BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
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This is the last newsletter of term 1. This term has been incredible- so many wonderful learning opportunities for the children and they are really rising to the challenge of our expectations.
Mrs Jo Williams



PTA

The new PTA are organising some events for the next school year. The first is the Halloween disco on Thursday 22nd Oct 5-6:30, tickets will be on the door, and this is CASH ONLY.
The winner of guess the sweets in the jar will be announced next week.



Children In Need: Friday 13th November

This year's Children In Need will take place on **Friday 13th November 2026**. The Gladiators are challenging schools to take on a fundraising classic! We will be holding a whole school non-uniform day. This could be Pudsey themed, Pj's, or simply non-uniform! There will be QR codes displayed around school for voluntary donations.



Anti-Bullying week Monday 16th – Friday 19th November:

This year's theme is 'Break the Silence.' Children will be taking part in assemblies and activities within their classrooms throughout the week.
Monday 16th November: We will launch anti-bullying week with ***Odd Socks Day***. Children and staff are invited to wear odd socks for the day. This is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique**!** No donations for this event.



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.



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

We met our new School Improvement partner, she visited all classes and was really impressed with the positive learning behaviours seen in all classes and the pupil's engagement and enthusiasm in lessons.

We took part in a Guinness World Record attempt- the most people reading at any one time.

South Glos parents and carers came to listen to our families and offer advice and ways forward if you have a child with SEND. Sadly only 1 parent came along so future planned sessions have been cancelled.

The children have been designing a Christmas picture which will be made into cards, gift tags, tea towels which you will be able to order. They will be sent home in mid Nov.

The police have been in to talk to yr 5 and 6 on Hate Crime. They were very impressed with the maturity that our children showed.

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**