



BARRS COURT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Celebrating Success

We are delighted to announce that Barrs Court has been honoured with two awards in recognition of our outstanding work in Physical Education and Religious Education.

Firstly, we have been awarded the 'Wire Gold Award' for our commitment to inclusivity and excellence in RE teaching. At our school, we believe that teaching children about a broad range of religions is crucial for promoting tolerance, understanding, and enhancing their cultural awareness. The lessons delivered throughout the school encourage our pupils to be critical thinkers, to ask meaningful questions, and to be more reflective. A huge thank you goes to Miss Turle for all the hard work she puts into leading RE, and to all the teaching staff for delivering lessons – thank you!

In addition to the RE award, we have also secured the School Games Platinum Award. This award recognises our continued commitment to PE and the physical fitness of our pupils by providing a wide range of opportunities both inside the classroom and beyond. We have actively engaged in a variety of competitions that create positive and enriching experiences for our children. A special thank you goes to Mr Walker for his dedication in leading PE, and to all the teaching staff and volunteers who contribute to the delivery of lessons and clubs – thank you!

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The pupil premium grant is funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England.

Schools must allocate spending across the following three key areas:

- Support high-quality teaching, such as staff professional development
- Provide targeted academic support, such as tutoring
- Tackle non-academic barriers to academic success, such as difficulties with attendance, behaviour, and social and emotional wellbeing.
- It is up to schools to decide how exactly to spend their pupil premium so that it supports pupils who need it most

Pupil premium funding is allocated to eligible schools based on the number of:

- pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM)
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals and therefore Pupil Premium either come and speak to a member of the office team or click apply below:

APPLY NOW



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

Upcoming events::



School Disco
October 11th.



Fireworks Display

Sunday 3rd
November

More details will
be coming out
next week about
both events...



Thank you to everyone who signed up for the race. We are excited to have over 150 children taking part! Information about the event arrangements will be sent out early next week.

If your child is not participating in the race, they will be collected as usual at the end of the day.

SPONSORSHIP

Remember to ask friends, family, and neighbours to sponsor you! It's all going towards a new trim trail.



We currently have the following vacancies:

Cleaner
Lunchtime Supervisor

If you would like to find out more information, please contact the school office.

School Aged Flu Immunisations 2024



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Scan the QR code to complete your child's consent form for Winter 2024



Email: sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
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Dates for the diary

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

Monday 30th September - Tiger Marshal Arts Assembly

Tuesday 1st October - Sibling School Photographs

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 - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 5th 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



Christmas WREATH MAKING

TUESDAY | 3RD &
10TH
DECEMBER | 7PM - 9PM

JOIN US TO MAKE AND TAKE AWAY YOUR OWN FRESH
CHRISTMAS WREATH

£30 PP

£10 NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO HOLD
YOUR SPACE

BALANCE IS DUE ON THE DAY

BOOK NOW WITH KERRY - 07720537959

HOT DRINKS AND MINCE PIES PROVIDED