



BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



We began this week with a whole-school assembly to mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week – a global initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions around neurological differences. It's a brilliant opportunity to raise awareness and promote understanding of neurodiversity both in schools and the wider community. Children across the school also took part in a range of classroom activities to deepen their understanding.

It was also wonderful to see so many of you attending parent/carer meetings this week. We hope you had the chance to celebrate your child's progress and hear about how you can support them at home. One key area is reading, which underpins so much of the learning we do in school. Your support in encouraging regular reading at home makes a real difference. If you're looking for some book inspiration, do come along to our Book Fair, which runs next week from Monday to Wednesday in the school hall.

If you're a parent of a child in Blue Class, you've probably heard all about the healthy (no sugar!) snacks they made – they were delicious! I've also had the pleasure of reading some fantastic writing from children across the school this week, and I was especially impressed by the work coming from Reception – a real testament to the effort they're putting in.

We rounded off the week by celebrating Comic Relief – thank you to everyone who kindly donated. We're thrilled to share that we raised over £160 for this important cause!

A special mention goes to our amazing Kitchen Team, who had an unannounced inspection from Environmental Health this week and were awarded 5 Stars – with no recommendations! The inspector highlighted the team's excellent standards, strong food safety knowledge, and the clean, well-managed kitchen. Huge congratulations to Gaynor and the team – an outstanding achievement!

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who supported last Friday's school disco. As always, it was a fantastic evening – the children had a brilliant time and their behaviour was exemplary. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it such a successful event.

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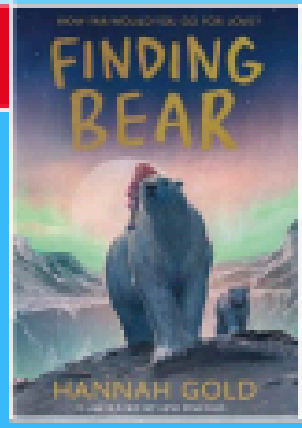
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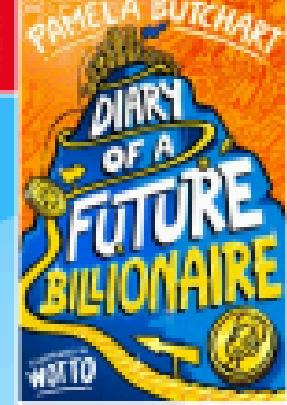
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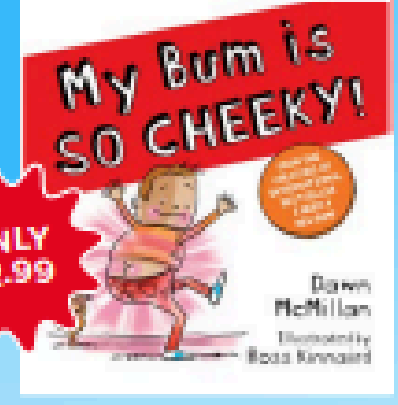


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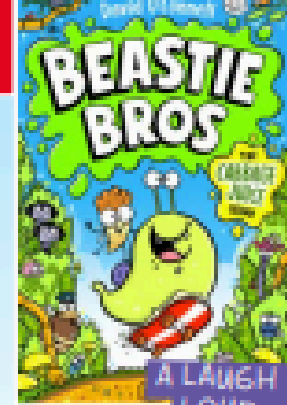
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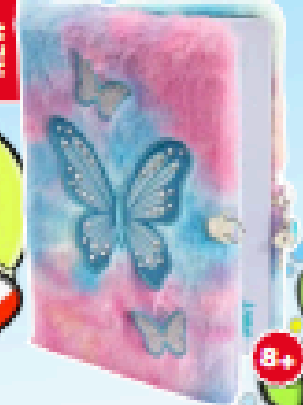
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Barrs Court PTFA's Colour Fun Run

NEW DATE: Friday 6 June 25 @15:30

Tickets for Barrs Court PTFA's Colour Fun Run are now on sale. The children will be completing an obstacle course and raising money through sponsorship towards the new Trim Trail equipment...and having lots of fun at the same time!

For those of you who registered your child/ren for the September 24 date (which was unfortunately cancelled due to the weather), your tickets have been transferred over to Friday 6 June and you will receive email confirming this along with new tickets.

You can register your child/ren by using the link below or scanning the QR code on the poster:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DVCX>



Bikeability

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING COURSES

BEFORE BOOKING YOUR COURSE, PLEASE READ BELOW CAREFULLY!

- 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.
- The child must have a roadworthy bike with 2 working brakes and have a properly fitting helmet.

Bikeability Learn to Ride 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.

This course is for School Year 3 and above.

Level 1 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 closed car park. For more details about the content go to: Bikeability Level 1 Session lasts 1.5 hours.

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

Level 2 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

This course is for School Year 6 and above who can cycle confidently and with control.

Level 3 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

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.

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](https://southglos.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking)



PRIMARY CHOIR DAY – HOLIDAY COURSES

Monday 7th April and / or Wednesday 9th April

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite your child to join us for a Junior Choir Day Monday 7th April or Wednesday 9th April 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity to join with other children in the area and have fun singing in a choir under the guidance of our highly skilled West of England Music and Arts teachers.

Did you know that singing in a choir is not only fun but develops musical skills, helps build social skills, improves self-confidence and relieves stress.

To be able to join this Junior Choir Day your child must be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6.

WHERE AND WHEN:

Monday 7th April Haywood Village Academy, Whitney Crescent, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 8ES

Monday 7th April Unity Oldland Methodist Church, West Street, Oldland Common, BS30 9QS

Wednesday 9th April St Peter's Church, between Church Road North and Church Road South, Portishead, BS20 8EN

You may attend a Monday and Wednesday course if you wish. You will need to apply for both separately.

TIME: 9am – 3.30pm. Parents / Carers are invited for a short performance at 3.15pm.

WHAT TO BRING: packed lunch and drinks for the day

WHAT TO WEAR: comfortable clothing

COST: £25 for the day. No charge if your child is eligible for pupil premium.

HOW TO SIGN UP AND PAY:

<https://wema.org.uk/Easter-Sing>



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Key Dates for the diary

Monday 24th March - Book Fair (3 days)

Monday 31st March - Year 4 Camp meeting 5pm

Tuesday 1st April - Reception Enquiry event 3:15pm

Thursday 3rd April - Reception Enquiry event 3:15pm

Friday 6th June - PTFA Colour Run

Friday 11th July - End of Year Disco and BBQ



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- Develop your understanding of autism.
- Look at practical solutions to support your child.
- Meet other parents in a similar position.
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- Visit [turtlecyp.co.uk home/cygnnet/](https://turtlecyp.co.uk/home/cygnnet/)

7 week courses in person or via Zoom.

- Yate: Fri 7 Mar @10am
<https://eequ.org/experience/12307>
- Thornbury: Tues 29 Apr @ 10 am
<https://eequ.org/experience/12309>

Available to book now on EEQU - see above links.



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