



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER TERM 1 ISSUE 2 2026-27

The term is now in full swing, lessons are in place and the children are rising to our high expectations. Play and lunchtimes have been calm and we have loads of activities to keep them all busy. If your contact details have changed over the summer, please let us know so we can update our system.

Mrs Jo Williams



SCHOOL MEAL INCREASE

School dinners will increase to £2.60 from 1/9/26. Children in Rec, Yr 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Please remember to pre order lunch each day- by 8am, you can also pre order by to 3 weeks. If you do forget please contact the school office as we are happy to order for you. If a child does not have a meal booked, then we can only offer them a sandwich as we cook to order.



PTA

CAN YOU HELP?

In July 2025 FOBC dis-banded and last year the school took on fundraising events- The circus, disco, summer inflatables, milkshakes, break the rules day, Xmas cards and art exhibition. We would love to start the PTA back up but need your help. We need a Chair, treasurer, and a team of volunteers to arrange these events. If you are interested, please let Mrs Williams know ASAP. So far only 2 people have volunteered to help at events and without more support we will not be able to arrange any events.



MEDICAL

We have introduced wrist bands. If a child has a head bump they will receive first aid and given a wrist band, so you know at home. In serious head injuries we will call you. You will also be aware of Benedicts law. We are compliant with all polices and medicines (epi-pens and inhalers) in case of emergencies. Staff are undergoing training.



RECEPTION 2027 CHILDREN

Applications are due to be submitted to the Local Authority in January 2027. Open days are Tuesday 24 November at 9.30 am and Thursday 26 November at 2.00 pm. We can also accommodate other times so if these dates are not convenient, please let us know and we can arrange a mutually convenient time.



START AND END TIMES

A reminder that school starts at 8.45am. Children who arrive after 8.55am are classed as late. The gates shut at 9.00am and it is very distressing for children to have to walk into their classroom once lessons have started. Please **BE ON TIME**. The school day finishes at 3.15pm.



ABSENCE

We have a dedicated line to report an absence. Call 01454 867090 and choose option 1. Please let us know by 8.30am if your child will not be in. The DFE have made it clear that attendance at school is everyone's responsibility. They have expectations for parents.

- Ensure their child attends school every day that school is open except when a statutory reason applies.
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child is to be un-expectantly absent (e.g. sickness)
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

You will also get a fine if your child misses more than 10 sessions- 5 days of school- due to a term time holiday or other unauthorised absences.



SOUTH GLOS SURVEY

We want to make it easier for residents to access and use online services, regardless of people's backgrounds and circumstances. Some evidence shows that households with children are more likely to struggle to do the things they need to do online. We are keen to understand this in more detail, so that we can work towards reducing the barriers that families may face.

We would be grateful if you could complete a short survey by **Friday 16th October**, so that we can hear from you about your experiences. Your answers will remain anonymous, and you have the option enter a prize draw for a chance to win one of five £10 shopping vouchers. If you have any concerns or wish to complete the survey another way, please contact South Gloucestershire Council by either calling 01454 868009 or by emailing consultation@southglos.gov.uk.

[What does digital inclusion look like in households with children? – Fill in form](#)



BREAKFAST AND OSC

OSC (Out of School Club) must be pre-booked. If you require a space, please email the office at enquiries@barleyclose.org.uk. Due to lack of numbers, OSC is now only open Monday to Thursday. Breakfast club is £2 a day per child and does include breakfast.

Please pay in advance on Parentpay and state which days you are paying for in the comments box.



SCHOOL NEWS

The reception and yr 1 parents were invited to a breakfast so all the families could get to know each other.

Our PE coaches have been in teaching dance to yr 4 and 5. We also have some new PE equipment for everyone to use.

The LA have been in to observe all lessons across the school as well as talking to children about their learning. They were so impressed with how happy and polite the children were. The children told the team that the school was awesome, and the best bit was learning! All lessons were observed and they saw a high, consistent quality across all classes and lessons.

The children have been voting for the school young leaders. Young leaders are voted in following pupils presenting to their class as to why they should be chosen. They meet Mrs Drake to plan school events; discuss improvements we can make and get the views of their peers. This year lots of children wanted to take part, which was amazing, the quality of the presentations was outstanding.

Young Leaders
Sharmane -Y6
Clara -Y6
Mimi -Y6
Amira -Y6
Juno -Y5
Erin -Y5
Jaxon -Y5
Juwayriyah -Y4
Leo -Y4
Riley P -Y4
Logan - Y4
Maya -Y3
Malachi - Y3

12/2/27	2:45 pupil of the term End of term
22/2/27	Back to school
1/3/27	Class and yr 6 leavers photos
16/3/27	Parents evening
18/3/27	Parents evening
25/3/27	2:45 pupil of the term End of term
12/4/27	Back to school
3/5/27	MAY DAY- school closed
10-14/5/27	Yr 6 SATS week
24-28/5/27	Yr 6 camp week 2:45 pupil of the term End of term
7/6/27	Back to school Yr 4 times table tests
14/6/27	Yr 1 phonics tests and yr 2 retake
25/6/27	INSET day
16/7/27	2:45 pupil of the term
21/7/27	9:30 yr 6 leavers assembly End of term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

For information regarding After School Clubs and to book a place, go to the school website under News and Events/After School Clubs and on Facebook.

Terms 1 and 2

Monday- Yoga 3:15-4:15 FULL

Monday- all year's football 3:15-4:15 FULL

Thursday- all year's basketball 3:15-4:15

Friday all years play rangers 3:15-4:15-

Friday- Dodgeball 3:15-4:15

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22/10/26	2:45 pupil of the term End of term for children
23/10/26	INSET day
2/11/26	Back to school
6/11/26	Individual and sibling photos
17/11/26	Parents evening
19/11/26	Parents evening
20/11/26	Flu vaccine in school
24/11/26	9:30 Rec 2027 open day
26/11/26	2:00 Rec 2027 open day
30/11/26	INSET day
16/12/26	YR 6 life skills visit
18/12/26	2:25 pupil of the term End of term
4/1/27	Back to school
22/1/27	INSET day