



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
TERM 1 ISSUE 4 2024-25

This is the last Newsletter of Term 1. The staff in school had a great INSET day on Friday with our Hub schools where we looked at teaching. We also pupil well-being. Mrs Harris is here to help if you feel your child is finding things hard. We are back in school on Monday 4 November at 8.45am for the start of Term 2 - the countdown to Christmas!

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 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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Year 5 had a great artist experience to mark the start of Black history month- the work they produced can be seen on Facebook. This was paid for by South Gloucestershire Council.

Infant agility was led by CSET sports staff last week. Year 5 leaders were trained and then led challenges across all the year groups.

Year 2 had a treat at Downend library where they watched Little Red Riding Hood. Everyone got so wet in the rain! A huge thank you to the adults who came with us.

Year 4 had a great time at the Bristol Museum finding out about their history topic.

The Bristol Hippodrome have been in leading drama workshops with Year 4 and 5.

The Rock Academy led our assembly to encourage more musicians in our school. Details are on Facebook if your child wants to take up an instrument.



FOBC

The Halloween Disco is on Wednesday 23 October from 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm. The tickets have now sold out.



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!



ILLNESS

We are aware there are lots of bugs going round. The tables below help you to know when your child needs to stay home. Children get ill quickly but also bounce back very quickly at times. **We DO NOT have a 48 hr rule for sickness**, if your child is well enough and can keep food and drink down they are welcome back.

CHICKENPOX CHILD SHOULD STAY HOME UNTIL ALL SPOTS HAVE CRUSTED OVER	CONJUNCTIVITIS NO NEED TO STAY OFF SCHOOL/NURSERY BUT STAFF SHOULD BE INFORMED.	DIARRHOEA & VOMITING 48 HOURS FROM LAST EPISODE
GLANDULAR FEVER NO NEED TO STAY OFF SCHOOL/NURSERY BUT STAFF SHOULD BE INFORMED.	HAND, FOOT & MOUTH NO NEED TO STAY OFF SCHOOL/NURSERY BUT STAFF SHOULD BE INFORMED.	IMPETIGO UNTIL LESIONS ARE CRUSTED & HEALED OR 48 HOURS AFTER STARTING ANTIBIOTICS
MEASLES OR GERMAN MEASLES 4 DAYS FROM ONSET OF RASH	MUMPS 5 DAYS FROM ONSET OF SWELLING	SCABIES UNTIL AFTER FIRST TREATMENT

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SCARLET FEVER 24 HOURS AFTER STARTING ANTIBIOTICS	SLAPPED CHEEK NO NEED TO STAY OFF SCHOOL/NURSERY BUT STAFF SHOULD BE INFORMED.	WHOOPING COUGH 48 HOURS AFTER STARTING ANTIBIOTICS
FLU UNTIL THEY ARE RECOVERED	HEAD LICE NO NEED TO STAY OFF SCHOOL/NURSERY BUT STAFF SHOULD BE INFORMED.	THREADWORMS NO NEED TO STAY OFF SCHOOL/NURSERY BUT STAFF SHOULD BE INFORMED.
TONSILLITIS NO NEED TO STAY OFF SCHOOL/NURSERY BUT STAFF SHOULD BE INFORMED.	COVID UNTIL THEY WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEND. IF SYMPTOMS ARE MILD THEY CAN ATTEND.	SHINGLES IF RASH IS WEEPING (OOZING FLUID) AND CAN'T BE COVERED KEEP THEM HOME.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23 Oct	Halloween Disco Years 1-6 5.00 – 6.30 pm
25 Oct	Pupil of the term End of term
4 Nov 2024	Back to school
8 Nov	Siblings and individual photos
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	Christmas Fayre
25 Nov	Flu vaccinations
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
9 Oct	Y4 Trip Bristol Museum

Nexus Fostering

“At Nexus Fostering based in Gloucester, we’re looking for **local people like you** to become foster carers. By providing a loving and stable home environment, you can support the increasing number of children and young people in the local area who cannot live in their family homes. Not all children require long-term care. We also need foster carers for short-term placements, respite care, and to provide temporary homes to support young parents and their babies. Nexus Fostering is consistently rated Outstanding by Ofsted, offers 24/7 support 365 days a year, a competitive allowance plus much more. So, if you have a spare room and are ready to change the lives of children and young people near you, please give us a call on [01452 491 980](tel:01452491980) or enquire [here](#). Visit www.nexusfostering.co.uk for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Megan on megani@nexusfostering.co.uk.”