



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
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RECEPTION 2026 CHILDREN

Applications are due to be submitted to the Local Authority in January 2026. Open days are Thursday 27 November at 9.30 am and Tuesday 25 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.



SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

3rd Dec general health queries- the school nursing team will be here for you to discuss any concerns/worries you have about your child's health or development.

This will start at 9am in The Hive with tea, coffee and cake and then the school nurses will be available to talk to you and give advice.

USEFUL RESOURCES

A range of useful resources can be found on our website. Please access it using this link. This includes a link so you can refer yourself rather than speaking to a member of school staff.

<https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/>



CYGNET AUTISM SUPPORT.

If your child has an ASD diagnosis, and is aged 5-18 and you live in South Glos, there is a ASD course starting in January. Book now on EEQU <https://eequ.org/cygnetautismsupportforparents>
Cygnetsupport.co.uk See Facebook for more info.



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

We have some events coming up

The table top sale has been cancelled and will be arranged for a weekend in the new year.

13th December 10am-12 breakfast with Santa- booking at PTA events Friends of Barley Close/FOBC

8th July 3:15-6pm Summer inflatables event



SCHOOL NEWS

We welcomed Sabs, our new mental health practitioner. This is a role that all schools will be getting and is paid for by the council. She now works at our school on a Monday morning. The children have met her in assembly and if you have any concerns about your child's mental health let us know as we can signpost her to them. She will also be leading some parent sessions later in the year.

Mrs Garland will be leaving us at the end of this term. She will certainly be missed and we wish her well in her future. Mrs Daniel and Mrs Drake will take over the teaching of Chameleon class.

The children loved coming to school in odd socks. Odd Socks Day marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week and is a fun, inclusive day to celebrate what makes each person unique and send a message that differences should be embraced. By wearing odd socks, people are encouraged to start conversations about kindness, respect, and individuality, and to stand against bullying.

CSET have been in to school to carry out their athletic agility training. The children love competing against themselves. For Children in Need we asked each class to take part in 25 challenges, this ranges from 25 min silence to 25 pieces of litter being collected.

Parents evening was held this week. The children love showing you their work and finding out how well they are doing. We ask all parents to listen to their children read and practise their weekly spellings but most importantly make sure your child is ready for school. Has what they need (water bottles, lunch ordered), has a good night's sleep, has a healthy breakfast and a healthy snack.



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

25/11	2pm rec '26 visit
27/11	9:30am Rec '26 visit
1/12	INSET
3/12	School nurse parent session on general health

10/12	Xmas lunch 2pm EYFS and KS1 Xmas performance
11/12	9:30 EYFS and KS1 Xmas
13/12	Breakfast with Santa
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