



## BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER

### TERM 5 ISSUE 1 2025-26

Welcome back to Term 5, this is always short and lots happening. At this time of year classes have statutory assessments - Yr 1 phonics, Yr 2 retake phonics, Yr 6 SATS, Yr 4 X-table check but we also have lots of fun things planned. Hopefully the sun will shine, so we can get outside for our learning and all our play and lunchtimes.



#### 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 recommend Parents and carers to regularly check their messages within the portal to ensure they receive updates promptly.

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#### 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 footwear 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.



#### 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

20/4	Back to school
11-14/5	Y6 SATS week
18-22/5	Y6 camp
20/5	Y4 Ashton Gate trip
21/5	Y2 Chepstow Castle trip
22/05	2:45 Pupil of the term End of Term
1/6	Back to school
26/6	<b>INSET</b>
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 Y6 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

## Break The Rules Day!

Year 6 have organised a 'Break the Rules' Day at school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The posters on classroom window outlines the 8 rules that are allowed to be broken. The children are **only allowed to break these 8 rules**. For example, children do not need to wear uniform, children will be able to wear temporary tattoos, children will be able to wear their hair down, etc. Children **WILL** need to stick to other school rules such as no mobile phones, follow our ready, respectful, and safe rules. PLEASE NOTE: ANY SNACKS MUST BE NUT FREE - **NO NUTS!** Whilst the poster suggests a donation of £1 per rule broken, please note that this is not an expectation. We are extremely grateful for any donations, no matter how large or small! You can bring cash in on the day or pay via parent pay.



#### 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.



#### SCHOOL NEWS

Year 3 have continued their bumblebees of Honeywood. This is helping them think about finances and jobs for the future.



**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.