BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER

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Great start to term 2



Term 2 has certainly started with a bang! Last Sunday, our PTFA held the annual fireworks display and, with over 500 people in attendance, it was another fantastic success. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising such a brilliant event and to everyone who bought a ticket and came along to support it. Events like these are a great way of bringing our school community together, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone involved.

This week, we have also been learning about Diwali, which will be celebrated by Hindus around the world on Sunday. Known as the Festival of Light, Diwali is a time of celebration and reflection. During our assemblies, we shared the story of Rama and Sita and thought about how we can all make positive choices, choosing what is right over what is wrong.

Our School Parliament have also been busy selling poppies as part of this year's Poppy Appeal. They have shown great confidence and impressive oracy skills when speaking to parents and carers at the end of each school day. Well done to everyone involved!

Finally, a reminder to please book your parent/carer consultation appointment for next week. Appointments can be booked through Arbor. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing how your child is getting on.



Please see below the dates and times for our Christmas performances. We look forward to welcoming families to celebrate with us!





Barrs Court Winter Fair – Saturday 21st at 1pm! 🎄

Come along and join us for a fun-filled afternoon at our Barrs Court Winter Fair!

Browse the stalls, have a go at the games, enjoy a delicious cake and if you're feeling adventurous, you could even take part in Elf Academy!



We look forward to seeing lots of our families and friends there. It's a great opportunity to get together and enjoy some festive fun! 🎅



💛 Children in Need 2026 – Non-School Uniform Day 💛

Friday November 13th

To help raise money for Children in Need 2026, we are asking children to donate £1 to come to school in their own clothes on the day.

Children are welcome to wear Children in Need clothing or merchandise if they wish, but this is entirely optional. Any non-school uniform is absolutely fine!

Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause and helping us make a difference. 💛

Dates for the diary

- **Monday 9th November** - KS2 cinema visit
- **Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th November** - Parent and carer evening
- **Thursday 12th November** - Blue Area @ Kingswood Heritage Museum
- **Friday 13th November -** Non-uniform day for Children in Need
- **Saturday 21st Novembe**r - Winter Fair @ 10:30am - 1pm
- **Monday 7th December** - Year 6 height and weight checks (NHS)
- **Thursday 10th December** - Christmas Choir perfomance @ 3:30pm
- **Friday 11th December** - Blue Area Chritmas Performance @11am
- **Monday 14th December** -Green Area Chritmas Performance @11am
- **Tuesday 15th December** - Christmas Dinner
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Reception Nativity @ 9:30am
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Red Area Nativity @ 1:30pm
- **Friday 18th December** - Last Day of term 2



School Nursing Service parent drop-in

If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak to a member of the School Nursing Team to get information and advice for your child, then please come along to one of our parent drop-ins.

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet with other parents and ask the School Nursing Team any questions you may have.

When: Every Friday including school holidays, 10:30am -12pm

Where: Martin's House, opposite Kings Oak Academy.

You can contact: School Nursing team 0300 125 5151.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more about our service.

Service provided by Sirona care & health

Welcome to the

Longwell Green & Willsbridge Community Nature Reserve

Where local people celebrate and make space for nature wherever they can



Connecting with nature



Caring for our local creatures



Making space for wildlife

You are part of an area where streets and neighbours are coming together to make a 'Community Nature Reserve'. A Community Nature Reserve is made up of gardens, allotments, verges, window boxes, balconies and more! Whether planting for pollinators, building a hedgehog highway, or helping your neighbours to delight in the creatures we share our community with, there's lots different ways to get involved. Everyone is invited to take part, every small action makes a big difference!



Scan the QR code to join the Facebook Group

Parent /carer Courses

Early Years Drop-In SEND Support

Patchway Children's Centre

Wednesdays
10:00 - 11:30am
Term Time Only

For parents of children aged 0 - 5 including children in their reception year
Children welcome

Here at South Glos Parent Carers we are all parent carers, so we truly understand the challenges and joys of raising a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

SCAN HERE!

Set your satnav to BS34 5TF and park behind Coniston Medical Centre



Are you concerned about your child's early development or need help navigating your child's disability?

Come along to our relaxed and friendly parent support drop-in. Meet our Peer Support Team who can:

- Help you become more confident in identifying and supporting your child's needs
- Offer useful information around key transitions such as starting school
- Provide a listening ear over a cuppa

Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to access any of our support

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E Safety links for families

Useful Websites

- **NSPCC**

www.nspcc.org.uk

- **Childnet**

www.childnet.com

- **Thinkuknow**

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

- **UK Safer Internet Centre**

www.saferinternet.org.uk

- **Common Sense Media**

www.commonsensemedia.org

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
JUST COME ALONG!

South Gloucestershire Council
Delivering with you

Compass

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**

BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

★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?

Acosente	Days	Wedso	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!

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