

# Barrs Court Primary Newsletter

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## Tuesday Clubs start next week

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Clubs finish at 4:15, and children can be collected from the main playground. The side gate will be opened at 4:10. Please wait for the teacher to dismiss your child before taking them home.

Clubs were very popular, and even though we were able to offer places to more than 130 children, some children did not get a place. With this in mind, it is important that those with a place attend each week.

## Wonderful Week

This week marks our return to the normal school routine following last week's focus on our school values. The efforts from the previous week have certainly paid off, as our school has been buzzing with children exemplifying our core values. Throughout the school, students have displayed remarkable **DETERMINATION** in their inquiry lessons. The Blue Area students were especially determined to discover the volume levels of a drum, from the loudest to the quietest!

Our new Reception children have truly filled our hearts with **PRIDE** this week. They have seamlessly settled into school life and have already produced some remarkable work. Red Area students demonstrated great **CURIOSITY** as they stepped into the roles of scientists, investigating various materials throughout the school. Over in the Green Area, there was a beautiful display of **RESPECT** as they met their new reading 'buddies' in Reception on Thursday.

Today's Good Work Assembly was full of **JOY** as we celebrated the outstanding achievements of our students. We awarded our first oracy champions of the year.

For more pictures, please visit our [Facebook](#) page, and for additional information about the inquiries, don't forget to check our [website](#).

# WE LOVE READING

We ask that all parent and carers find the time to read with their little one at least five times a week. We know it is hard and we all have busy lives but reading books to primary school children at home is incredibly valuable for their development. It enhances their language skills and comprehension by exposing them to diverse vocabulary and language patterns. Additionally, it fosters cognitive growth by engaging their imaginations and critical thinking abilities, teaching them to predict outcomes, make connections between events, and develop problem-solving skills.

## **Top tips reading at home (taken for .gov website)**

### **1. Encourage your child to read**

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.

### **2. Read aloud regularly**

Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.

### **3. Encourage reading choice**

Give children lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There's fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more. Try leaving interesting reading material in different places around the home and see who picks it up.

### **4. Read together**

Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This might be everyone reading the same book together, reading different things at the same time, or getting your children to read to each other. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all.

### **5. Create a comfortable environment**

Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently - or together.

### **6. Make use of your local library**

Libraries in England are able to open from 4 July, so visit them when you're able to and explore all sorts of reading ideas. Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials, including audiobooks and e-books to borrow.

### **7. Talk about books**

This is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable. Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas. You could discuss something that happened that surprised you, or something new that you found out. You could talk about how the book makes you feel and whether it reminds you of anything.

### **8. Bring reading to life**

You could try cooking a recipe you've read together. Would you recommend it to a friend? Alternatively, play a game where you pretend to be the characters in a book, or discuss an interesting article you've read.

### **9. Make reading active**

Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home. You could organise treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your child's very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions.

### **10. Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them**

You know your child best and you'll know the best times for your child to read. If they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) then short, creative activities may be the way to get them most interested. If English is an additional language, encourage reading in a child's first language, as well as in English. What matters most is that they enjoy it.

**If you are struggling to get your child to read at home speak their teacher.**

# Dates for the diary

Tuesday 19th September - Clubs Start

Friday 22nd September - PTFA Disco

Tuesday 3rd October - PTFA AGM

Friday 6th October - Reception end of enquiry event @ 2:30pm

Friday 20th October - End of term 1

Monday 30th October - INSET Day - School Closed

Tuesday 31st October - Term 2 starts

Monday 13th November - Parent/Carer Evening

Wednesday 15th November - Parent/Carer Evening

BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S



*Back to school*  
**DISCO**

FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023 @ BARRS COURT  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION: 3:30 - 4:00  
YEARS: 1 - 2: 4:00 - 5:00  
YEARS: 3 - 6: 5:00 - 6:00

**TICKETS:**  
RECEPTION: £2 PER CHILD (PRICE INC DRINK, PACKET OF SWEETS  
AND GLOW BAND FOR RECEPTION ONLY)  
YEARS 1-6: £2 PER CHILD (INC GLOW BAND)\*  
PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS VIA BOPP

\*REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE INSIDE THE SCHOOL DISCO  
DROP OFF AND COLLECTION DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Reception



<https://bopp.app/link/2d0ji>

Red



<https://bopp.app/link/5035o>

Blue/Green



<https://bopp.app/link/6036l>



**PTFA  
DISCO**

*Get  
your  
tickets!*



Are you looking for a place  
for September 2024?  
Do you know anyone who is  
looking for a school place? If  
you do know anyone looking  
for a place, please ask them  
to call the school.

## BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is your child starting school in September 2024?

Our school is amazing and encouraging and there's something for everyone.

Our school is good for learning and good for having fun.

Is your child due to start school in September 2024?

We can offer:

- a creative learning environment
- enthusiastic caring staff
- outdoor learning & forest school
- an enriching Early Years curriculum
- memorable learning experiences
- Breakfast & After-School Club

For more information or to book on one of our school tours, please contact Mrs Llewellyn on 01454 867799 or email: [enquiries@barrscourtpps.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@barrscourtpps.org.uk)

Please also visit our school website: [www.barrscourtprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.barrscourtprimaryschool.co.uk)

Opportunities to learn how your child will 'Be the Best they can Be' at Barrs Court Primary School

**School Tours:**

- ⇒ Tuesday 26th September @ 9.30am
- ⇒ Monday 9th October @ 9.30am
- ⇒ Thursday 12th October @ 5.00pm—FULL
- ⇒ Friday 17th November @ 2.00pm
- ⇒ Monday 27th November @ 9.30am
- ⇒ Wednesday 6th December @ 4.00pm
- ⇒ Thursday 4th January @ 2.00pm
- ⇒ Tuesday 9th January @ 5.00pm

If you require an alternative date/time, please contact the school and we will be happy to arrange a more convenient visit.

(CLOSING DATE for applications—15th January 2024)

'Children thoroughly enjoy coming to school. Pupils grow in character and are kind and respectful. The curriculum is ambitious for all pupils.'

Ofsted 2023

Come & join us at our **Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November**. Details will be posted on our school website and on our facebook page - @barrscourtpps

### Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are delighted that WASP Club continues to be very popular with parents and children and is an integral part of our school provision. The provision supports those families with work commitments and those children who just enjoy attending and taking part in the many activities provided by the team.

#### Afterschool Club:

- Standard Session 1 - 3.15pm – 3.45pm - £2.00
- Standard Session 2 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm - £5.50
- Standard Session 3 - 3.15pm – 4.50pm - £6.50
- Standard Session 4 - 3.15pm – 5.45pm - £9.00

#### Bespoke Sessions (for children attending clubs after school)

- Bespoke Session 1 - 4.15pm – 4.50pm - £2.00
- Bespoke Session 2 - 4.15pm – 5.45pm - £6.50

#### Breakfast Club:

- Session - 7.45am – 8.45am - £3.00 Breakfast optional extra

Bookings and payment continue to be made via the Eduspot App/Website. We are also able to accept childcare vouchers if your employer subscribes to this scheme.

First fixture of the season...



#### Pre-season friendly 1

Barrs Court 4-2 St Augustines 2

Scorers: Oscar, Brooklyn, Leyton, Archie M

The first pre-season friendly may have not been played on the best surface ever but we were definitely excited to get going. Barrs Court started brightly, using the width well and battling for the ball. The first half was very well-controlled and we built a 4-0 lead before the break. The pace of the second half slowed slightly and it was only in the last three minutes that a few errors allowed the opposition to claw a few goals back. Well done everyone and a decent start to the season.

Players of the match: George and Charlie.