



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER TERM 2 ISSUE 1 2025-26

Welcome back to term 2- full of fun, glitter and excitement. Please keep an eye on our social media, the fortnightly newsletter and messages so you can keep up to date on what is happening.

Mrs Jo Williams



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

The school nurses have been running some workshops in school for parents and carers. We still have another one to go. Sadly they have not been well attended but we are keen to find out when would be a good time for these to happen. If you would have liked to have attended but were not able to can you let Mrs Williams or Mrs Harris know when a good time would have been for you. This will help planning in the future.

Next session:

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 all 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/>

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Consultation on the proposed admission number for Barley Close Community Primary School for September 2027

In consultation with the Governing Body, South Gloucestershire Council is proposing to reduce the admission number for Barley Close Community Primary School. It is proposed to reduce the admission number from 30 to 15 with effect from 1 September 2027.

The proposal will bring the admission number more closely in line with recent and anticipated admissions to the school and will apply to new applications received for first admission to the Reception class in September 2027. The new admission number will age through the school and reach 15 across the age range over a period of 7 years.

No other alterations to the admission arrangements at the school are proposed and children currently attending the school will remain on roll.

Any comment on this proposal may be sent to South Gloucestershire Council by email to AdmissionsAndTransport@southglos.gov.uk or by post at the following address, please include 'consultation' in the subject title:

Charlotte Johnston
Admissions and Transport Manager
Department for People
PO Box 1955, Bristol. BS37 0DE

The closing date for receipt of comments is **17 December 2025**. All responses to the consultation will be included in the Council's annual report on admission arrangements and considered by the Council's Cabinet in February 2026. Any changes will be published in the Admission to Schools booklet to be published in September 2026.



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



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

This will be taking place 10th – 14th November 2025. This year's theme is the 'Power for Good.' Children will spend time during the week learning about what bullying is and the importance of using power responsibly.

We will be launching the week with **Odd Socks Day** on Monday 10th November where children are invited to wear odd socks to promote inclusivity, diversity and acceptance.



CHILDREN IN NEED

This is on November 14th. Children are invited to wear non-uniform/ spots to raise awareness of this charity. The theme for this year is Challenge Yourself to 25 and Young leaders will be organising activities for children to participate in. QR codes will be displayed should you wish to donate.



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 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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to term 1 pupils of the term- Esmee, Kyron, Yusuf, Lacey, Rory R, Aliah, Amila-Beau and Bailey.

The Halloween disco was a great success, raising over £500 which will be used to pay for a whole school panto visit later this term. Thank you to all the families who came and helped set up, serve drinks and pack away.

We welcomed the young carers for CHJS to our school where our young carers joined them for pizza making and cooking them in our pizza oven.



FUNDRAISING

We have some events coming up

3rd December 3:15pm table top sale £10 a stall- book at the school office

13th December 10am-12 breakfast with Santa

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

21/7	9:30 Year 6 leavers assembly End of term
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 & 20/11	Parents evening
25/11	2pm rec '26 visit
27/11	9:30am Rec '26 visit
1/12	INSET
3/12	Table Top Sale
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