



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER TERM 1 ISSUE 1 2025-26

I would like to give a warm welcome to all our new families and I hope you and your family enjoy your time at Barley Close. Please keep an eye on Facebook and Twitter as well as the fortnightly newsletters so you can keep up to date with all that is happening. Each class also has a class page on the school website, which is updated regularly. Please ensure we have your current email address and that you have registered with Parentpay so we can send you everything via email. Please check your junk/clutter to make sure you do not miss any emails. If you have anything you want to discuss, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Mrs Williams, Mrs Daniel and Mrs Drake are often around on the playground at the start of the school day if you wish to talk to us, or please email the school office at enquiries@barleyclose.org.uk and we can contact you.
Mrs Jo Williams

welcome

NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Mr Thomas as Yr 2 teacher. Miss Norris, Mrs Horseman, Miss Seward, Manie and Mrs Clifford are also joining us a SEN TA across the school. Miss Duggan is also joining us in OSC. Miss Hepner has also got married and will now be known as Mrs Guest.



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.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES

School office opening times, mon and fri 8:30-2:30, tues- thurs 8am-4:30pm. If you require help before or after these times please call and leave a message and we will get back to you. People are on site before and after these times but not always sat in the office.



READING BOOKS

We will be sending reading books home by next Friday at the latest. We ask that you listen to your child read at least 5 times a week and record it in their reading record.



RECEPTION 2026 CHILDREN

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



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

We have started the school year with high expectations for all. This week we have been focusing on behaviour- how we move around school and conduct ourselves in lessons.

We have been reminding the children of our school values- kindness, resilience and curiosity.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

For information regarding After School Clubs and to book a place, go to the school website under News and Events/After School Clubs and on Facebook.

Terms 1 and 2

Monday- Yoga 3:15-4:15

Monday- all years football 3:15-4:15

Wednesday- all years girls football 3:15-4:15

Friday 3:15-4:15- KS2 Dodgeball



CIRCUS AT SCHOOL

On 12th Sept 2025 Happy Circus will be coming to our school field. Tickets are on sale and are £12 per person. The big top will open at 5:30pm and the show starts at 6pm. It lasts 2.5 hrs with a short interval half way through. Snacks and drinks will be on sale.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 th sept	Rec in full time
11/9	Flu nurses on playground for Q&A
12/9	Circus arrives Big top opens at 5:30
16/9	9am school nurse session on sleep
25/9	Pupil flu vaccines
2 & 6/10	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
29/6 – 3/7	Sports week
10/7	Reports going home
17/7	Pupil of the term
22/7	9:30 YR 6 leavers assembly End of term