

BARRS COURT NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

11-14th May

Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 19th May

Class Photos

Wednesday 20th May

Red Area learning
exhibition 3:15-3:45pm

Friday 22nd May

Last Day of term 5

Monday 1st June

First day of term 6

Friday June 5th

PTFA Colour Run

Friday 12th June

Parent & Carer Coffee
morning

Thursday June 18th 9-12

Sports Day

Friday 3rd July

PTFA summer family
event after school

Friday 17th July

Last Day of the year



Welcome Back

Welcome back after the Easter holiday. I hope you all had some time to rest and recuperate. The children have returned feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead (the sun helps!)

I would also like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome the children and families who will be joining us in September. Whether you are new to Barrs Court or already have a sibling in school, we are very much looking forward to you beginning your journey with us.

Some of our Year 4 children have been on residential this week and they have been very lucky with the weather. I visited them yesterday and they were having the best time. They had been grass sledging, abseiling, tackling the obstacle course and some had got very muddy! A huge thank you to Miss Kendall, Mr Balch and Mrs Brown for giving their time to support the children at camp.

This week has also seen us change our school caterer. The feedback about the food has been really positive so far, although we have experienced some administrative issues during the transition. Thank you for your patience and understanding. More information about this can be found later in the newsletter.

Finally, we are keen to gather your feedback on different aspects of school life. We know how busy you all are, so each week we will ask just one question with an option to give more detail. The link is below and it should take no more than two minutes to complete. Your views really do matter to us.

Question Link



Our new catering company Caterlink have settled in well for Week One and we have received some really positive feedback from the children.

We are asking parents/carers to pre-book a 'home packed lunch' on the Arbor system and thank you to those who have supported this new system.

Why am I being asked to pre-book Home Packed Lunch?

Each day, we have approximately 20 children who do not have a school meal booked and/or do not have a packed lunch. These children are directed to the school office just before the lunchtime service and for some children, they can find this upsetting and embarrassing.

Providing a last-minute meal can put unnecessary pressure on the school kitchen who cook the meals to the number of pre-booked meals for that day. We always allow for an element of non-bookings but these are kept as low as possible to avoid unnecessary wastage of food.

With parents actively booking 'home packed Lunches' on the Arbor system, the office can easily identify those children who do not have anything booked/packed lunch option much earlier in the school day and more importantly, any upset and embarrassment is completely mitigated.

We thank you for your support with pre-booking all meals, including 'home packed lunches'.



We have a television star in year 2. Elijah R. He has been 'performing' in a new BBC program called 'What's in your plant pot?' which can be found on iPlayer. The program is about what a plant pot could contain from chillies and mint to potatoes, roses, sweetcorn, henna, or cacao, each with unique growth habits and uses.

It explores the fascinating world of plants that people grow, work with, or are inspired by across the UK. Elijah is in the cacao episode which talks about the source of chocolate, which undergoes fermentation and drying before becoming the chocolate we eat.





Barrs Court Primary PTFA Colour Run is back for 2026!

Taking place on Friday 5th June, with more fun, colour and new obstacles.

Please sign up for the event using the link below. This year there is also an adults race so everyone can join in the fun!

Colour Fun Run 2026 | [TryBooking](#) United Kingdom

Sponsorship forms will come home next week. This year we are asking children to aim to raise £20.26 but if you can raise even more that would be amazing! Like last year, there will be a class treat for the class who raises the most sponsorship.

We do need you help with ensuring the event can go ahead. We are asking that each year group arranges enough parent helpers to throw paint for their child's race. Please use the link below to sign up to volunteer for your child's race.

volunteersignup.org/HW3CP

Year 4 Residential

Our Year 4 children have had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Kilve Court. They have been absolutely amazing and have shown great resilience, determination and enthusiasm throughout the trip. It has been wonderful to see them supporting each other, trying new challenges and making the most of every opportunity. They have been real superstars, and we are incredibly proud of them all.



Bug Hotel Competition

Eco Club is excited to launch a fun and creative competition over the Easter holidays!

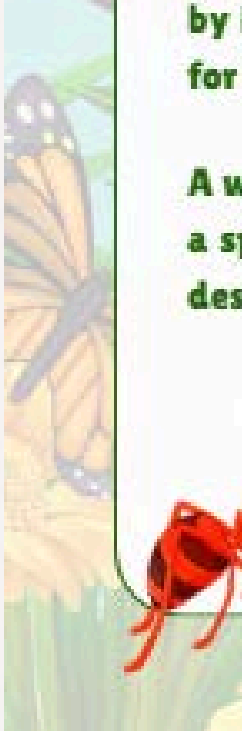
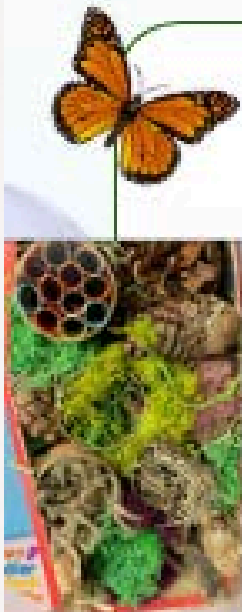
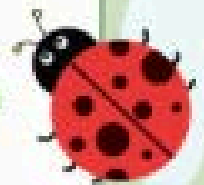
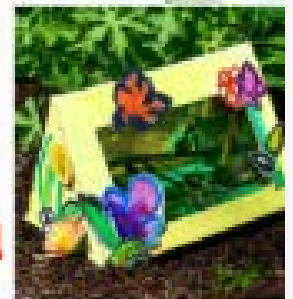
We are inviting all children to design and make their own bug hotel using recycled or natural materials.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to get creative while learning about supporting wildlife and caring for our environment.

Completed bug hotels should be PHOTOGRAPHED and the photo emailed to school. All entries should be emailed by May 1st. Then pop your hotel in your garden and wait for the bugs to check-in.

A winner will be announced on May 15th and there will be a special prize for the most imaginative and eco-friendly design.

We can't wait to see all the fantastic creations!



**SAVE
the DATE**

Barrs Court Primary PTFA's Upcoming Events/Save the Dates 2026

**MARCH/
APRIL**
2 APRIL (RAFFLE
DRAWN)

EASTER RAFFLE & EASTER TRAIL
RAFFLE TICKETS & EASTER TRAIL FORMS ON SALE
NEXT WEEK: MON/TUE & WED AFTER SCHOOL

TBC
APRIL/MAY

FATHER'S DAY DESIGNS & GIFTS
DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

05
JUNE

COLOUR FUN RUN
DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

3
JULY

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER DISCO &
FAMILY EVENT**
DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED. FAMILY EVENT
IS SUBJECT TO WEATHER

TBC
SEP

BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO
DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED



**SCHOOL
COLOUR
FUN RUN™**

Friday 5 June 26

After the success of last year's event, Barrs Court Primary PTFA are bringing back the Colour Fun Run!

This year's course will have new obstacles, and even more chances to get covered in colour along the way.

And new for this year, parents can join in the fun too!

More details coming soon.



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



• LOTS
MORE IN
SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS!

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



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



Understanding and Supporting....

ANXIETY

When children feel anxious, they cannot always understand or express what they are feeling or what's making them anxious. You might notice them becoming tearful and clingy, having difficulty sleeping or resisting trying new things.



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



School Nursing Service

School Nurses work with children, young people, parent 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 Gloucestershire:

Bristol North: 0300 124 5816

0300 125 5151

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



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care & health

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED JUST COME ALONG!

DROP IN ANYTIME between 9am and 12:30pm

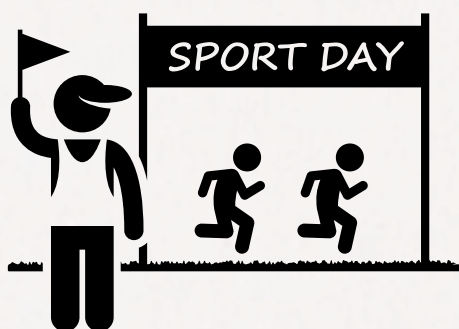
Need support for your family?

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



**Sports Day will be on
Thursday 18th June
9am - 12**



★ 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!

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