

Barrs Court Primary Newsletter

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we approach the end of another year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your support and commitment to our school have been the backbone of our success and growth which we hope to continue into 2024 and beyond.

The last week of this term has been extremely busy . Our school was abuzz with the spirit of Christmas, showcased brilliantly in our children's performances. The Nativities brought to life the essence of the season, with our children shining brightly in their roles and singing beautifully. It was a true testament to their hard work and the dedication of our staff.

The Christmas dinner was a delightful occasion, filled with joy and laughter, where both children and teachers shared in the festive cheer. And of course, the Christmas parties were a blast, with everyone enjoying the festivities and having fun. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the 'Hot Chocolate and Singing' event organised by the School Council. It was a lovely to see so many of you. The Juice Project collected all your generous foodbank donations which will support families in our community over the Christmas period.

As we bid farewell to 2023, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's to a fantastic year ahead and thank you once again for your incredible support.

I look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year on **Wednesday January 3rd.**

SPONSORSHIP

At Barrs Court, we participate in a wide range of sports in all age groups. The children always show great pride when pulling on the school kit and this helps to create a sense of belonging.

As a result of taking part in so many fixtures, we do need a lot of kits to match up to the quick turnaround between fixtures. Our kits have served us well but we are at the stage where some of our kits need replacing after years of wear and tear.

Our first kit to replace is our school netball/ multi-sports kit. We have already raised some money for this through our "Kubb" competition in October and the PTFA have agreed to contribute to this too. We also have one final fundraiser in the pipeline to raise money towards a kit.

We are also looking to replace our three sets of rugby tops and one of our football kit sets. If there is anybody who would like to sponsor one of our new kits or works for a company who would be interested in sponsoring one of our new kits, please could you approach Mr Walker or contact the office to arrange an appointment to discuss this.

This is a chance to support children participate in sport both now and over the next 5+ years. Last year 65% of the school represents the school in some way. We would love to increase this percentage and give all children at whatever level opportunities to represent the school at something,

Many thanks if you are able to help.

We have have already some interest and we our proud to announce some of our new kit sponsors.....



We are still looking for more sponsors. Get in touch if you can help.

Primary School Applications for September 2024.

Applications close on January 15th 2024

Please find the link to below to apply for a place at Barrs Court Primary School.

[South Gloucestershire Application Page](#)



Children from Key Stage 2 at Barrs Court School delivered all the homemade Christmas cards to the residents of Littleheath Care Home. The residents were delighted to receive the cards. Throughout the visit, the children who delivered the cards exemplified all the school's values.





Children's Flu vaccination (nasal and injection) **catch-up clinics** are still available for Reception – Year 11 students who did not receive their vaccinations at school.

Please book an appointment at :

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/book>



If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

EVENTS AT JUBILEE PARK CADBURY HEATH

CHRISTMAS WILDLIFE WALK

📅 Wednesday 20 December ⌚ 10am–11.30am

Join Ed Drewitt, naturalist and broadcaster on a short circular walk looking for Christmas related wildlife. Suitable for families, though we will be walking down steps. Wellies recommended.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD TREE PLANTING DAY

📅 Saturday 27 January 2024 ⌚ 11am–3pm

Come and join us and plant a fruit tree to celebrate a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion.

To reserve a tree please contact:

✉ greenspace.volunteering@southglos.gov.uk

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SIGNS OF SPRING WALK

📅 Sunday 25 February 2024 ⌚ 10am–noon

Join Ed Drewitt, naturalist and broadcaster, on circular walk and spot the first snowdrops and other spring sightings. Suitable for dog walkers, but please keep dogs on a lead.



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South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) is the local parent carer forum working to represent and support parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in South Gloucestershire.



Our 360° Outreach Project supports schools and families working together to build a picture of the “whole child” and better understand the child’s needs, at home and at school.

- ✓ Free workshops for parents
- ✓ Helping you support your child’s needs
- ✓ Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to attend



Mon, 29 Jan 1:15pm

Book now
with this
code:
SNOWDROP



Coming up in Term 4

- A 360° Approach to Demand Avoidance with Claire Phillips
- A 360° Approach Neurodiversity Identity and Wellbeing with Dean Beadle



Find us
sgpc.community



visit our website
sgpc.org.uk



Christmas Engineering Club

Friday 22nd December at The
St Mary's Church Hall
Thornbury BS35 1DR

Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity?
Join us for hands-on activities exploring science and
engineering with a Christmas theme.



Who can build
the fastest car
and the slowest
parachute?

Educational fun for all the family.

Using a variety of materials we will build cars, planes
and parachutes to see how they move through the
air.



10 am - 12 pm

12 pm - 2 pm

You can book for the morning,
afternoon or both sessions.



The club is for children aged 5 upwards.
Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Fully funded for children eligible for free school meals.
(Usually £15 per child, per session). Adults free.



Lunch provided for children.
Free light refreshments for parents.

To book a place please visit
<https://eequ.org/experience/55>

Contact for more information:
accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com



Christmas Engineering Club

Tuesday 19th December at
St Nicholas Youth Centre
Yate BS37 4LG

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To book a place please visit:
<https://eequ.org/experience/5564>

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Christmas Engineering Club

Monday 18th December at The
Park Centre
Kingswood BS15 4AR

Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity?
Join us for hands-on activities exploring science and
engineering with a Christmas theme.



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Wednesday 20th December at
The Little Stoke Community Hall
Little Stoke BS34 6HR

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To book a place please visit:
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A message from The Council



Many people are worried about the rising cost of living, with the current price of food and energy putting pressure on many families.

For guidance on what financial support is available and advice on local services visit our dedicated cost of living website at www.southglos.gov.uk/costofliving

Residents can also call the council's freephone helpline on 0800 953 7778 between 8.45am and 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am to 4.30pm Friday.

Our One Stop Shops in Kingswood, Yate and Patchway are open Monday to Wednesday 8.45am to 5pm, and Thursday and Friday 8.45am to 4.30pm.

Community Welcome Spaces are open across South Gloucestershire providing a warm and friendly welcome. Some offer hot drinks, activities and facilities plus information on local financial support available, energy saving tips and government cost of living help. To find a Community Welcome Space visit www.southglos.gov.uk/community-welcome-spaces

Support is also available to make sure residents are getting enough to eat. For advice on emergency food aid, healthy start vouchers, free school meals and more, visit <https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/for-your-body/eat-well/food-poverty-support>

Free mental health and wellbeing support is also available at www.oneyou.southglos.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire libraries are always free to visit and host a variety of activities for children. Information can be found at

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/holiday-activities>



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HAPPY &
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