



BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to another exciting school year! It has been wonderful to see all the familiar faces, as well as some new ones, returning to our school community. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer.

A particularly warm welcome to our new Reception starters, those who have joined us in other year groups and their families!

It has been a delight to see our youngest children taking their first steps into school life with smiles, curiosity, and a sense of adventure. The Reception classrooms have been buzzing with energy as the children settle in, make new friends, and explore their new environment. We are confident that they will quickly feel at home, and we look forward to watching them grow, learn, and flourish in the months ahead.

This week, we are focusing on our school values: **joy, determination, pride, curiosity, and respect.** These values are at the heart of everything we do and guide us in creating a positive and supportive environment for all. We are encouraging our children to find joy in their learning, to show determination in the face of challenges, to take pride in theirs and others work and achievements, to nurture their curiosity by asking questions and exploring new ideas, and to show respect for themselves, each other, and the world around them.

We look forward to seeing these values in action throughout the year and celebrating the many ways our children embody them. Together, we will continue to build a school community where everyone feels valued, supported, and inspired to do their best.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic year ahead!

MISS CHIVERS

We are delighted to welcome Miss Chivers to our school community! Miss Chivers will be joining us as the teacher for Jasper Class, covering for Miss Turle while she is on maternity leave.

We are confident she will be a wonderful addition to our team. She has already been busy getting to know the children in Jasper Class, and it has been fantastic to see how warmly they have welcomed her.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Miss Chivers!



BEHAVIOUR

At Barrs Court Primary School, we are incredibly proud of our children's behaviour and the positive atmosphere they help create every day. However, after careful consideration, we felt that our old behaviour management system, the 'ladder system', was no longer fit for purpose in supporting the high standards we aim to uphold. As a school, we believe that promoting positive behaviour should be at the forefront of everything we do, while also applying appropriate sanctions when necessary.

Our approach to behaviour is rooted in our school's core values – determination, respect, joy, pride, and curiosity. We are committed to creating a safe and positive learning environment for all pupils, staff, and visitors, where every pupil has the right to learn, and every member of the teaching team has the right to teach without disruption. To achieve this, we expect all members of our school community to demonstrate these values in their behaviour and interactions with others.

Good behaviour is fundamental to success in the classroom for both pupils and teachers. Our well-planned and engaging curriculum enables pupils to learn, ask questions, debate, and challenge themselves and others in a respectful manner.

Our updated behaviour policy reflects these principles and ensures that all pupils know what is expected of them, while also feeling valued and understood. We are committed to working with our children, staff, and parents to build a community where everyone can thrive, feel safe, and achieve their best.

The new policy will be sent out to all parents and carers next week and also be available on the school website next week. The children have not missed 'the ladder' and have enjoyed collecting 'gems and values cards'.

If you ever have concerns about behaviour in school, please speak to the class teacher as soon as possible, or speak to Mr Webster/Miss Warlow before or after school.

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

Colour Fun Run Reminder!

Please don't forget to sign
your child up for the Barrs
Court PTFA Colour Fun
Run on

20th September.

Use the link or QR code
on the poster or use the
link below.



Sponsorship forms will be
coming home in book
bags TODAY.

All places must be booked
by 11th September.

Year 6 leavers are very
welcome to come back
and participate too!

Please note we do need
an uptake of at least 100
children for the event to
go ahead.



School Disco is on the
October 11th - more
details to follow after the
Colour Run.



Barrs Court Primary School PTFA Presents

COLOUR FUN RUN

Fundraiser towards the new Trim Trail

FRI,
20
SEPT



START
3:00 PM

**Sign up using the QR code now! Bookings close
11th September**

Please note we need at least 100 children taking part for the event to take place

Message from Head of Road Safety



Hello,

I am writing to you in relation to the use of e-scooters which are becoming ever more prevalent in our communities.

Currently there are upwards of 1.3 million private e-scooters in use in the United Kingdom, and unfortunately some of those will be used by children/young adults to travel to and from their education facility. Avon & Somerset Constabulary would like to clarify the law around the use of these vehicles in the hope you will offer some guidance to your pupils.

It is currently illegal to use e-scooters on the public highway or any public place. They are classed as powered transporters and fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. This means that the same rules that apply to motor vehicles, apply to e-scooters. This includes but isn't limited to: Driving with a licence, Driving/riding with insurance.

The police can seize and will destroy privately owned e-scooters if they are being used on the public highway. The rider will also be subject to prosecution as they would if they were driving a motor vehicle. If the rider is a child, then their parent/guardian can also be prosecuted for no insurance - for use, cause, permit and this carries 6 points and a fine of £300. The young person can incur points which will be added to their licence once they are old enough to apply for one, this will impact their future driving record and their ability to get vehicle insurance.

The only legal way to ride an e-scooter on the public highway is through one of the official government trials. To use these, the user will need to have a minimum of a provisional licence to be able to hire one. This means a minimum age of 16, however in Bristol, Bath and South Gloucester the minimum age for rental e-scooters is currently 18.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary is committed to road safety and protecting those who use our public highways and public spaces. The current e-scooter trials are in place to enable vital research to be carried out into the safety of these vehicles.

I hope this information will go some way to protecting our young people from unwittingly breaking the law or becoming involved in a collision involving one of these vehicles.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Cheeseman'.

Chief Inspector Rob Cheeseman

Head of Road Safety



Dates for the diary

- Friday September 13th** - Red Area Mad Hatters Tea Party (See letter)
- Friday September 13th** - Tiger Marshal Arts Assembly
- Friday September 20th** - Colour Run @ 3:30pm
- Tuesday 24th September** - Beekeeper visit
- Thursday 26th September** - Reception parent/carers curriculum information meeting @ 2:30pm
- Thursday 26th September** - PTFA AGM @ 5:30pm
- Friday 27th September** - Blue Area Shadow Puppet Workshop (See letter)
- Friday 27th September** - Headteacher from SBL visiting Year 6
- 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
- Thursday 25th October** - Year 6 Road Safety Workshop
- Friday 25th October** - Last Day of Term 1
- Monday 4th November** - First Day of term 2
- Monday 11th November** - Flu Immunisations
- Monday 18th November** - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 20th November** - Parents Evening
- Saturday 30th November** - PTFA Winter Fair
- Friday 20th December** - End of Term 2

Christmas performance dates will be released soon....

Local Events



A colorful poster for a 'Craft & Past Market' event. At the top, the logo 'BLACK SHEEP HARMONY' features a black sheep head. Bunting flags in yellow, teal, and pink are strung across the top. The title 'CRAFT & PAST MARKET' is written in large, bold, teal letters, arched over a central illustration of a market stall. The stall has a pink and yellow striped awning. On the left, a pink cloud-shaped sign says 'TOMBOLA & RAFFLE'. The stall's shelves display various colorful plates and bowls. To the right, a table holds a pink teapot, a blue teapot, and a cup. A teal cloud-shaped sign on the right says 'SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 10AM TO 3PM'. Below the stall, a green banner contains the text 'HANHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE BS15 3EJ'. A list of activities is shown in the center: '• HANDMADE ITEMS •', '• VINTAGE • BRIC-A-BRAC •', '• OLD & INTERESTING •', '• VINTAGE TEA ROOM •', and '• AND MORE! •'. To the left of this list, a pink cloud-shaped sign says 'LIVE BARBERSHOP MUSIC'. To the right, a tiered stand holds several colorful macarons. Below the list, the text 'ENTRY £1 UNDER 16'S FREE' is displayed. At the bottom, a pink banner contains the website 'WWW.BLACKSHEEPHARMONY.COM'.

BLACK SHEEP HARMONY

CRAFT & PAST MARKET

TOMBOLA & RAFFLE

HANHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
BS15 3EJ

SATURDAY
7TH SEPTEMBER
10AM TO 3PM

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- VINTAGE • BRIC-A-BRAC •
- OLD & INTERESTING •
- VINTAGE TEA ROOM •
- AND MORE! •

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