



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER
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Although this term is long, 8 weeks, the term is flying by. The adults have been working hard on routines and behaviour. The Local Authority have been in to see how we are progressing since OFSTED. They were pleased to see the behaviour plan fully embedded and all children are aware of the routines and expectations. They also looked at our curriculum plans; they were pleased that we are working rapidly and that all plans are in place. We are developing ways for children to recall their prior knowledge.

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.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children all look smart in our school colours. We have lots of pre-loved uniform that is free; please help yourself and return if you no longer need it, if it is in good condition. It can be found in the community area. Please ensure your child is in school colours - dark grey/black bottoms and royal blue jumper/cardigan.



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.

Due to lack of numbers, we will not be open for October half term. We made the decision with 4 weeks' notice for staff and the 2 children who had been booked in, so they had time to find alternative placements. 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

Age UK have been in to deliver an assembly on Grandparents' day that is coming up.

We have posted some information on Facebook about a charity event coming up which lots of our children were interested in.

Year 2 had a visit from Rev. James, the new Reverend from St. James' Church in Mangotsfield.

We have been very fortunate to receive a free visit from a poet, who worked with Year 5 for Black History month. They wrote and performed poems as well as producing some art work.



FOBC

The Halloween Disco is on Wednesday 23 October 5.00 - 6:30pm. This is only open for Year 1-6 pupils and NOT reception pupils. See Facebook for more details on how to buy tickets or the posters around school. Scan the QR code to book.



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.

WHOOPIING COUGH
48 HOURS AFTER STARTING ANTIBIOTICS

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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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| 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 |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 8 Oct | Y2 Downend Library Theatre Performance – pm |
| 9 Oct | Y4 Bristol Museum Trip |
| 11 Oct | INSET |
| 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 |
| 19 & 21 Nov | Parents' Evening |
| 19 Nov | 9.30 am Reception 2025 visits |