

# BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



As we approach the final week of term, the children have continued to work incredibly hard in class, while also rehearsing for their upcoming performances. Their enthusiasm and dedication have been wonderful to see, and I know they are all looking forward to sharing their hard work with you next week.

We're really looking forward to welcoming you to the performances. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we've worked through ticketing and logistics. As ever, I would like to gently remind everyone that our staff deserve to be spoken to with respect at all times.

We know these events mean a great deal to families, and we always do our best to accommodate as many of you as possible. Unfortunately, we are restricted by space, but we will be reviewing the ticket allocation process next year to ensure it is as smooth and fair as possible for everyone.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday for the funeral of Miss Paine. I have created a memory book filled with your kind words and memories, which I will be passing on to Kevin, Miss Paine's dad, on Monday. Reading through the messages brought a genuine smile to my face, and I know it will mean a great deal to her family.

The remaining four days of term will be busy and full of festive cheer:

- Reception and KS1 performances on Wednesday
- KS2 performances on Thursday
- Christmas parties on Friday

And yes, in between all the glitter and tinsel, we will still be fitting in plenty of maths and English. The PTFA will continue to sell festive items after school until Wednesday, including Christmas socks, Christmas crafts, and raffle tickets to win a Jellycat toy. The winner will be drawn in Friday's assembly. Half of the funds raised will go directly towards supporting the hospice that cared for Miss Paine, so please do come along and support if you can. After all, who doesn't need a pair of Christmas socks?

Thank you to everyone who has already booked a parent/carers evening appointment. If you haven't yet done so, there's still time. Simply log in to Arbor to book your slot.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.





# *Sports* **TEAMS**







Working together  
for SEND families

Survey closes  
at  
midnight on  
Sunday 18  
January 2026

If your child has special  
educational needs or disabilities,  
you know better than anyone how  
important accessible, timely and  
compassionate healthcare is...



Complete  
the survey

SCAN HERE



We want to know how local  
healthcare providers are doing -  
what's working well and what  
could be improved?

The three local parent carer forums - Bristol Parent Carers, North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together, and South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) - come together as BNSSG to make sure the collective voice of parent carers is heard and understood.



Your experience matters.  
Help shape change.

## **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](#)**



**PARKING**



A polite reminder to all parents and carers to park safely and considerately outside school. Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on pavements, or stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines. These areas are there to keep all our children safe, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

We must work together to ensure the roads around Barrs Court Primary remain safe and respectful for everyone in our community. Thank you for your cooperation.

# FEEL A BIT... MIXED UP?

Low mood or anxiety can leave young people in a muddle. SilverCloud can help them feel like themselves again. It's free and totally private, right on their phone.



**feelingmixedup.uk**

Support for parents and carers is also available.



Provided by NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB with Northpoint.

**SilverCloud**  
by Amwell

## PTFA REQUEST

Hi everyone We're looking for some extra help at our upcoming PTFA events which are the school disco, firework display and winter fair. With many of our Year 6 parents moving on in July, our team is smaller than before, so any support you can give will make a huge difference. Please use the link below to complete a quick form (it takes just two minutes!) to let us know if you can help at one, two, or all of these events. Even a small amount of time is invaluable and helps us make sure that nothing has to be scaled back:

**CLICK HERE**

Just to reassure you, volunteering does not mean you're committing to join the PTFA, attend meetings, or take on long-term responsibilities. It's simply about lending a hand on the day. Thank you so much for considering, we really appreciate any time you can give. With thanks the  
PTFA x

## COMMUNICATION

If you need to contact the school, please email us at **enquiries@barrscourtps.org.uk** or call the school office on **01454 867799**.

### Passing on Messages to Teachers

If you need to pass on a message to your child's teacher, please email the school office and your message will be forwarded, or speak to the teacher at the **end of the day**. The start of the school day is a very busy time and not the best opportunity to talk to teachers. All emails are shared with teachers each morning, so you can be assured that your message will reach them.

Alternatively, you are very welcome to speak to Mr Webster and Miss Warlow on the gate in the morning

## FACEBOOK

We love to share some of the exciting things happening in school on our Facebook page. Click on the picture to follow us and keep up to date with what's going on.

## LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

If you would like to advertise a local event or club in our school newsletter, please speak to Mr Webster.

## **Head Bumps – Parent Notification**

Sometimes children do bump their heads in school. When this happens, we will send you a message via Arbor to let you know. If you receive a text, there is no need to take any action – we will continue to monitor your child carefully throughout the day.

**If the bump is more serious, we will always phone you directly.**

Please be assured that in all cases your child will receive care and attention from a trained first aider.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**School Closed**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**KS2 Christmas Performances**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Nativity Performances**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Last Day of Term 2**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**First Day of Term 3**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Parent and Carers evening**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
January**