



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
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This is the last newsletter of the school year! What a year it has been. We have welcomed lots of new families and the children have been amazing. They have all tried their very best and you should all be so proud of them. Sadly we will be saying goodbye to the year 6's. They are a super group of children who are ready for secondary school. We have been delighted to share their educational journey and wish them well on their next chapter. Have a lovely summer and see you all 8:45 on Tuesday 2nd September.

Mrs Jo Williams



SCHOOL NEWS

We have been joined by several ex pupils for work experience, it is lovely to see how they have grown and are doing so well. The children enjoyed moving up to their new classes. You should have received a letter to say where they will be going.

CLASS 2025-2026	TEACHER	TA
Reception- Fox class	Mrs Sheppard	Mrs Lines
Yr 1- Leopard	Mrs Heppner (Mon, Tues and alternate Weds) Mrs Prideaux (alternate Weds, Thurs ,Fri)	Mrs Bradford
Yr 2- Lion	Mr Thomas (Mon, Tues and alternate Weds) Mrs Silbereis (alternate Weds, Thurs and Fri)	Miss Rowley
Yr 3- Alligators	Mrs Rammel (Mon, Tues and alternate Weds) Mrs Johnson (alternate Weds, Thurs ,Fri)	Mrs Woodward
Yr 3- Crocodiles	Miss Sheppard	Mrs Burton
Yr 4- Chameleons	Mrs Garland	Mrs G
Yr 5- Elephants	Miss Mitchell	Miss Davies
Yr 6- Giraffe	Miss Beard	Mrs Selway

The children enjoyed break the rules day and raised over £150 for new playground equipment. Year 6 had a visit from resilience lab- growing up is tough these days and building resilience to all life throws at you is important.



STAFFING

At this time of year we always have staff changes. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kiss who has been working as a TA in Yr 1 and Mrs Revill, as a TA in Lemur. We would like to thank them for all they have done at Barley Close and wish them luck in their futures.

We are welcoming some new members to our team. Mr Thomas as Yr 2 teacher. Mrs Davies, Miss Norris, Mrs Horseman, Miss Seward, Manie and Mrs Clifford are also joining us a SEN TA across the school.



FOBC

After many successful years Elise White will be stepping down as Chair of FOBC. She has arranged some memorable events and raised a huge amount of money which has been used to pay for resources and experiences for the children, including the upgrades to the swimming pool. We would like to say a HUGE thank you, she will certainly be missed.

We still have a group of families who like to support events by helping out but no one is able to take on the role Chair and Treasurer. For the coming year, school will be running fundraising events and we will ask for volunteers to help out. We will need people to help at the circus- checking tickets on arrival and clearing up at the end, so if anyone would like to help please email Mrs Williams jo-marie.williams@barleyclose.org.uk



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Our local library has visited our school to talk with the children about how they can take part in the **2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden.**

It's FUN and FREE, and all children aged 4 – 11 are invited to take part! Children read any books they enjoy over the summer holiday to collect stickers and rewards including a medal and certificate. Join at a South Gloucestershire library during staffed hours from Saturday 5 July, finishing by 13 September and **pick up your FREE activity bag.**

FREE holiday activities: 'Buzz & Scuttle' Insect Collage Workshops with illustrator Marian Hill, Story Garden themed crafts and Lego™ clubs.

Find out more at

www.southglos.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge or like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/sgloslibraries for the latest updates.

BREAKFAST AND OSC

OSC (Out of School Club) must be pre-booked. If you require a space, you can head to Parentpay and pay for the sessions you require as well as adding a note of the dates you want. This is the same for school holidays. If you are able to book then you know your child has a space. If you pay via child care vouchers we will need to send you an invoice, so please email enquiries@barleyclose.org.uk. If you need a space for October half term please book your place by 30th September.

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.



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. If you believe you are also entitled to FSM please complete the forms on the school website.



THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

On 12th Sept 2025 Happy Circus will be coming to our school field. Tickets are on sale and are £10 per person (under 2yr olds go free) This is an early bird price. The cost will increase to £12 per ticket as of 1st August 2025. 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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 25-26

1 st sept	INSET day
2 and 3	Rec in am or pm
4 and 5	Rec in till 1:15
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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21 July 9:30	9:30- Yr 3 Ukulele assembly for families of Alligator class to attend
22 July	9.30 am – Leavers' assembly End of term
Term dates 2025 - 2026	1.9.25 – 24.10.25 3.11.25 – 19.12.25 5.1.26 – 13.2.26 23.2.26 – 2.4.26 20.4.26 – 22.5.26 1.6.26 – 22.7.26