



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
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HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2026 is here and we have lots planned to ensure school is full of memories. The newsletter goes out every fortnight, and the school website can keep you updated on everything you need to know.

Mrs J Williams



ATTENDANCE

As you are aware our school attendance is one of the worst in England. We are now working with another school, that the DFE have asked us to work with, to see what else we can do to improve attendance. One thing we can all do is make sure children are in on time.

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.



ABSENCE

We have a dedicated line to report an absence. Call 01454 867090 and choose option 1. Please let us know by 8.30 am if your child will not be in. The DFE have made it clear that attendance at school is everyone's responsibility. They have expectations for parents

- Ensure their child attends school every day that school is open except when a statutory reason applies
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child is to be un-expectantly absent (e.g. sickness)
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

You will also get a fine if your child misses more than 10 sessions- 5 days of school- due to a term time holiday.

NUMBER DRESS UP DAY

This year we are supporting NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6th February.

We kindly ask for a donation of £1, with all proceeds going to the NSPCC, helping to support their vital work with children. Children are invited to dress up for the day as we enjoy a fun filled day of Maths activities including a TTRS competition in KS2. Children are welcome to dress up like a rockstar or simply wear an item of clothing with a number on!

Please do not buy outfits especially for this: a birthday badge, a football shirt, some stickers or a home painted T shirt is great! Here are some simple ideas.



VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE

We have signed up to the world's only virtual balloon race system. It is a seven-day computer simulation race where everything is real except the balloon. The software uses current live weather data to determine the progress of each balloon, and each entry can be tracked on Google Maps and Satellites once launched. It has no negative impact on wildlife, climate change, plastic waste or litter. You can buy a virtual balloon for £3 <https://ecoracing.co/cause/barley-close-primary-school-2784/> and give it a name, shape and pattern. You can also select different features, such as weight, which will determine its flight performance in order to enhance the chances of winning a cash prize.

The race starts at the Eiffel Tower, Paris 12pm 14th February 2026. How far will your balloon go?



CBT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

The local NHS has launched a new online CBT service, SilverCloud, which offers support for children and young people experiencing low mood and anxiety. Children aged 12 plus can self-refer to the service at feelingmixedup.uk and support is also available for parents and children aged five plus. The service is part of a range of local wellbeing support for children and young people that also includes Kooth and Off the Record. You can find out more about these services in the Directory of Mental Health and Wellbeing services for children and young people for your area, available on the local NHS website at <https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing/>

We also have Mrs Harris who children and families are able to get face to face support if needed.



FUNDRAISING

Term 4- penny wars- each class to collect loose change, class with the most gets to keep their pot to spend on a class treat.

Term 5- break the rules day- pay to break the school rules!
8th July 3:15-6pm Summer inflatables event



SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our term 2 pupils of the term- Everlie, Isla, Priya, Dexter, Reggie, Adrianna, Fhareeha and Aroush.

At the end of term our yr 5 dance group performed to family and friends in our assembly- a huge thank you to Evie who trained them.

Crocodile class had the best attendance again in term 2 and received a class treat.

Yr 6 had a great trip to the life skills centre, which does as it says on the tin- gives children 'safe' life experiences and the skills on how to deal with situations.

Yr 3 had a stone age workshop in school which they all really enjoyed.

Yr 6 have also been to Downend library for an author visit. In all cases our children's amazing behaviour was commented on.



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.

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

21/1	Y2 Trip to Slimbridge
26/1	INSET
6/2	NSPCC numbers day- dress up day
10/2	Y5 & Y6 Trip to Resound
13/2	2:45 pupil of the term End of term
23/2	Back to school
24/2	Y1 Trip to Bristol Zoo Project
2/3	Class & leavers photos
17 & 19/3	Parents evening
25/03	Y5 Techniquetrip
2/4	Pupil of the term End of term
20/4	Back to school
11-14/5	YR 6 SATS week
18-22/5	YR 6 camp 2:45 Pupil of the term End of term
1/6	Back to school
26/6	INSET
29/6 – 3/7	Sports week
10/7	Reports going home
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

- 1/9/26
- 30/11/26
- 22/1/27
- 25/6/27