates 2026/27



## TERM DATES 2026/27

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
Term 3	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2027	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12th April 2027	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7th June 2027	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2027

### IN-SERVICE DAYS

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

**Letter from Andrew Best - CEO  
Mosaic Partnership Trust**

Click [here](#) to read letter

# New MENU

for Breakfast Club

## 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

BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

# COFFEE MORNING



## FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

This coffee morning is a chance to meet the school SENCO Mr Balch, talk about ways you can prepare your child for the transition into the next academic year and network with other parents in our community.

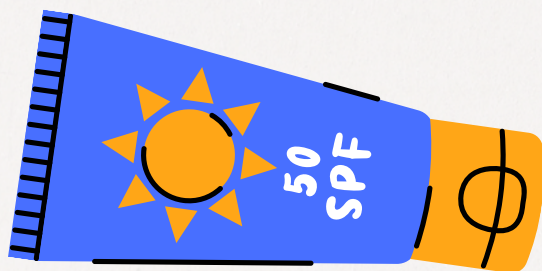
All are welcome to attend the session which will run from 9.15 am until 10.15 am.

**Coffee/Tea and biscuits provided**



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'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**



## 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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## When Siblings Needs Clash

with Corrina Wood

Managing those times when your children need completely different things



**BOOK NOW**





## 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 Gloucestershir**  
0300 125 5151

**Bristol North:** 0300 124 5816

Secondary school aged children can also use our **confidential text messaging service ChatHealth**. Use the QR code to find out more.



**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**  
JUST COME ALONG!



**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





# ★ 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**