



BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Where did the sun go?

We were deeply disappointed to have to cancel the Colour Run today, but we could not risk the safety of the community. With rain and lightning being forecast we were left with no other option. More information about the new date will be sent out soon.

This week, we said goodbye to Miss Turle, who is taking a break for maternity. In assembly, we also celebrated Mrs. Williams (formerly Miss Davies), who got married over the summer. We wish her and Mr. Williams many happy returns.

In our Monday assembly, we discussed the topic of bullying with the children—what it is, and what to do if they feel they are being bullied or witness bullying. As a school, we do not tolerate bullying and will act quickly to address it. Children across all year groups shared who they would talk to and what actions they would take if they were worried about bullying. We will revisit this important topic during Anti-Bullying Week (November 11th–November 15th).

This week, we've seen an increase in illness—colds, headaches, and sickness. We have been reminding all the children about proper hand hygiene. If your child is sick (vomiting), they should remain off school for 48 hours. If you are unsure whether to keep your child at home, please call and speak to a member of our office staff



Safeguarding

What is meant by safeguarding in schools?

Simply put, when a child is in school, the school is responsible for keeping them safe from harm and abuse. As a school we create a safe learning environment, identify children who are suffering from or may be at risk of harm and take suitable action.

Everyone Barrs Court who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil our responsibility effectively, all professionals make sure their approach is child-centred. This means we consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.

To help protect children we have:

- A designated team responsible for dealing with safeguarding. (Mr Webster, Miss Warlow and Mrs Cook)
- Clear procedures to follow if staff are concerned about a child and for checking staff before they work with children.
- Staff who are trained to identify signs of abuse or other safeguarding issues including what to do if they or someone else is worried about a child.

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we also teach children how to protect themselves. Personal, social and health education (PSHE) lessons explain, for example:

- Risky behaviour(s).
- Suitable and inappropriate physical contact.
- Dealing with peer pressure.
- Safe internet use.
- Bullying and harassment.

If you have concerns about a child, please speak to a member of the Safeguarding team.

Mobile Phones



Some children in Year 5 and Year 6, who walk home independently after school, bring mobile phones with them. These phones must be turned off upon entering the school premises and handed to their class teacher in the morning. If a phone is found not to have been handed in to a member of staff, the school may decide to revoke the privilege of bringing a phone to school.

Costumes



The children love dressing up during lunchtime. If you have any costumes that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate any donations to the school.

All donations will be gratefully received.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The pupil premium grant is funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England.

Schools must allocate spending across the following three key areas:

- Support high-quality teaching, such as staff professional development
- Provide targeted academic support, such as tutoring
- Tackle non-academic barriers to academic success, such as difficulties with attendance, behaviour, and social and emotional wellbeing.
- It is up to schools to decide how exactly to spend their pupil premium so that it supports pupils who need it most

Pupil premium funding is allocated to eligible schools based on the number of:

- pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM)
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals and therefore Pupil Premium either come and speak to a member of the office team or click apply below:

[APPLY NOW](#)





Upcoming Events:

Disco

Friday 11th October

Bags2School

Friday 11th October

AGM

Wednesday 16th
October @5pm

Fireworks

Sunday 3rd
November

Winter Fair

Saturday 30th
November

**BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S
PROFESSIONAL FIREWORK DISPLAY
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 24**

GATES OPEN: 18:00
FIREWORKS BEGIN: 19:00

ADULTS: £7.50 | UNDER 16's: £5.00 | UNDER 2s FREE

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW
SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR USING THE LINK IN THE POST
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

BBQ | BAR | 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

LOCATION: BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL, STEPHENS DRIVE, LONGWELL GREEN BS30 7JB




**BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S
BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO
FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 24**

@ BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION TASTER SESSION: 15:20 - 15:50
YEARS 1 - 2: 16:00 - 17:00
YEARS 3 - 6: 17:00 - 18:00

TICKET: £3 PER CHILD - PLEASE USE PAYMENT LINK IN POST OR
SCAN QR CODE BELOW



PLEASE NOTE AS THE RECEPTION SESSION IS A 30 MINUTE TASTER,
THE PRICE OF A RECEPTION TICKET WILL INCLUDE A DRINK AND
PACKET OF SWEETS OR CHOCOLATE BAR.

YEARS 1-6 CAN PURCHASE REFRESHMENTS INSIDE THE DISCO

FURTHER DETAILS RE DROP OFF/COLLECTION TO FOLLOW





Barrs Court Primary PTFA



Bag 2 School



Fundraising Collection
on Friday 11 October 24



Please help us raise money for our school by filling as many plastic bags with good quality clean textiles and dropping them at the school (date below). We are collecting the following good quality items:

*Men's, Ladies and Children's Clothing *Paired Shoes (please tie pairs together)
*Handbags *Hats *Bags *Jewellery *Lingerie (unused) *Scarves & Ties *Socks *Belts & Accessories *Household linen, Household curtains, Household towels, Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases & duvet covers) & Soft toys

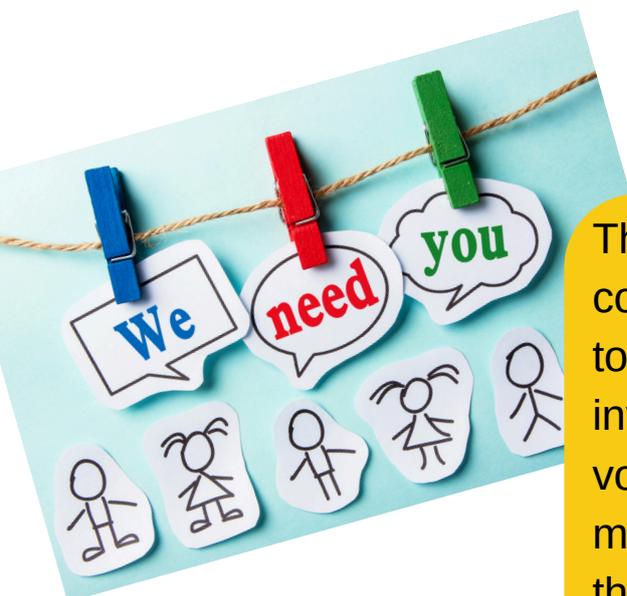
PLEASE NO: UNIFORM, PILLOWS, CUSHIONS, DUVETS, WORKWEAR or RIPPED/DIRTY CLOTHES

We receive 40p for every kilo, so the more we collect the more we raise!!

The Bag2School collection is at 9am on 11.10.24. Donations can be handed in at the **MAIN HALL** on **WEDNESDAY 9th** and **THURSDAY 10th** October. If you have donations but are not on the school run those days, please can you hand your donation to the office before 11th October 24.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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The PTFA is a vital part of our school community. The work they do bringing people together, organising events and raising funds is invaluable. It is run by an amazing group of volunteers, but we are always looking for new members. If you can spare any time to support the PTFA, please speak to a member of the school staff or a member of the PTFA.

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

Department for Education (DfE) have introduced some new guidance for schools and Local Authorities (LAs) for managing school attendance.

They have also introduced a new national framework for penalty notice and amended the law. These changes come into effect from the 19 August 2024 and all schools and LAs across the country will be expected to follow the new statutory guidance.

Key Changes regarding Penalty Notices:

The threshold for when a school should consider next steps is 10 sessions (**5 school days**) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

Education Penalty Notices are issued to parents of statutory school age children. They can be issued to each parent or carer who is deemed liable for the child's absence from school. The new costs and process is outlined below:

First Offence - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years) -The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years) - The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

If you are struggling to get your child to school or get them to school on time, please come and speak to a member of the team as soon as possible.

School Day

Morning

Gates Open
8:30am

School Starts
8:45am

**All children
should be in
school by 8:45am**

End of the day

Gates open
3pm

School Ends
3:15pm



Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 24th September** - Beekeeper visit
- Thursday 26th September** - Reception parent/carer curriculum information meeting @ 2:30pm
- Thursday 26th September** - PTFA AGM @ 5:30pm
- Friday 27th September** - Blue Area Shadow Puppet Workshop (See letter)
- Friday 27th September** - Headteacher from SBL visiting Year 6
- Monday 30th September** - Tiger Marshal Arts Assembly
- Tuesday 1st October** - Sibling School Photographs
- Wednesday 2nd October** - Individual School Photographs
- Thursday 3rd October** - Reception parent/carer curriculum information meeting @ 2:30pm
- Friday 4th October** - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 11th October** - School Disco
- Thursday 25th October** - Year 6 Road Safety Workshop
- Friday 25th October** - Last Day of Term 1
- Monday 4th November** - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 5th November** - First Day of term 2
- Monday 11th November** - Flu Immunisations
- Monday 11th November** - Anti-bullying week
- Monday 18th November** - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 20th November** - Parents Evening
- Saturday 30th November** - PTFA Winter Fair
- Monday 16th December @ 11am** - Blue Area Christmas performance
- Monday 16th December @ 1:30pm** - Green Area Christmas performance
- Tuesday 17th December** - Reception and Red Christmas performance
- Wednesday 18th December** - Reception and Red Christmas performance
- Friday 20th December** - End of Term 2
- Monday 6th January** - INSET Day (School closed)
- Tuesday 7th January** - First day of term 3

Local Events



Christmas WREATH MAKING

TUESDAY | 3RD &
10TH
DECEMBER | 7PM - 9PM

JOIN US TO MAKE AND TAKE AWAY YOUR OWN FRESH
CHRISTMAS WREATH

£30 PP

£10 NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO HOLD
YOUR SPACE

BALANCE IS DUE ON THE DAY

BOOK NOW WITH KERRY - 07720537959

HOT DRINKS AND MINCE PIES PROVIDED