



BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



Term 5 has flown by and has been packed with adventure and learning across the school! The term began with our Year 4 children heading off to camp, where they took part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities, including climbing, abseiling, and orienteering. Blue Area rounded off the term with a wonderful trip to Westonbirt Arboretum earlier this week.

Reception have had a particularly exciting term, with several special visitors coming into school—including tortoises, a sausage dog, a guinea pig and a rabbit! These visits, kindly arranged by parents, helped to enhance the children's enquiry learning. The term ended with a fantastic visit to Avon Valley in Chew Magna. Red Area have been learning all about how people played in the past, bringing their history topic to life with a visit to Kingswood Heritage Museum.

Throughout the term, pupils at Barrs Court have been consistently praised for their behaviour on educational visits. They have shown kindness, good manners, and a genuine curiosity—asking thoughtful questions and showing a keen interest in learning more.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the school this term.

Our PTFA continue to work tirelessly to raise funds for school projects, most recently contributing to the fantastic new trim-trail that the children are thoroughly enjoying. A heartfelt thank you as well to our wonderful reading volunteers from local businesses and the wider community, who give up their time each week to support our pupils with their reading.

We are also incredibly grateful to parents like Mr Hudd, who generously volunteer their time to run weekly clubs, enriching the school experience for so many of our children.

Hope you all have a restful break and we will see you on Monday June 2nd.



As the weather continues to warm up, we'd like to remind parents and carers of a few important points to help keep children safe and comfortable at school:

Please ensure all uniform is clearly named, including jumpers, cardigans, and especially sun hats. This helps us return any misplaced items quickly and reduces the number of things lost.

All children should bring a named water bottle to school each day. Staying hydrated is vital for concentration and well-being, particularly in the warmer weather.

Please apply sun cream at home before school. If you would like your child to reapply it later in the day, they may bring a named bottle, but they must be able to apply it themselves.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep the children safe and ready to learn.

Pop-up bike repair sessions are at Warmley Wheelers, next to Warmley Waiting Room Café

South Gloucestershire Council run regular pop-up bike repair sessions at Warmley Wheelers, next to Warmley Waiting Room Café (on the Bristol to Bath Railway Path), on the first and third Wednesday and third Saturday of each month until October. The Dr Bike is able to fix minor repairs and check to make bikes safe and roadworthy!

Our bike mechanic is experienced in providing on-the-spot repairs on bikes of any shape or size, including punctures, slipped chains or skipping gears.

There is a lot of availability for the May and June sessions, which are on:

- Wednesday, May 7 – 10am to 2.15pm
- Saturday, May 17 – 9.30am to 1.45pm
- Wednesday, May 21 – 10am to 2.15pm
- Wednesday, June 4 – 10am to 2.15pm
- Wednesday June 18 – 10am to 2.15pm
- Saturday, June 21 – 9.30am to 1.45pm



To book in a slot please visit: [Free Dr Bike Health Checks by South Gloucestershire Council | Eventbrite](#)

Drop-ins are welcome if available, but it's best to book in advance to avoid disappointment.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING COURSES

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- All courses are subject to a £5 Booking Fee which is non-refundable, so please make sure you book the correct course for your child.
- Places are limited so they are booked on a first come basis. Please only book 1 course for each child during the holiday.
- The child must have a roadworthy bike with 2 working brakes and have a properly fitting helmet.

Bikeability Learn to Ride This course is for School Year 3 and above.

This session is for trainees who **cannot** ride a bike with pedals without stabilisers, including older children who have never mastered the skill. The session lasts 1.5 hours. Riders need time to absorb and practise the Learn to Ride skills, therefore they **MUST NOT** attend a Learn to Ride and a Level 1 course within the same holiday period.

Level 1 This course is for School Year 3 and above who can cycle without stabilisers.

This session is intended for existing riders to build on their confidence and to learn to control and master their bikes in a space away from traffic such as a playground or a closed car park. For more details about the content go to: [Bikeability Level 1](#) Session lasts 1.5 hours.

Combined Level 1 & 2 This course is for School Year 5 and above who can cycle confidently and with control.

This is a one-day course from 9:15am – 2:45pm. There is an initial assessment in the playground covering level 1 skills to ensure they are ready for on-road training. Once out on the road, they will learn about road position, which road user has priority and when, and how to recognise typical hazards as well as manoeuvring through junctions. For more details about the content of the course, go to: [Bikeability Level 2](#)

Level 3 Trainees must be in School Year 6 or above. This course is for competent riders. All riders MUST have completed a level 2 course to an acceptable level prior to enrolling on this course.

*An acceptable level is where on the back of their level 2 certificate each box is ticked either **Independently** or **With More Practice**. If any of the boxes are ticked as either **With Some Assistance** or **Not Yet Attempted** they should attend another Level 2 course. Riders need time to absorb and practise the Level 2 skills, therefore they **MUST NOT** attend a Level 2 and a Level 3 course within the same holiday period.*

This 2-hour course aims to equip riders with skills for more challenging roads and traffic situations such as using multi-lane roundabouts and traffic lights, passing queuing traffic, road narrowing, understanding blind spots and how to perceive and deal with hazards. For more details about the content, go to: [Bikeability Level 3](#)

Courses are being held at Bradley Stoke Community Secondary School, Fiddlerswood Lane, BS32 9BS

To book on one of the above courses please log onto <https://southglos.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>
All Instructors are DBS checked and work for the Council's Road Safety Team. Bikeability certificates are awarded to all trainees who successfully complete the course.
Please note courses are subject to a minimum number of children attending on the date. Locations of training may vary according to availability.





Sponsorship forms are being sent home today. If you've already handed your form in to the office, there's no need to complete another one—unless you'd like to collect even more sponsors!

There's still time to sign up using the QR code on the event poster.

We're also still looking for volunteers to help out on the day. If you're able to spare some time, please do let us know—we'd really appreciate your support!



PTFA UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS

23 MAY 25

CRAZY HAIR DAY

DETAILS OUT NOW

6 JUNE 25

COLOUR FUN RUN

DETAILS OUT NOW

12 JUNE 25

**MR NICKS ATTENDING SPORTS DAY - FREE
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COURT**

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

JUNE 25

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

11 JULY 25

**SUMMER DISCO/FAMILY
BBQ**

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

2 NOV 25

FIREWORK DISPLAY

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

29 NOV 25

WINTER FAIR

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



Key Dates for the diary

May

Friday 23rd - Last day of term 5

June

Monday 2nd - First day of term 6

Monday 2nd - Dog Trust Assembly

Wednesday 4th - KS2 cinema visit

Friday 6th - PTFA Colour Run

Thursday 12th - Sports Day (9-1pm)

Friday 27th - SCHOOL CLOSED INSET

July

Thursday 3rd - New classes released

Monday 7th & Wednesday 9th - Parent/carers evenings

Tuesday 8th - Move up afternoon

Friday 11th July - End of Year Disco and BBQ

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th - Evening performance

Monday 21st - Barrs Court Got Talent

Tuesday 22nd - Last day of term 6

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