



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER TERM 1 ISSUE 2 2026-27

This term has flown by! We have seen a rise in children with temperatures, colds and coughs. We do have the flu vaccines being delivered to our children in Nov. Please make sure you sign up, QR code on office window. The local pharmacies are also offering this service.

Mrs Jo Williams



PTA

Thank you to the parents who have come forward on setting up of the new PTA. We met for the first time yesterday and are planning some events including a Halloween disco on Thursday 22nd Oct- details to follow. If you would like to volunteer to help at any event, please let the office know.

SEND SUPPORT

South Glos Parent Carers are visting

South Glos Parent Carer Forum is here for families like yours. From those who might be only just thinking about SEND, to those who already have a diagnosis – everyone is welcome.

Join us for a cuppa and chat, just drop by, there's no need to book.

**6th OCTOBER 9:00am
BARLEY CLOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

What is a parent carer?
A parent carer is a parent who cares for a child or young person who has any additional needs, disability or long-term illness – whether or not there is a diagnosis.

Parent carers often feel like they don't identify as 'carers', as they are first and foremost parents. But being a parent of a child who needs additional support means you are a carer

South Glos Parent Carer Forum (SGPC) can offer support, information and a platform to share your experiences about your child's special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) journey.

Everyone is welcome, whether your child has a diagnosis or if they are just showing signs of having an additional need. Here's what you can expect:

- Get support and signposting from our team of peer supporters. This is a relaxed, friendly, non-judgmental environment - come and say hello!
- Find out about our free online workshops, events and support for parents
- Learn about our resources and videos on a range of SEND topics, that feature information, ideas and effective strategies to help you identify, understand and support your child's needs.

SGPC sgpc.org.uk

Please come along, we have so many parents who contact us for help and this has been arranged to help you, help your child at home. Please come to The Hive after drop off.



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.



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](#)



More than tea & toast

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 young leaders have met with Mrs Drake to discuss Children in Need and anti-bullying week. We are also looking for 2 school prefects. KS2 have been asked to apply and then the school will be helping to choose who matches the job description- good luck everyone!

The LA have been in to review the provision for our pupil premium children. She was very impressed in our core offer. Changes have been made to PP so please check emails/ South Glos portal to see if you have been notified of any personal changes.

We are starting to book some school trips, although these are voluntary contributions we do ask that if you can pay what you can it will really help to ensure the trips can go ahead as school in unable to subsidise the whole amount.

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
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
Term dates 27-28	1/9/27- 22/10/27 1/11/27- 17/12/27 4/1/28- 11/2/28 21/2/28- 31/3/28 18/4/28- 26/5/28 5/6/28- 21/7/28