



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
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Happy New Year! The holidays seem a distant memory already but I think we all enjoyed not coming back on the 2nd Jan as in previous years. A reminder that the newsletter comes out each fortnight via email. If your contact details change please let us know. We send everything out electronically so it is vital that you check your emails so you don't miss anything.

Mrs Jo Williams

welcome

WELCOME

Mr James Keeping has joined us as the new Chameleon class teacher.

If you need to speak to a teacher more than a quick message at the start or end of the day please can you email the school or teacher. It is very hard to speak to parents as well as ensuring all the children are coming in and leaving safely.



WORLD BOOK DAY

For World Book Day, Thursday 6th March 2025, we are asking children to come dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes don't need to be bought or expensive and some children may prefer to just make a hat, mask or prop! Pyjamas for a Bedtime Story theme are also a good idea.



SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our pupils of term 2- Jude, Jenson, Nancy, Joury, Rhys, Izhaack, Shivank, Harley and Kiera.

This week Jigsaw in Thornbury have been in to work with Mrs Popel to complete a sensory audit of the school so we can ensure we are as inclusive as we can be.

Our school improvement partner has also been in school to look at our assessments of the foundation subjects, something we were looking at but also an area OFSTED identified for us to improve.

We have also been visited by Emersons Green council as they are donating some local art work that we will be able to display outside. We look forward to unveiling it to you all.



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

We appreciate things can change at short notice, but we are asking that future bookings are made in advance. Bookings for the Easter holidays need to be made by Monday 10 March,

bookings for May half term need to be made by Monday 28 April and for the summer holidays, bookings need to be made by Wednesday 25 June. This allows us to cancel the provision if we do not have the uptake, giving people plenty of notice to find alternative arrangements. The OSC handbook can be found on the website.

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.



CANCELLING OF SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is absent you must go in and remove any school meals that have been ordered by 8am. If they are not cancelled then the kitchen will cook the food and it will have to be paid for.



NURSERY

PlayStation nursery is based on our school site and over the summer expanded. They are now open all year round 8am- 5pm. If you have a child aged 2-4 follow the link below to find out about booking a space.

<https://playstationnurseryltd.co.uk/about-barley-close/>



THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

On 12th Sept 2025 Happy Circus will be coming to our school field. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time but make a note of the date now!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
21 Jan	YR 6 lifeskills
31 Jan 2025	INSET
14 Feb	Pupil of the term End of term
24 Feb	Back to school
10 Mar	Class and Y6 leavers' photos
18 and 20 Mar	Parents' Evening
4 Apr	Pupil pf the term End of term
22 Apr	Back to school
5 May	MAY DAY
12-15 May	Year 6 SATS week
19-23 May	Sports week
21 May	Sports day
23 May	Pupil of the term End of term
2 June	Back to school
2-6 june	Yr 6 camp
9-13 June	Year 1 and 2 Phonics tests
27 June	INSET day
18 July	Pupil of the term
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

