

BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

Friday 3rd July

PTFA summer family event
after school

**Monday 6th and
Wednesday 8th July**

Parent and carers evenings

Tuesday 7th July

Move up morning

Thursday 9th July

KS2 Performance @ 5:30pm

Tuesday 14th July

Blue Area Strings
Performance @ 2:30p,m

Wednesday 15th July

leavers assembly @ 2PM

Friday 17th July

Last Day of the year

Wednesday 2nd September

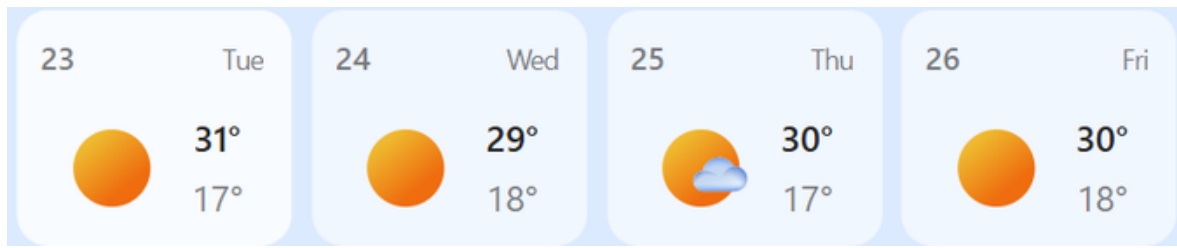
First Day of Term 1



Over the last two weeks, we have had two fantastic events that have brought the community together. The first was last Friday's PTFA Colour Run, which was a joyous occasion, and I would like to thank everyone who took part, whether by running the race, throwing the paint, or helping to organise the event. Thank you also to the PTFA for their continued hard work and support; it is so important to the school and greatly appreciated.

The second event was this week's Sports Day, which saw children from across the school come together in mixed teams to take part in a range of activities. It was wonderful to see so many families able to attend, as we know it is not always easy to take time off work. These events are a reminder of the strength of our school community and the value of coming together to celebrate and support one another.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and Happy Father's Day for Sunday.



Heat Health Amber Alert for the South West

An Amber Heat Health Alert has been issued for next week, with temperatures predicted to exceed 30°C during the middle of the day. As a school, we take the health and safety of our children seriously and want to ensure that everyone remains as comfortable as possible in the heat.

Next week:

- Children may wear their school PE kit every day to help keep cool.
- Lunchtimes will be shortened so that children do not spend a full hour in the midday sun.
- Outdoor PE lessons will be reviewed to ensure that children do not spend extended periods in direct sunlight.
- Children will continue to have access to water throughout the day.
- We will review after-school sports events to ensure that they are safe to continue.

Parents and carers, please can you ensure that:

- Your child brings a water bottle to school each day.
- Your child has a hat to wear outdoors.
- Sun cream is applied before school.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!



SCHOOL STARTS AT **8:45AM**

BEING ON TIME HELPS CHILDREN:



Be ready to learn



Start the day calmly
and confidently



Know what is
happening that day



Develop good habits
for the future

PLEASE REMEMBER:



Arrive in school
before **8:45am**



Make sure children have
everything they need
for the day



Aim to arrive a few
minutes early to
avoid rushing

DID YOU KNOW?

Missing just **10 minutes** each day adds up to:



50
minutes
a week



Over
30
hours of
learning each year

*Thank you for your support in helping
every child achieve their best.*

**BE HERE, BE READY,
BE LEARNING BY 8:45AM!**



redMUSIC

June 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Is your child interested in learning to play a musical instrument in September?

redMUSIC is pleased to continue offering weekly in-school **Guitar, Keyboard & Ukulele** lessons (including the lunchtime ukulele club) at **Barrs Court Primary school**, for those in Years 2 to 6.

Please note if you have already put in an application for lessons, or your child is currently having music lessons, there is no need to reapply.

What does redMUSIC do?

We provide exciting music lessons which focus on getting hands on with the instrument using popular music, with theory following later. Our coaches have worked with thousands of children in many schools for over twenty years, with our methods proving successful in maintaining enthusiasm for the learning journey.

How much do the lessons cost?

- 'Group' lesson (1:4) - £7.70 per week (*guitar & ukulele*)
- 'Dual' lesson (1:2) - £9.20 per week (*guitar, ukulele & keyboard*)
- 'Individual' lesson (1:1) - £13 per week (*drums and all instruments*)
- Lunchtime Ukulele club - £4.50 per week

How can I sign up?

Apply online at www.redmusic.uk/apply. Places are allocated on a 'first come first served' basis and subject to availability, so please apply as soon as possible. For more information, visit our website or email admin@redmusic.uk.

We encourage you to see this as a journey of a whole year. Signing up to lessons does involve a commitment of at least a term, so it is essential that you are able to commit to your child receiving tuition. Four (4) weeks notice will need to be given if you wish to cease lessons.

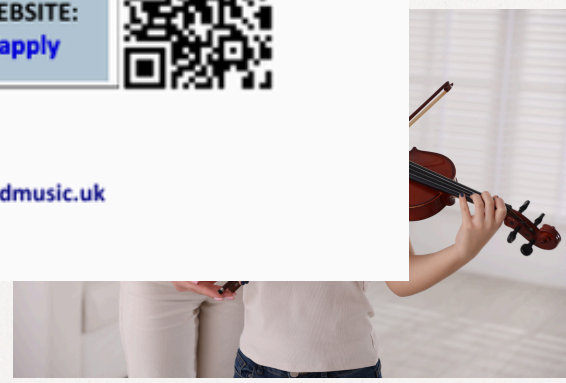
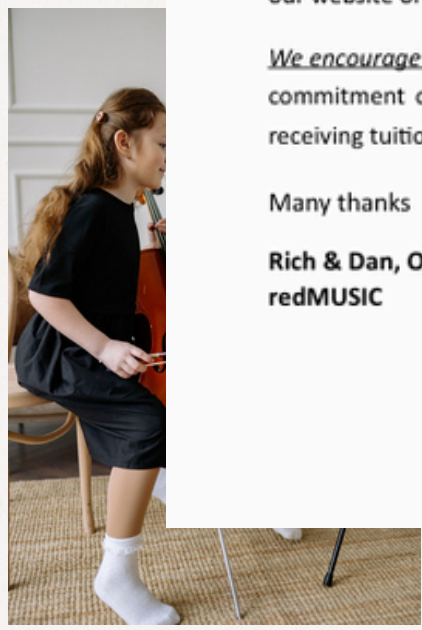
Many thanks

Rich & Dan, Owners
redMUSIC

TO SIGN UP ONLINE
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.redmusic.uk/apply



redMUSIC W: www.redmusic.uk E: admin@redmusic.uk



Tales^{OF}THE Road

A useful guide to keeping yourself
and others safe on the road

SOUTH GLOS

TALES OF THE ROAD FOR YOUNG USERS (YEAR 5 AND 6)

The highway code forms a vital part in reminding young road users of key Road Safety messages and their responsibilities when out near the road. Tales of the Road is an updated interactive highway code for young people and can be accessed through the link below.

Think Campaign: Tales of the Road link:

[WR_7535_DfT_TotR_Web_ENG_am2_201222_v3-FINAL.pdf](#)
[\(think.gov.uk\)](#)

This interactive activity book can be accessed and completed online or downloaded, allowing progress to be saved and continued another day.

The booklet is perfect for both years 5 & 6 as learners and parents begin to consider:

- Independent Journeys
- Transition to secondary school
- New travelling routes or sustainable modes of transport

Changes to Free School Meals (FSM)

Important Information: Free School Meals (FSM) – 2026/27

From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, the Department for Education will remove all transitional protections for Free School Meals (FSM). At the same time, eligibility criteria will be expanded to include all children from households receiving Universal Credit.

From September 2026, families will need to meet the updated criteria for their child or young person to continue receiving Free School Meals.

Eligibility Recheck

In line with these changes, the Local Authority will review all current FSM claims before the start of the new academic year, and annually thereafter. If you remain eligible your school will be informed and your child/young person will continue to receive Free School Meals.

Under the new criteria, FSM eligibility will fall into two categories:

Targeted – for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. This provides free school meals and additional benefits for both the pupil and the school.

Expanded – for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings above £7,400. This provides free school meals only.

If your child is no longer eligible following the review, you will be notified via the Citizen Portal.

We encourage any parents who believe they may now be eligible, but have not previously applied, to visit our website and submit an application.

Free school meals can save time preparing lunches and provide children with a healthy and varied meal each day.

Apply online – Click [here](#)



CANCER
RESEARCH
UK

Race for Life

Miya and Darcie from Year 3 and Year 2 are both taking part in a Race for Life event this weekend. They are raising money for Cancer Research UK and would be delighted to receive any support. If you would like to sponsor them, please click on the link below.

Good luck, girls – everyone at school is very proud of you and wishes you all the best!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/kayleighs-team-224>

REMINDER

Trim-Trail before school

Please can I remind all parents and carers that the trim trail must not be used before school by any children, including pre-school children.

This is for safety reasons, and we welcome your support in ensuring that no children use the equipment before school.

Toys and fidgets

If a child needs a fidget in school, this must be agreed by the class teacher and included as part of their school plan.

No toys should be brought into school. If toys or fidgets are brought in without permission, they will be kept safely until the end of the day and returned to whoever collects the child.

Please note that if toys or fidgets are brought into school without permission and are then lost or broken, the school takes no responsibility for this.

Term Dates 2026/27



TERM DATES 2026/27

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Term 3	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Thursday 11 th February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12th April 2027	Thursday 27 th May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7th June 2027	Tuesday 20 th July 2027

IN-SERVICE DAYS

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 12th October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 12th February 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

**Letter from Andrew Best - CEO
Mosaic Partnership Trust**

Click [here](#) to read letter

Parent /carer Courses

Understanding Demand Avoidance

with Corrina Wood

For some children everyday demands, such as being asked to get dressed, can trigger an intense need to control the situation, meltdowns or withdrawal.



BOOK NOW



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)

www.commonsensemedia.org

When Siblings Needs Clash

with Corrina Wood

Managing those times when your children need completely different things



BOOK NOW





School Nursing Service

School Nurses work with children, young people, parents and carers to maximise health and well-being.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more, or call one of our locality teams using the numbers below:



Bristol East/Central:
0300 125 6980

North Somerset:
0300 125 6798

Bristol South: 0300 125 6277

South Gloucestershir
0300 125 5151

Bristol North: 0300 124 5816

Secondary school aged children can also use our **confidential text messaging service ChatHealth**. Use the QR code to find out more.



NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
JUST COME ALONG!

South Gloucestershire
Council
Delivering with you



DROP IN ANYTIME
between 9am and 12:30pm

Need support for your family?

Drop in and chat with our friendly team

From pregnancy through to teenage years, Compass can give advice and signpost families to the right help and support available in South Glos. Drop-in sessions available weekly at local One Stop Shops:

PATCHWAY
BS34 5PE
TUESDAYS

KINGSWOOD
BS15 9TR
WEDNESDAYS

YATE
BS37 4DQ
THURSDAYS

VISIT

<https://life.southglos.gov.uk>
or scan the QR code for more information





WEST OF ENGLAND
MUSIC
AND ARTS

Wind & Brass Lessons

Learn an instrument, develop your skills, make friends! Lessons at our Music Centres are for all standards, ages 7-18.

- Tuesdays, St Keyna School, Keynsham 5.45-9pm
- Wednesdays, Hayesfield School, Bath 5.30-8pm
- Saturdays, Hayesfield School, Bath 9.30am-12pm

Trumpet - Trombone
Tuba - Euphonium
French horn

Recorder - Flute
Saxophone - Clarinet



Book lessons at: wema.org.uk/register

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

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

• LOTS MORE IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

GO ALL IN.
South Gloucestershire Council
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Active Libraries

UNIQUE
VOICE

THIS SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

CREATIVE HOLIDAY CLUB

NO COST



Arts & Drama



Games



Outdoor Play



Storytelling



Wellbeing



Mindfulness



Lunch / snacks included!

Where & When?

Creative Holiday Club

All sessions run Monday - Thursday: 10am - 2pm

27th - 30th July

Whywood, Hillfields,
Little Stoke

3rd - 6th August

Hartcliffe, Hillfields,
Downend, Stoke Gifford

10th - 13th August

Hartcliffe, Hillfields, Hengrove,
Little Stoke, St George

17th - 20th August

Hartcliffe, Hillfields,
Downend, St George

Relaxed SEND Sessions

Stay and Play with Parents / Carers

31st July
Downend

4th August
Yate

7th August
Hartcliffe

6th August
Horfield

14th August
Downend

Funded by:



MORE INFO
AND BOOKING



www.org/uniquevoice



WINTERBOURNE MEDIEVAL DAY 2026



Sunday 28th June | 11am - 4pm

Early Bird: £1/£5 (Ends 21st June)

Join us for a day of Medieval festivities including **combat displays, have-a-go archery, wandering jesters, a living history village, games, and medieval-themed craft stalls, food and live music on our genuine medieval site.**

Free parking and shuttle bus provided at Winterbourne Academy
Visit winterbournebarn.org.uk for full details and tickets



★ EVERY DAY COUNTS! ★

— Why Attendance Matters —

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

96% - 100%

- ✓ You are giving yourself the best chance to succeed
- ✓ You keep up with learning every day
- ✓ You build strong friendships and routines

Missing only **7 days** or fewer across the whole year

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

90% - 95%

- ✗ You may start to fall behind in lessons
- ✗ Important learning may be missed
- ✗ Catching up becomes harder

Missing around **10-19** school days per year

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
96%+	7 Days	1,5 Weeks	35 Lessons
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	39 Days	7,5 Weeks	200 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11,5 Weeks	250 Lessons
Below 70%	67 Days	13,5 Weeks	240 Lessons

Did You Know?

Missing just **2 days** a month means:

- ✗ **20** days missed in a year
- ✗ Nearly **4 weeks** of learning lost

Because:

- ✓ Every lesson matters
- ✓ Every child matters
- ✓ Every day counts

At Barrs Court Primary School we aim for:

At least 96% attendance for every pupil

- ★ Every lesson matters
- ★ Every child matters
- ★ Every day counts

♥ Together we can help every child succeed!

Barrs Court Primary School