



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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I can't believe that the year is ending and this is the last newsletter of 2024. School is a hive of Christmas fun- lunches, play rehearsals and a sprinkle of glitter. We finish the term on Friday 20th Dec and return on Monday 6th January 2025. From all the staff at Barley Close have a lovely winter break and Happy New Year!

Mrs Jo Williams



PARENT GOVERNOR

Congratulations to Mrs James-Lawal who will be continuing as parent governor. We are always looking for non parent governors to join our team so if you know anyone who is interested please contact Mrs Williams.



GOODBYE

Sadly, Mrs Carol Watts will be leaving us at the end of this school year. We have loved having her as a teacher here, leading many subjects but also the support that she shows all the staff with her calm and kind personality. We wish her well in her new adventures.

Mr James Keeping will be joining us as the new year 4 teacher.



SCHOOL NEWS

South Glos young carers joined our assembly and shared a book that has been published telling the story of a young carer. To order your own copy please see the school Facebook page.

The school nurse team have been in to give the annual flu vaccination to our children. If you missed this, details on how to book are on the Facebook page.

The children enjoyed a visit from a local theatre group who performed Cinderella. Thank you to FOBC who paid for this.

Yr 6 have decorated the Christmas tree for us all to enjoy.

We had a martial arts assembly led by a local club based in Lyde green. Some of our pupils were able to show us some of their moves.

Before the end of term, the dogs trust will be in leading workshops and assemblies.

School leaders from our local hub have also been in to share the good practise within Science, PE and Music. We work closely with many schools, and we all learn and share ideas with each other.



FOBC

A huge thank you to FOBC, in particular Elise, who arranged the most amazing event. This is supported by our school community as well as people locally. The choir, led by Miss Sheppard, sang beautifully and we love watching some of our children dancing with their dance clubs. A huge thank you to our ex-pupils who came back to run their own stalls or who helped.



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.

We will also not be open over the Christmas school holidays due to how the festive period and bank holidays land. If you need childcare for February half term, please email the school office by Friday 17 January. Moving forward, we have deadline dates for when bookings can be made. 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.



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	
11 Dec	Christmas lunch EYFS and KS1 performance 2pm and 6pm
20 Dec	Pupil of the term End of term
6 Jan 2025	Back to school
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 of 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