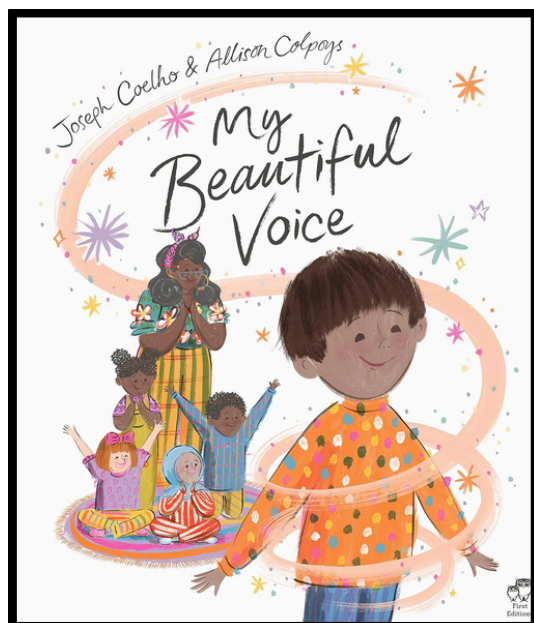


BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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This week, we read *My Beautiful Voice* by Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys, a beautiful story that reminds us of the importance of finding, using and listening to our voices.

The book highlights that every child has something important to say, but that finding the confidence to speak can take time. Children need time, space and encouragement to find their voice, and just as importantly, they need to learn how to listen to the voices of others.

At Barrs Court, we recognise that oracy is an important part of learning. In many of our lessons, we deliberately create opportunities for children to talk, share ideas and listen to one another. This might be through partner talk, paired discussion, group work, questioning or sharing ideas with the whole class. These opportunities help children develop the confidence and skills to speak in different situations, explain their thinking, build on the ideas of others and listen respectfully.

We want every child to know that their voice matters and to develop the confidence to use it. Equally, we want our children to understand that being a good communicator is not just about speaking, it is also about being a good listener.

**Don't forget your
food donations on
Monday. Thank you.**



**A SMALL
DONATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE**



HARVEST 2026

Harvest Donation

Once again, children are invited to bring donations of tinned/packet food which will be given to the Cadbury Heath Food Bank. The Food Bank are struggling to keep up with the pace for demand from families who need their support. The Food Bank have always been exceptionally grateful to receive the Barrs Court Primary School Harvest donations and to the huge generosity shown by our school community.

How to make a food donation...

Food donations will be collected on the playground on **Monday 5th October**. Parents/Carers & Children are asked to leave donations on the designated tables when arriving at school in the morning ready for the Food Bank to collect later that day. If your child attends Breakfast Club, children are able to bring their donations to the school hall.

Suggestion of items to donate

- Tinned Vegetables – Carrots ,Peas, Sweetcorn
- Tinned Potatoes or Instant Potato
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Jar or packet sauces
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Spaghetti /Ravioli
- Pasta and Rice
- Tuna
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned meals like Chicken Curry, Mince beef
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Long Life Milk.

Thank you for your continued support

South Glos Parent Carers are visting

South Glos Parent Carer Forum is here for families like yours. From those who might be only just thinking about SEND, to those who already have a diagnosis - everyone is welcome.

Join us for a cuppa and chat, just drop by, there's no need to book.



Thursday 15th October
9:00am

BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Everyone is welcome, whether your child has a diagnosis or if they are just showing signs of having an additional need. Here's what you can expect:



Get support and signposting from our team of peer supporters. This is a relaxed, friendly, non-judgmental environment - come and say hello!



Find out about our free online workshops, events and support for parents



Learn about our resources and videos on a range of SEND topics, that feature information, ideas and effective strategies to help you identify, understand and support your child's needs.



What is a parent carer?

A parent carer is a parent who cares for a child or young person who has any additional needs, disability or long-term illness - whether or not there is a diagnosis.

Parent carers often feel like they don't identify as 'carers', as they are first and foremost parents. But being a parent of a child who needs additional support means you are a carer

South Glos Parent Carer Forum (SGPC) can offer support, information and a platform to share your experiences about your child's special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) journey.





A vibrant, colorful poster for a Halloween Disco event. The background is dark with a rainbow gradient and features various Halloween-themed illustrations: a disco ball in the top left, a spider and spiderweb in the top right, two ghosts flanking the title, two children in costumes (a witch and a skeleton) on the left, and two children in costumes (a devil and a superhero) on the right. The title 'BACK TO SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DISCO' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, the date 'FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER' is shown in a pink box. A table of event times and ticket prices is provided. A QR code is centered below the table, with a link to the booking website. At the bottom, there are details about the reception ticket and a note about further details being shared closer to the event. The bottom of the poster is decorated with several jack-o'-lanterns.

BACK TO SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DISCO

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

3:30 – 4:00	RECEPTION TASTER SESSION
4:00 – 5:00	YEARS 1–2
5:00 – 6:00	YEARS 3–6

£3.50 PER TICKET

KIDS CAN WEAR FANCY DRESS IF THEY WISH!



SCAN THE QR CODE
OR USE THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GYHE>

THE RECEPTION TICKET INCLUDES A DRINK AND A PACKET OF SWEETS OR CHOCOLATE BAR
YEARS 1–6 CAN PURCHASE REFRESHMENTS AT THE DISCO

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SHARED CLOSER TO THE EVENT

Click Here

Dates for the diary

- **Monday 5th October** - Harvest foodbank donations
- **Friday 9th October** – Road Safety Workshop – KS2
- **Friday 9th October** – Red Area End of Enquiry Event
- **Friday 9th October** – Disco (PFTA)
- **Monday 12 October - INSET Day (school closed)**
- **Wednesday 14 October** – Year 5/6 Life Skills
- **Monday 19th October** - Individual photos
- **Tuesday 20th October** - Siblings photos
- **Friday 23rd October** - Last day of term 1
- **Sunday 1st November** - Fireworks Display
- **Monday 2nd November** - First Day of Term 2
- **Thursday 12th November** - Blue Area @ Kingswood Heritage Museum
- **Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th November** - Parent and carer evening
- **Friday 11th December** - Blue Area Christmas Performance @9:30
- **Monday 14th December** -Green Area Christmas Performance @TBC
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Reception Nativity @ 9:45
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Red Area Nativity @ 2pm
- **Friday 18th December** - Last Day of term 2



BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S

**PROFESSIONAL FIREWORK DISPLAY
PROVIDED BY STAR FIREWORKS**

FIREWORK DISPLAY

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER

BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

STEPHENS DRIVE, LONGWELL GREEN BS30 7JB



GATES OPEN

5:15

**ADULTS: £8.50
UNDER 16's: £6.00
UNDER 2s: FREE**

UNDER 2's WILL STILL REQUIRE
A TICKET SO WE KNOW NUMBERS



FIREWORKS BEGIN

18:45

**party
peeps**

**WILL BE ATTENDING
FROM 5:30**



**SCAN HERE
TO PURCHASE
TICKETS**

OR VISIT:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/123193>

TICKET NUMBERS ARE LIMITED DUE TO CAPACITY & H&S COMPLIANCE
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD, SHARE AND INVITE – ALL WELCOME

YOU WILL RECEIVE DIGITAL TICKETS WHICH WILL NEED TO BE SHOWN AND SCANNED UPON ENTRY



FOOD



**TEA, COFFEE
& SOFT DRINKS**



TUCK SHOP



GLOW TOYS

UNDER 16's MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
NO PARKING AT SCHOOL BUT THERE IS PLENTY OF OFF STREET PARKING
THE EVENT WILL ONLY BE CANCELLED IN EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES



A FANTASTIC COMMUNITY EVENT – SEE YOU THERE!



Sports

Report



Team Barrs Court took part in two alternative sports festivals at Mangotsfield Secondary this week.

A number of KS2 pupils first took part in table cricket, winning the competition, before Year 5 took part in kabaddi. Some fantastic team performances all round. Well done.



Parent /carer Courses

Online Workshops



Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences

Wednesday 30th September
10:00am - 1:00pm



Understanding Emotional Development and Mental Health

Tuesday 13th October
7:00pm - 9:00pm



AuDHD (Autism and ADHD combined)

Thursday 19th November,
6:30pm - 8:30pm



Understanding and Supporting Communication

Wednesday 9th December
10:00am - 1:00pm



Understanding Masking

Thursday 14th January
7:00pm - 9:00pm



Understanding and Supporting Behaviour

Monday 8th February
10:00am - 1:00pm



We are happy to say that due to funding, we are able to provide our workshops free of charge.



Being a parent carer of a child or young person with SEND can bring extra situations which are challenging to know how to handle.

Our online workshops are here to empower you on your child's SEND journey.

- ✓ Confidence in understanding and meeting your child's needs.
- ✓ Ideas, effective strategies and signposting to other services.
- ✓ A chance to ask questions, as well as receive extra support if needed.

Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to access any of our support



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



sgpc.org.uk



Early Years Drop-In SEND Support



Patchway Children's
Centre



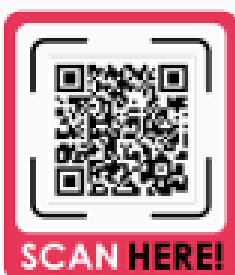
Wednesdays
10:00 - 11:30am
Term Time Only



For parents of
children aged 0 - 5
including children in
their reception year
Children welcome



Here at South Glos Parent Carers we
are all parent carers, so we truly
understand the challenges and joys of
raising a child with Special
Educational Needs and Disabilities
(SEND).



Set your satnav to
BS34 5TF and
park behind
Coniston Medical
Centre



Are you concerned about your
child's early development or need
help navigating your child's
disability?

Come along to our relaxed and
friendly parent support drop-in.
Meet our Peer Support Team
who can:

- ✓ Help you become more
confident in identifying
and supporting your
child's needs
- ✓ Offer useful information
around key transitions
such as starting school
- ✓ Provide a listening ear
over a cuppa

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sgpc.org.uk

**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



Could You Help Our PTFA?

Our PTFA events bring so much to our school community. They provide opportunities for families to come together, have fun and make wonderful memories, while also raising valuable funds that directly benefit our children and school.

However, these events simply cannot happen without the support of our wonderful parent and carer community. You don't need to commit to lots of time. Even giving just a little of your time to help set up, run an activity for a set time or tidy away would make a huge difference and would be very much appreciated.

We have set up a PTFA WhatsApp group for anyone who would like to register their support. There is no obligation to help at every event; the group will simply allow us to let you know when help is needed and give you the opportunity to volunteer when you are able.

Every helping hand makes a difference—thank you for supporting our school and our children!





West of England
**MUSIC
& ARTS**

NEW AT WEMA MUSIC CENTRES

- **DJ skills**
- **Music Production**

Brand new sessions for young musicians.
Mix, produce and make your own tracks.

- **Saturdays** · Backwell · from 9.30am
- **Mondays** · Little Stoke · from 6.30pm
- **Wednesdays** · Bath · from 5.45pm

Bookings open now
wema.org.uk/music-centre-lessons
Discounts available for children eligible for Pupil Premium



Music Opportunities



West of England
**MUSIC
& ARTS**

NEW AT WEMA MUSIC CENTRES

Instrument Lessons & Courses

Woodwind, Brass, Piano, Strings, Guitar

Music Production, DJ Skills

Learn after school at your local WEMA Music Centre -
then join an ensemble when you're ready!

Discounts available for children eligible for Pupil Premium

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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 Gloucestershire:

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.



Sirona
care & health



★ 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?

Acosente	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!

Barrs Court Primary School