BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
TERM 2 ISSUE 1 2026-27

Welcome back to term 2! This term is always fun as we prepare for the countdown to Christmas. Keep an eye out for the fortnightly newsletter, so you know what is going on. Our Facebook page also has information about local events, services in South Glos and support on the cost of living. Please ask us if you need any help.
Mrs Jo Williams



PARENT SURVEY

Your opinions matter to us and we would love you to answer our parent survey- link below. You can complete the survey between 9th Nov and 4pm on 20th Nov. We will share the results with you before the end of this term.

Barley Close Primary School Parent survey - November 2026 (Copy) – Copy form



PTA

We raised over £70 for guess the number of sweets in the jar. The actual amount was 267, and the winner was Matthew with the closest guess of 265. The disco also made a profit of £568.02. The money will be going to pay for a whole school panto trip. The PTA will be running regular tuck shops on the playground as well as a Christmas party on 17th Dec, details to follow. The money raised will be helping to pay for a history timeline for the school hall.



LEAVING IN THE SCHOOL DAY

We have had an increase of children of leaving in the school day. Please can we ask that you collect at 12 or 1 if you need to collect around this time as the children are at lunch during 12-1 and it is difficult to locate children and collect their things at this time.



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

On the INSET day staff had sessions with inclusion support. The LA went in and out of classrooms and we were able to discuss the needs in our classrooms, and they were able to suggest strategies to be put in place to benefit all children.
After the success of young leaders in our school, we have decided to have school prefects. In total 34 children stood up in front of the school and told us why they should be a school prefect. After all pupils and staff had voted, we were delighted to announce that Michael and Ella had been chosen. They will be working alongside Mrs Williams and Mrs Drake over the next school year.



MEDICAL

Please remember to provide consent on Parent pay for your child to receive Inhalers or Adrenaline Auto-Injectors in case of a Medical Emergency.



Unfortunately, we are still having issues with our booking system on the school website. If you would like to book a slot with your child's teacher, please email the school office with your preferred day & time, so we can book this for you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6/11/26	**Individual and sibling photos**
12/11/26	**Yr4 Vue Cinema Trip**
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**

9/12/26	**2pm Bear and Lion class Xmas play**
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**