



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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Another week of dry weather which means the children can use the grass. We are so lucky to have so much space and with all the lunchtime staff manning activities there is so much for everyone to do. We have also purchased more footballs so no excuses for anyone to be bored!

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.



In every force. In every school. For every child.

Our school/educational setting is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school/educational setting we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Jo Williams, Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

On 24 May 2024 Royal Assent was granted to The Victims and Prisoners Act. The Act placed Operation Encompass into Law.

This places a statutory obligation on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with schools/educational settings.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and through Operation Encompass we will be able to provide the best possible support to our children.



SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

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

22nd October on toileting

5th November on sleep

3rd 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/>



SCHOOL GOVERNORS

I am delighted to welcome Melissa Deady as our new parent governor. She joins Wendy Shaw, Chair of Governors, Rich Capp, Sarah Lines, Lucy Freeman, Ash Sood, Sam Mitchell and Adeola James-Lawal. Our governors are a great support to our school, but we are always looking for more non parent governors. If you know of a work colleague or a family member who might be interested then please let us know.



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.

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 16th January 2026.



SCHOOL NEWS

Young Leader elections took place on 15th September. We are very proud of all the children who put themselves forward for this role. They wrote excellent speeches and delivered these confidently to their classes (very brave indeed!).

Votes were counted and our 2025-2026 Young Leaders are:

Y6: Aimee, Henry, Jude, Mason and Siyanna

Y5: Clara and Sharmane

Y4: Isla and Lacey

Y3 Alligators: Elias and Jack

Y3 Crocodile: Emmie and Matthew

To mark the start of Black history month, Akulah Agbami came to our assembly to talk about art in Kenya and together we created some art. Her colleague will be back in October to work with Yr 5 and 6.

Yr 4 and yr 6 have had road safety workshops on how to travel safely and independently.

Yr 4 also had a lovely trip to the Bristol museum which links with their topic this term.

The school nurses came to do the FREE flu vaccinations for our pupils. Sadly only 80 pupils took up this offer. See Facebook if you need to book at a pharmacy.

Mrs Harris held the Macmillan coffee morning, sadly only 1 parent turned up but thank you to the parent who donated lovely cakes- the staff raised over £100.

The LA have been in for their first visit of the year. They saw all classes, looked at books and spoke to pupils. They were delighted in all the things they saw and commented again on how well behaved the children are.



STAYING SAFE

You are warmly invited to an online event introducing *Safer Together*, a new film and conversation resource created by young people in Bristol, designed to help families and communities talk about the realities and risks of knife crime, and how to move from these concerns towards hope and change.

About *Safer Together*:

In the wake of devastating losses in our local community and across the country, young people have come together through creativity and film to share their feelings, fears and hopes. The *Safer Together* film is a powerful piece created by young people, for young people, and aims to open up honest, informed conversations at home and in the community.

Session details:

📅 Tuesday 14th October

🕒 Online - 12.30-13.15

👤 Open to parents, carers and guardians of young people

This supportive and informative session will:

- Introduce the film and accompanying conversation resource
- Offer ideas for how to speak with your child about knife crime in a trauma-informed way
- Signpost helpful organisations such as Crimestoppers and Fearless

If you would like to attend you can register for your space [HERE](#)



FUNDRAISING

We have some events coming up

22nd October Halloween disco- see posters for details

3rd December 3:15pm table top sale

13th December 10-12 breakfast with Santa

We will be looking for volunteers, see posters for details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7/10	3:30- meet the teacher
10/10	INSET
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 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