



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
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Our reception children are now in full time and have really fitted into the school. We have also welcomed a few new children in some classes. Our children are always so welcoming and help to settle everyone in.

Mrs Jo Williams

FLU VACCINES

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine in school on 25th Sept, follow the link below

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2025/consent?v=4>



FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

If you are on a qualifying benefit, please apply for benefits-related free school meals for your child as soon as possible after starting school.

You could be one of thousands of families across South Gloucestershire missing out on saving over £400 each year, per child.

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 get universal infant free school meals so you do not need to apply for them, but please do apply to receive benefits-related free school meals and the extra help they offer your child and family. This includes funded holiday club places in the main school holidays and help towards school uniform and school trips.

You will also be helping our school, as we get extra funding that is called Pupil Premium Funding, to improve educational outcomes.

[This flyer](#) explains more about applying for benefits-related free school meals and the extra help it offers your child and family.

Or visit www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



SCHOOL MEAL INCREASE

School dinners will increase to £2.50 from 1/9/25. Children in Rec, Yr 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal.



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.



START AND END TIMES

A reminder that school starts at 8.45 am. Children who arrive after 8.55 am are classed as late. The gates shut at 9.00 am and it is very distressing for children to have to walk into their classroom once lessons have started. Please **BE ON TIME**. The school day finishes at 3.15 pm.



ABSENCE

We have a dedicated line to report an absence.

Call 01454 867090 and choose option 1. Please let us know by 8.30 am if your child will not be in.

The DFE have made it clear that attendance at school is everyone's responsibility. They have expectations for parents

- Ensure their child attends school every day that school is open except when a statutory reason applies
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child is to be un-expectedly absent (e.g. sickness)
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

You will also get a fine if your child misses more than 10 sessions- 5 days of school- due to a term time holiday.



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/>



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.

If you need a space for October half term, please email by 30th sept or book on parent pay. **We will not be open over the Christmas school holidays.**



SCHOOL NEWS

This week our School improvement partner has been in. Jon Taylor is employed by South Glos and comes to school to see lessons, talk to pupils and check on people's well-being. He is always impressed with the polite children we have and the high standard of teaching across the school.

Our Barleybot is now on display at The Mall, you can book to see all the Gromits from this year's trail. When the show has finished, he will be returning to our school.

The circus was a huge success raising lots of money for our school. This year the money will be spent on lunchtime play equipment as well as experiences for the children for example our pantomime which will be coming to the school hall in December.

The After school clubs are up and running and there are some spaces still. If you would like your child to attend please see the school website for booking details.

29/6 – 3/7	Sports week
10/7	Reports going home
17/7	Pupil of the term
21/7	9:30 YR 6 leavers assembly End of term



FUNDRAISING

We have some events coming up

22nd October Halloween disco

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

25/9	Pupil flu vaccines
2 & 7/10	3:30- meet the teacher
10/10	INSET
22/10	School nurse parent session on toileting
24/10	Pupil of the term End of term
3/11	Back to school
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
10/12	Xmas lunch 2pm EYFS and KS1 Xmas performance
11/12	9:30 EYFS and KS1 Xmas
19/12	2:45 pupil of the term End of term
5/1/26	Back to school
8/1/26	YR 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
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