BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER

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Keeping Safe, Growing in Confidence

At Barrs Court, we believe that education is about so much more than what happens in the classroom. While learning is at the heart of everything we do, we also place great importance on developing the whole child. We want our children to grow into confident, independent and responsible individuals who have the knowledge, skills and resilience to navigate the world around them. Through a range of exciting opportunities and experiences, we help our children learn how to keep themselves safe, make positive choices and thrive both now and in the future.

Road Safety Workshops – Years 3–6

Children in Years 3–6 have been learning about road safety and how to cross roads safely. These workshops help children recognise potential dangers, make sensible decisions and develop the confidence to stay safe as they become increasingly independent.

Life Skills Visit – Years 5 and 6

All children in Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to take part in an exciting life skills educational visit at a life-size indoor village. Through practical activities, group discussions and realistic scenarios, children explored important topics linked to personal development, safety and well-being. It was a fun and engaging experience, giving them the chance to practise essential life skills and build confidence in dealing with everyday situations.

We are delighted that this valuable experience has been funded by our wonderful PTFA, ensuring that every child in Years 5 and 6 can benefit from the opportunity. A huge thank you to our PTFA for their continued and support in providing experiences that enrich our children's learning beyond the classroom.

Online Safety – Key Stage 1

In Key Stage 1, children have begun exploring the importance of online safety through their class lessons. As children start using technology from an increasingly young age, it is vital that they learn how to stay safe in the digital world. They are beginning to understand how to make sensible choices online and why it is important to speak to a trusted adult if something they see or experience online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.

By teaching these important life skills from an early age, we aim to help our children develop the understanding and confidence they need to keep themselves safe, build positive relationships and become responsible digital citizens.

A Busy Final Week of Term!

Next week is the final week of Term 1, and we have a busy week ahead!
School Photographs – Monday and Tuesday

Our school photographs, which were rearranged earlier this term, will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

- Monday: Individual photographs
- Tuesday: Sibling photographs

If your child has PE on either day, please send them to school in their usual school uniform and pack their trainers in their bag so they can still take part in their PE lesson.

Flu Immunisations – Wednesday
The flu immunisation team will be in school on Wednesday for children whose parents have signed them up to receive the vaccination.
If you have not yet signed your child up and would like them to receive the vaccination in school, please follow the link on next page.

Flu Vaccination Programme

We are offering your child (Reception to Year 11) a free flu vaccine at school this autumn. Please complete the consent form as soon as possible:

https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uWflu/2026/consent?v=3

Flu can be an unpleasant illness, and some people can get very unwell; some children even end up in hospital because of flu.

Why get the vaccine?

The flu vaccine helps protect your child and your family from getting flu, reduces the spread of the virus in winter, and keeps them in school learning.

How is the vaccine given?

The flu vaccine is usually given using a quick and easy nasal spray, this is the best flu vaccine for children. If your child cannot have the nasal spray due to the porcine gelatine content or for medical reasons, you can consent for your child to have an injection instead. If we cannot offer the injection at your child's school, you will be able to book a clinic appointment.

Are there any side effects?

Most children do not have any side effects after the vaccine; however some might get a blocked or runny nose, lose their appetite, feel tired or get a headache, this will not last long.

Important deadlines:

- The consent system closes 2 working days before the vaccination session at school.
- If you complete your form after the deadline, we may not be able to see your child at the school session

Sports Report

KS1 Sport

A double-header of KS1 sport saw one team of KS1 pupils head to Longwell Green Primary on Monday to take part in a range of activities including golf, archery, quidditch, frisbee and axe-throwing. This was followed on Tuesday by a team heading to Mangotsfield Secondary for the target festival in which we were victorious.







KS2 Boccia

A small but skilled team took part in the boccia festival and emerged as 14-4 winners! Well done!



Girls Football

Barrs Court 0-1 CCJ

The girls played a challenging pre-season friendly against CCJ. It was a well-battled game with a tight result. The signs look very encouraging for the season ahead.

The girls also took part in a tournament at Mangotsfield with 4 wins, 3 draws and 0 goals conceded- very impressive!



Dates for the diary

- **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 Chrsitmas Performance @9:30
- **Monday 14th December** -Green Area Chrsitmas Performance @TBC
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Reaception Nativity @ 9:45
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Red Area Nativity @ 2pm

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- **Friday 18th December** - Last Day of term 2

Barrs Court Primary PTFA

STAR FIREWORKS

PROFESSIONAL FIREWORK DISPLAY PROVIDED BY STAR FIREWORKS

BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S

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!

Welcome to the

Longwell Green & Willsbridge Community Nature Reserve

Where local people celebrate and make space for nature wherever they can



Connecting with nature



Caring for our local creatures



Making space for wildlife

You are part of an area where streets and neighbours are coming together to make a 'Community Nature Reserve'. A Community Nature Reserve is made up of gardens, allotments, verges, window boxes, balconies and more! Whether planting for pollinators, building a hedgehog highway, or helping your neighbours to delight in the creatures we share our community with, there's lots different ways to get involved. Everyone is invited to take part, every small action makes a big difference!



Scan the QR code to join the Facebook Group

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Parent /carer Courses

Online Workshops

30 SEPT — **Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences**
Wednesday 30th September
10:00am - 1:00pm

13 OCT — **Understanding Emotional Development and Mental Health**
Tuesday 13th October
7:00pm - 9:00pm

19 NOV — **AuDHD (Autism and ADHD combined)**
Thursday 19th November,
6:30pm - 8:30pm

09 DEC — **Understanding and Supporting Communication**
Wednesday 9th December
10:00am - 1:00pm

19 JAN — **Understanding Masking**
Thursday 14th January
7:00pm - 9:00pm

8 FEB — **Understanding and Supporting Behaviour**
Monday 8th February
10:00am - 1:00pm

SCAN HERE!

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

SGPC South Glos Parent Carers

sgpc.org.uk





E Safety links for families

Useful Websites

- **NSPCC**

www.nspcc.org.uk

- **Childnet**

www.childnet.com

- **Thinkuknow**

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

- **UK Safer Internet Centre**

www.saferinternet.org.uk

- **Common Sense Media**

www.commonsensemedia.org

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).

SCAN HERE!

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
South Glos Parent Carers

sgpc.org.uk

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
JUST COME ALONG!

South Gloucestershire Council
Delivering with you

Compass

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!





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

Bristol South: 0300 125 6277

Bristol North: 0300 124 5816

North Somerset:
0300 125 6798

South Gloucestershire:
0300 125 5151

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

Sirona care & health

BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

★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	Wedso	Lessons
96%+	7 Days	1,5 Weeks	35 Lessons
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lesons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lesons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lesons
80%	39 Days	7,5 Weeks	200 Lesons
70%	57 Days	11,5 Weeks	250 Lesons
Below 70%	67 Days	13,5 Weeks	240 Lesons

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!

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