

BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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Red Vs Blue Safeguarding Alert

Some of you may be aware of a TikTok trend referred to as "Red vs Blue", particularly if you have older children in secondary school. Posts linked to this trend are encouraging violence between secondary schools across the country.

We wanted to make you aware of this so that, if your child comes across any of these posts, you can encourage them not to share the content and to report it to a trusted adult.

Please be reassured that the police and the Local Authority are aware of the situation and are being proactive in working with schools to prevent any incidents.

School Disco



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Reading for pleasure at home.

Welcome back to school! It has been wonderful to see everyone after the break. There are definite signs that spring is on the way, with daffodils and snowdrops appearing around the school grounds, and we have even enjoyed some sunshine this week. What a difference it makes!

Next Thursday is World Book Day, and children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the most imaginative costumes, and we will also be running a model-making competition. Can you create a model of a book character using things from around the house?

While these activities are great fun, the real purpose of World Book Day is to promote a lifelong love of reading. In school, we read every day, but setting aside time at home to listen to your child read and to read to them makes a huge difference. When children read regularly at home, we see the impact in their confidence and progress in school.

If you are finding it difficult to read regularly with your child, please speak to the class teacher at the upcoming Parents' and Carers' Evening so that we can support you and offer some tips. The partnership between home and school is vital in helping every child become a successful and enthusiastic reader.



**Sports Day will be on
Thursday 18th June
9am - 12**

Spelling homework

Spelling at Home – Little and Often Makes a Big Difference!

We would love to see more of our Key Stage 2 children logging on to Spelling Shed at home. Spelling is a vital part of developing confident writing and helps children to become more accurate and fluent in all areas of the curriculum.

Practising regularly really does make a difference, Just 10 minutes a day can lead to noticeable improvement over time. The short, interactive games make learning spellings fun and engaging, while also reinforcing the patterns and rules the children are learning in class. A little and often approach is the key to success, so please encourage your child to play regularly and celebrate their progress. Every time they login and play it helps to build confidence and improve their spelling!

If you have lost your child's Spelling Shed login details, please speak to a member of the school team who will be happy to help.

For Key Stage 1 children, the weekly spelling words are available on the class pages for you to practise at home. If you would like a printed copy, please speak to Mr Webster or send an email to request one.

Thank you for your continued support.



Parents and Carer evening

We are looking forward to meeting with you at our upcoming Parents' & Carers' Evenings on **Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March.**

This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their successes and talk about their next steps in learning.

Please book your appointment via the Arbor App.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend and look forward to working together to support your child.



On **Friday 20th March** we will be supporting Comic Relief. Children are invited to come to school wearing Comic Relief attire or their own clothes. They do not need to wear school uniform.

We kindly ask for a £1 donation, which will go towards helping people in need across the UK and around the world.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

SEND Coffee Morning – Thursday 5th 13th March, 9:00–10am

The poster is for a "Parent engagement session" for the PINS project. It features a photograph of a teacher and children at the top. Below the photo is the PINS acronym: P (Partnerships), I (Inclusion), N (Neurodiversity), S (Schools). The main title is "Parent engagement session". The text describes the project as a national initiative launched in spring 2024 to improve inclusivity for neurodiverse children in primary schools. It invites parents to join on Thursday 5th March at 9am at Barrs Court Primary. Three key points are listed: 1. See how your voices have helped improve inclusion for children with SEND. 2. Help shape long-term strategies for supporting neurodiverse students. 3. Strengthen the parent-school partnership for continued success. The poster also includes logos for SGPC (South Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board) and South Gloucestershire Council, along with the NHS logo. A QR code is provided at the bottom left to find out more about the PINS project, and the website sgpc.org.uk is listed at the bottom right. A closing message says "Together, we're building a future where every child is supported and empowered. We appreciate you!" with an illustration of five colorful figures holding hands.

SEND Coffee Morning – Friday 13th March, 9:00–10:30am

We are pleased to be holding our second coffee morning for parents and carers of pupils with SEND; however, all parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

The school nursing team will be joining us and will be available to answer any questions you may have, as well as signpost you to additional support and services. There is no need to book – please just come along. The session will take place in the school hall.

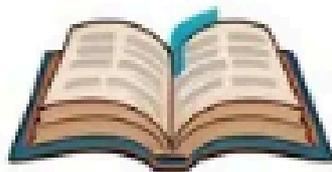
We look forward to seeing you there.

WORD BOOK DAY!

* Unleash Your Imagination!

🎉 Thursday 5th March 🎉

COSTUME COMPETITION!



Character Model Challenge

* Create your favourite book character from things around the house.



Barrs Court Primary 2026

Parent /carer Courses

Understanding Masking



Understanding Masking
with Corrina Wood

Masking is the way in which some people hide or 'mask' parts of themselves, such as differences and anxieties.

 
Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care System

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Understanding and supporting... communication



Understanding and Supporting... COMMUNICATION

Communication is how we pass on and receive messages from other people. We may communicate through words, through noises (a whoop of celebration), through gestures or hand movements (a nod or a wave).

 
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E Safety links for families

Useful Websites

- [NSPCC](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)
www.nspcc.org.uk
- [Childnet](http://www.childnet.com)
www.childnet.com
- [Thinkuknow](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)
www.saferinternet.org.uk
- [Common Sense Media](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)
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BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA:

SCHOOL

DISCO

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026

RECEPTION & RED AREA (YEARS 1 & 2): 4:00-5:00PM

BLUE & GREEN AREA (YEARS: 3 - 6): 5:00-6:00PM

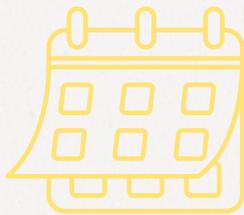
TICKETS:

£3 PER CHILD - PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS THROUGH TRYBOOKING.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE DISCO.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

Thursday 5th March
SEND parent coffee
morning @ 9am-10am

Monday 9th and
Wednesday 11th March
Parent and Carer Evenings

Friday 13th March
SEND parent coffee
morning @ 9am-10:30am

Monday 16th March
Neurodiversity week

Friday 20th March
Comic Relief - non-uniform
day

Friday 20th March
School PTFA Disco

Monday 23rd to
Wednesday 25th March
Book Fair

Thursday April 2nd
Last Day of Term 4

Monday April 20th
First Day of Term 5

Wednesday 6th April
SEND parent and carer
meetings

11-14th May
Year 6 SATS

Thursday June 18th 9-12
Sports Day

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is fundamental to children's success at school. Every day in the classroom provides essential learning opportunities, builds confidence and strengthens friendships. When children attend regularly, they are able to develop secure understanding, maintain routines and feel fully part of their class community.

Even occasional absence can have a significant impact. Learning is carefully sequenced so that each lesson builds on previous knowledge. When a child misses a day, they often miss key explanations, modelling and guided practice. Although teachers will always support children to catch up, it is not the same as being present for the original teaching.

Broken weeks can be particularly disruptive. Missing a Monday or Friday, for example, can mean that a child loses the introduction to new learning or the opportunity to consolidate and apply skills at the end of a sequence. This can lead to gaps in understanding and reduced confidence. Over time, repeated broken weeks can accumulate into a substantial loss of learning time.

Strong attendance habits established in primary school lay the foundations for future success. By prioritising attendance and avoiding unnecessary absence, families help ensure that children can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

If you are experiencing difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please speak to the school.

We are here to work in partnership with you and support every child who attends Barrs Court to achieve their very best.



South Gloucestershire
Council

Up to
**25%
OFF**

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

8:45am - 4:00pm

7th - 17th April

Chipping Sodbury
Patchway
Frampton Cotterell
Barrs Court
Longwell Green
Winterbourne
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Paying Customers
From

£17.16

Per Child Per Day when discounts are combined



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WHAT'S ON

AT Cadbury Heath library

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

FREE



STORYTIME

THURSDAY 9:30-10AM

COME AND ENJOY SOME STORIES
AND RHYMES! FOR BABIES AND
TODDLERS



• LOTS
MORE IN
SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS!



CRAFTERNOONS

THURSDAY 3:30-4:30PM

GET CRAFTY IN THIS AFTERSCHOOL CRAFT SESSION
SUITABLE FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN



LEGO CLUB

SATURDAYS 10:30-11:30

BUILDING BLOCKS AT THE READY!
JOIN US FOR A STORY AND LEGO
SESSION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHILDREN.



RHYMETIME

FRIDAY 9:30-10AM

JOIN IN WITH SINGING AND NURSERY
RHYMES IN THESE BOUNCY SESSIONS
FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS





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U9 HML LEAGUE

ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

➔ FOR THE START OF ➔

GROUP 4
2026/27 SEASON!



Could you tell if your child was being exploited?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

18 March 7:00 - 8:30pm

30 March 10:30am - 12:00pm

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

18 March



30 March

