



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
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The end of term is fast approaching, and the glitter and Christmas madness is all around us. If children wish to give their friends a xmas card, we ask that the name and class are put on the envelope so they can be given to the right person. If you haven't already, please pre order your child's xmas lunch, if they want one ASAP, so we can ensure that enough turkey is ordered!

Mrs J Williams

VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE

We have signed up 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 waster 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.



FSM CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

South Gloucestershire's Holiday Activities and Food programme is open for bookings for this winter for children and young people aged 5 to 16. There are lots of fun clubs and activities to choose from generally between Monday 22 December 2025 and Friday 2 January 2026, although some providers may offer different dates. Places are fully funded for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. Eligible pupils can be booked on up to 4 days of activities. See all the activities available and book at www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF



FUNDRAISING

Term 4- penny wars- each class to collect lose 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

The whole school were treated to a travelling pantomime visit of Jack and the Beanstalk. This was paid for out of school fund; money fundraised by you.

Year 6 had great fun decorating the school Xmas tree as well as rooms around the school, we all feel very Christmassy.

Two heads from our Hub came to visit maths lessons across the school and talk to the children about maths. They were full of praise for the engaging lessons provided and how polite our children are.

Staff have had training on dyslexia led by the LA. We have always been a dyslexia friendly school, but it is always good to refresh our skills that benefit all children.



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.

We will not be open over the Christmas school holidays. If you need a space for Feb half term, please book by 16th January 2026. Bookings cannot be added after this time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10/12	Xmas lunch 2pm EYFS and KS1 Xmas performance
11/12	9:30 EYFS and KS1 Xmas
12/12	Wear Xmas jumpers to school
19/12	2:45 pupil of the term End of term
5/1/26	Back to school
8/1/26	Year 6 Lifeskills trip
26/1	INSET
13/2	2:45 pupil of the term End of term
23/2	Back to school
2/3	Class & leavers photos
17 & 19/3	Parents evening
25/03	Year 5 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