



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
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What wonderful weather we had at half term. The countdown to Christmas is here and the teachers have lots of things planned for our children as they start new learning in their subjects. You will have a chance to see their leaning when you come to Parents' Evening- booking details have been sent out already.

Mrs Jo Williams



RECEPTION 2025 CHILDREN

Applications are due to be submitted to the Local Authority in January 2025. Open days are Tuesday 19 November at 9.30 am and Thursday 21 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.



CONTACT NUMBERS

Please keep the office up to date if your emails or numbers change. We also need 2 contact numbers in case of emergencies. We are increasingly finding that we cannot get hold of families during the school day and this can cause distress to your child if we need to urgently get hold of you. All correspondence is also emailed so if your address changes you will miss out on letters etc. Please email changes to enquiries@barleyclose.org.uk



PARKING

With the dark mornings and nights drawing in, we ask you to be even more careful when parking, especially in Barley Close. This is a no through road with very limited places to park and turn around. If you are concerned about parking, please call 101 to report. Ideally, please use the Laurels car park, Stockwell Drive and other surrounding roads.



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 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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our pupils of Term 1- Axel, Maya, Priya, Imaad, Hina, Sabriah, Willow H, Henry and Lily.

Year 3 and Year 4 took part in amazing STEM lego workshops which they all enjoyed.

Chameleon class won the best class attendance for Term 1. Due to changes by the DFE on school attendance, we are rewarding the best classes each term as well as those who have the best improvements. Vision Education, a national supply agency, are supporting schools on improving attendance. They are providing ice creams for the children with the best attendance at the end of this term. We launched this in our assembly on Monday. Ideally, we want everyone to have 100% but we know children will be ill at this time of year and that some families find coming to school difficult. As a school, we support many families to help get their children in school and we do take this into consideration when giving out attendance awards. However, as a school we do have an issue with attendance. This is mainly due to the amount of term time holidays, late and unauthorised absences we have. In Term 1 this school year, 130 sessions were missed due to holidays, 178 lates were recorded and on average 40 sessions in each class were missed because families did not tell us why their child was off or the reason given was not acceptable, e.g. shopping/day off for birthday. We are hoping this incentive for Term 2 will help improve attendance.



FOBC

The Halloween Disco made £640. The money is being used to buy new books for our classrooms to encourage reading for pleasure.

Non uniform day on Friday 22 November in exchange for a chocolate donation which will be used at the FOBC Christmas Fayre.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Anti-bullying week is Monday 11 November to Friday 15 November. In our assemblies and PSHE lessons, we will be talking about bullying and what to do if it happens to you. On Tuesday 12 November, we are asking everyone to come in odd socks. Odd Socks Day is a national event in the UK that takes place to promote acceptance and diversity and to raise awareness of bullying.

Children in Need is on Friday 15 November. We are NOT collecting money but asking the children to come in non-uniform - this could be something spotty, dress like Pudsey or Blush or just your jeans!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11-15 Nov	Anti-bullying week
12 Nov	Odd Socks Day
15 Nov	Children in Need – wear something spotty/dress like Pudsey or Blush or just wear jeans
19 & 21 Nov	Parents’ Evening
19 Nov	9.30 am Reception 2025 visits
21 Nov	2.00 pm Reception 2025 visits
22 Nov	Non uniform for exchange of chocolate Christmas Fayre
25 Nov	Flu vaccinations
26 Nov	Y3 Trip – Aerospace Bristol
2 Dec	INSET
11 Dec	EYFS and KS1 performance
20 Dec	Pupil of the term End of term
6 Jan 2025	Back to school
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
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