



## BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER

### TERM 1 ISSUE 4 2025-26

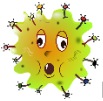
This is the last newsletter of term 1. We will be returning to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8:45am. Our attendance last year did improve but we are still one of the worse in the UK and South Glos. This year we are continuing to work on improving this and parents will receive a fine if they take a term time holiday of more than 5 days (10 sessions).

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.



#### ILLNESS

At this time of year there are lots of colds and coughs around. The government have reminded schools that we should continue maintaining high attendance expectations and refer parents/carers to NHS [guidance](#) to know when a child is too ill for school. Pupils shouldn't miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend with a mild cough or cold, unless they have a fever or diarrhoea or vomiting. We DO NOT have a 48 hr sickness rule. Children get ill quickly but also can recover quickly so if they can keep food down they can come back in.



#### SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

The school nurses are running some workshops in school for parents and carers.

22<sup>nd</sup> October on toileting

5<sup>th</sup> November on sleep

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec general health queries

These will all start at 9am 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/>



#### ANTI BULLYING WEEK

This will be taking place 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> November where children are invited to wear odd socks to promote inclusivity, diversity and acceptance.



#### CHILDREN IN NEED

This is on November 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](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.

Bookings for October half term have now closed. **We will not be open over the Christmas school holidays.** If you need a space for Feb half term please book by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



#### SCHOOL NEWS

KS2 were treated to a musical performance. This was a local strings group. The children found it very relaxing.

Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Vanessa Boyawa who has treated them to a Black History music workshop. They were so engaged by this experience.

PCSO Amy Williamson has been to visit us at lunchtime this week. She enjoyed her roast dinner with the children before speaking to yr 5 and 6 on hate crime.

Today Mrs Williams spent an enjoyable morning at Mangotsfield secondary school. She enjoyed seeing some ex pupils but also to help support our current pupils as they transition to secondary school.



#### FUNDRAISING

We have some events coming up

22<sup>nd</sup> October- Halloween disco 5-6:15pm

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

13<sup>th</sup> December 10am-12 breakfast with Santa

8<sup>th</sup> July 3:15-6pm Summer inflatables event

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22/10	School nurse parent session on toileting
22/10	Halloween Disco
24/10	Pupil of the term End of term
3/11	Back to school
5/11	School nurse parent session on sleep
7/11	Individual photos
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 Techniquet trip
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