



BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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It has been another busy and exciting week at Barrs Court! The children across the school are now fully immersed in their Enquiries, becoming geographers, scientists, historians, and exploring many other "states of being." Be sure to ask your child about what they've been this week and what they've learned!

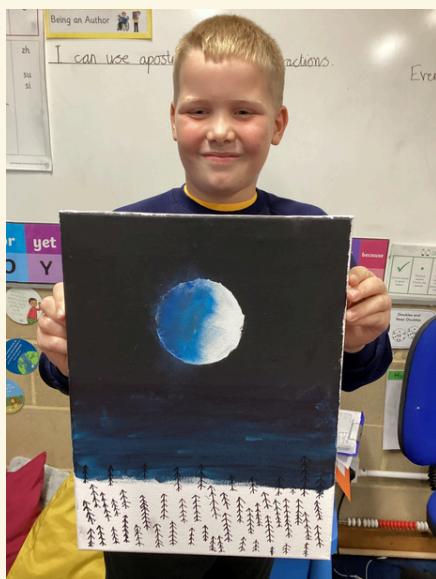
Reception children have had another fantastic week, and it's been wonderful to see them making friends with other children during playtime. In Red Area, they had a special visit from a beekeeper, where they learned about the importance of bees for pollination and how honey is made.

In Blue Area, the children continued their learning about shadows and enjoyed a shadow puppet workshop. They explored how shadow puppets are made, which will help them prepare for their upcoming challenge.

In Green Area, they had a visit from the Headteacher of SBL, who spoke about transitioning to secondary school and the exciting opportunities SBL offers for those who choose it.

Despite the rainy weather, the sports teams represented the school brilliantly this week. Well done to all of you for your enthusiasm and effort!

The rain did not dampen the excitement shown by the sports team that represented the school at this week - well done to all of you!!



Holiday Club



HOLIDAY CAMPS

AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE & ACTIVE CHILDCARE

Teachsport holiday camps are aimed at children aged 5 to 12 and are designed to suit all sporting interests and abilities.

OCTOBER CAMP: TUESDAY 29TH OCT - FRIDAY 1ST NOV

10am - 4pm: £20

Early drop-off from 8.30am: £5



Barrs Court Primary School
Stephens Drive
Longwell Green
Bristol
BS30 7JB

We offer and accept...

- ✓ 10% sibling discount
- ✓ Government Tax-free account payments
- ✓ Childcare Voucher payments

**SPORTS ~ GYMNASTICS ~ ARTS & CRAFTS
FOREST SCHOOL ~ TEAM BUILDING
ARCHERY ~ DANCE ~ PLAY**



**CLICK HERE OR
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CODE TO BOOK
ONLINE**



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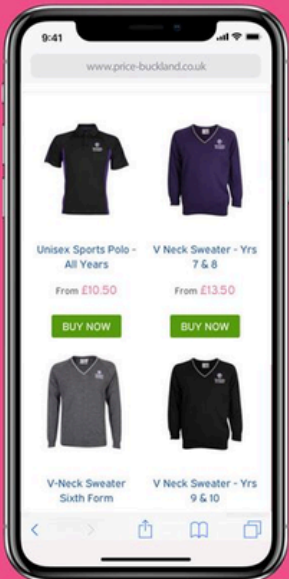
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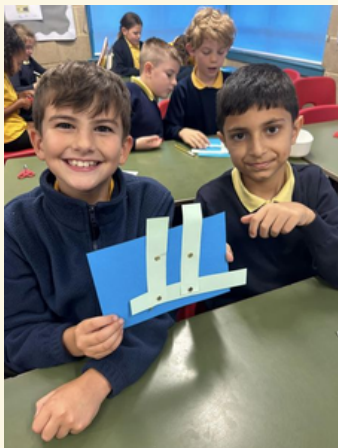
Arbor Issues

ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE

Our uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland, who have been manufacturing exceptional schoolwear since 1959. Visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.



[CLICK HERE](#)



Some parents/carers have been experiencing problems with in-app message notifications since the beginning of the school year, even though they were receiving them perfectly well before this. This has been escalated to Arbor and we have already shared a link with parents/carers with a suggestion to overcome this [CLICK HERE](#)

In the majority of cases, this has worked. However, some parents/carers are still having issues and we have gone back to Arbor to ask for further help.

The advice we have received from Arbor technical support for those of you still struggling to receive messages is to delete the APP and reinstall it.

As a school we are equally frustrated that some of you are not receiving the messages. Please contact the office if you continue to have problems. The office team don't work for Arbor but may be able to help you.

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.

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 Barrow 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.

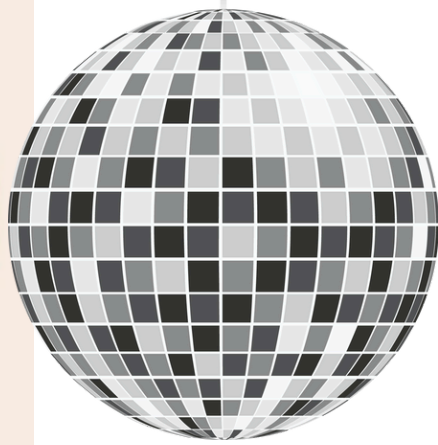
To help protect children we have:

- 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.



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



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



We currently have the following vacancies:

Cleaner
Lunchtime Supervisor

If you would like to find out more information, please contact the school office.

School Aged Flu Immunisations 2024



School Aged Flu Immunisation 2024

Scan the QR code to complete your child's consent form for Winter 2024



Email: sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Telephone: 0300 1245515



Dates for the diary

- Monday 30th September** - Tiger Marshal Arts Assembly
- Tuesday 1st October** - Sibling School Photographs
- Wednesday 2nd October** - Individual School Photographs
- Thursday 3rd October** - Reception parent/carers curriculum information meeting @ 2:30pm
- Friday 4th October** - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 11th October** - School Disco
- Wednesday 16th October** - PTFA AGM @5:30PM
- 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

Local Events



We work with children and young people aged 0-25 with additional needs or disabilities, and their families.

Everyone can join in, with or without a diagnosis.

Our friendly team is supportive, understanding and non-judgemental.



We are here for...



Children, Young People and Families

Inclusive activities to encourage fun, help reduce isolation and aid friendships for the whole family.

Tuesday Group (drop in)
Home Ed Group
Developing Through the Senses (ages 1-5)
Holiday Activities
Coding Club (ages 9-25)
Family Forest Fun
SENsory Lending Library



Parents and Carers

Support services designed to increase wellbeing, awareness and resilience.

Training and Awareness
1:1 Support
Signposting
Creative Wellbeing
Wellbeing Goes Wild
Woodland Wellbeing
Breakfast and Afternoon Teas
Connect Online Facebook Group



Youth Empowerment

Safe spaces where young people can have fun, share experiences, and celebrate their unique strengths with each other and their community.

Project 5 Mental Health Resilience
YES Youth Empowerment Sessions (ages 11-25)
Youth Club (ages 14-25)
Young Volunteers Service (ages 6-16)
Youth Empowerment Supported Volunteering



Our home...

A welcoming, accessible space in the heart of Thornbury, South Gloucestershire.

When you visit, you can expect...

- Accessible venue entrance and toilet facilities
- Sensory play area with toys and games
- Visual timetables for all children and youth activities
- Pets As Therapy dog at some services
- SENsory Lending Library at groups and online
- Youth-led Community Café one Saturday every month
- Siblings welcome to join in too