



## BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER

### TERM 5 ISSUE 1 2025-26

Term 5 is nearly over. Year 6 have been amazingly mature when sitting their SATS this week. It is never easy but the chocolate spread on toast certainly helped! Mrs Williams and Mrs Harris are at school camp next week and have limited access to emails. Mrs Drake can be found at Chameleon class Mon, Thurs and Fri and Mrs Popel at the office Tues, Wed and Thurs, if you need to speak to anyone urgently.



#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2026, free school meal eligibility in England will expand to all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of income, removing the current £7,400 income cap

As a result of these changes, some families/pupils may no longer meet the eligibility criteria. Parents and carers of pupils who are no longer eligible will be notified via the Citizen Portal. We therefore parents and carers to regularly check their messages within the portal to ensure they receive updates promptly.



#### 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](mailto: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.

**We kindly ask that Parents wishing to pay by Childcare Vouchers/Invoices, please email the school office at the beginning of term to book the relevant dates & then we can raise an Invoice for that term. As we are becoming busier lately, we have noticed an increase in children not being booked in, in advance.**

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18-22/5	YR 6 camp 2:45 Pupil of the term End of term
20/5	Y4 Ashton Gate trip
21/5	Y2 Chepstow Castle trip
1/6	Back to school
26/6	INSET
29/6 – 3/7	Sports week Sports day 1/7
8/7	Summer Inflatable event
9/7	Y3 We The Curious trip
10/7	Reports going home
14/7	5:30 Yr 6 leavers show
17/7	Pupil of the term
21/7	9:30 Year 6 leavers assembly End of term

#### Future term dates 26-27

1/9/26-23/10/26  
2/11/26-18/12/26  
4/1/27-12/2/27  
22/2/27-25/3/27  
12/4/27-28/5/27  
7/6/27-21/7/27

#### INSET DAYS 26-27

26/6/26  
1/9/26  
23/10/26  
30/11/26  
22/1/27  
25/6/27

#### FUNDRAISING

The break the rules day was fun, and money raised will go towards the Panto visit in Dec 2026.

The summer event will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 3:15-6pm on the school field.

We will also be hosting a movie night in term 6 and a disco.



#### MENU

The catering company that run the kitchen have a new menu that starts in June. There will be more wraps and cold pasta options for you to order from. Please ensure meals are ordered in advance. If no lunch has been ordered, then your child will be given a sandwich.



#### ATTENDANCE

As the summer term approaches we are aware that some people may book a term time holiday. These can not be authorised and if your child misses 10 sessions, 5 days you will incur a fine. Please be honest, we know some families phone their child in sick to avoid the fine however children do tell us and for safeguarding purposes we so need to know where your child is.



**START AND END TIMES** A reminder that school starts at 8.45 am. Children who arrive after 8.55am are classed as late. The gates shut at 9.00 am 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 3.15 pm.



#### SUMMER IN SCHOOL

With summer approaching we remind everyone that they need a water bottle in school every day. Crocs and flip flops are not suitable foot ware for school as children run around at play and lunchtime. Suncream should be applied for school, staff are not allowed to put sun cream on children during the day.

A reminder that false nails are also not part of the school uniform.