



BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



What's in this week:

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- Parent fundraising for MND
- Community Events and Courses



Please can all phonic books be returned weekly and can everyone have a look at home for any school books that you may have.



It has been wonderful to see so many exciting home learning projects being brought to school this week. I have seen cardboard rockets, solar systems that light-up and someone even made the solar system out of Lego! Thank you for supporting the children at home with their home learning. Home learning is an important part of school life and the most vital part of home learning is reading. Listening to and reading to your son or daughter regularly (5 times a week) has many benefits including:

- **Boosts Language Development**

Regular reading helps children expand their vocabulary, improve their language skills, and understand sentence structure. This lays the foundation for strong communication and literacy skills.

- **Enhances Imagination and Creativity**

Stories spark imagination, helping children explore new ideas, worlds, and experiences. This stimulates creativity and encourages curiosity about the world around them.

- **Builds a Love for Reading**

By making reading a regular activity, children associate it with pleasure and enjoyment. This fosters a lifelong love of reading, which is key to academic success and personal growth.

- **Promotes Routine and Healthy Habits**

Reading five times a week establishes a healthy routine, providing structure and predictability. This habit promotes a sense of security and calm, particularly before bedtime.

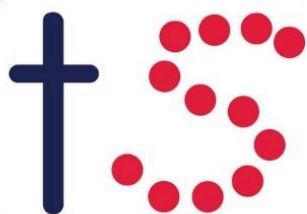
- **Expands Knowledge and Understanding of the World**

Books expose children to different cultures, ideas, and perspectives, helping them learn about the world and understand diversity from an early age.

If you are having difficulty supporting your child read or they are a reluctant reader, speak to their class teacher at Parent/Carer evening and they will be able to offer some advice and book recommendations.

Please can I also remind everyone that all school books must be returned to school. Phonics books are changed every Thursday in Red Area and if they are not returned this impacts other children. Can all everyone have a good look at home for any school books and return them as soon as possible. Thank 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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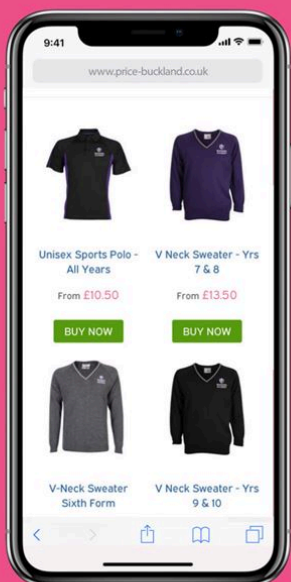
w: www.teachsport.org

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t: 07530767190

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](#)

Bonfire helpers

The school is very excited to be hosting a professional fireworks display on Sunday, 3rd November, but we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to assist with scanning tickets at the entrance, ensuring the safety of attendees, and providing general support during the event.

If you are attending and can spare 45 minutes to help scan tickets, it would be greatly appreciated. As a thank you, all volunteers will still be able to watch the fireworks with their families.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a fantastic evening!

Names in uniform

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. Next Wednesday, we will be putting out all lost property at the end of the day for parents and carers to look through. We do our best to return any uniform that has a name on it.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Parent/Carer Evening

The link on Arbor is now live to book a slot for Parents/Carers Evenings, which will be held on Monday, 18th November and Wednesday, 20th November.

If you encounter any issues, please contact the school office team for assistance.

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:

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 16s 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

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.

School Aged Flu Immunisations 2024



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



Email: sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
Telephone: 0300 1245515



**THE 6,525 MILE
'SYCLE FOR SYD'**

£4,580 raised
from 91 donors

THE 6,525 MILE 'SYCLE FOR SYD', organized by Matty Hudd

"SYCLE FOR SYD" 6,525 Mile challenge to complete in 24hrs Back in June 2024 Syd was... Matty Hudd needs your support for THE 6,525 MILE 'SYCLE FOR SYD'



Donate and share

Matty Hudd
England

A parent from our community is raising money to support a friend who has been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). MND affects the nerves (motor neurones) that control muscles, leading to muscle weakness, stiffness, and wasting. This can impact a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, drink, and breathe. Sadly, MND is a life-shortening condition, and currently, there is no cure.

Although the disease progresses, managing symptoms can help improve the quality of life for those affected. The funds raised will not only provide support for individuals living with MND but also contribute to vital research aimed at finding a cure. If you would like to donate, please follow the [link](#).



Dates for the diary

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

School Dinners



school lunch

When we return to school after the October holiday break, we will have a new school dinner menu for the winter months. We will continue to have the main meal, vegetarian, jacket & sandwiches options each day with a pudding option. From Monday 4th November, the price of a two-course KS2 meal (years 3-6) will be £2.55 each day and bookings can be made via ParentPay in the usual way.

To see a copy of the new menu, please click on the [link](#)

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