



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 6 is here, although this is 7 weeks long, we have some exciting, themed weeks- sport, art and a science week. We will also be welcoming our new reception 2026 cohort.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2026, free school meal eligibility in England will expand to all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of income, removing the current £7,400 income cap

As a result of these changes, some families/pupils may no longer meet the eligibility criteria. Parents and carers of pupils who are no longer eligible will be notified via the Citizen Portal. We therefore ask parents and carers to regularly check their messages within the portal to ensure they receive updates promptly.



SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you for supporting our break the rules day. We raised £326, this will be used to provide a theatre performance later this year. Year 6 had a great time at camp- they were so well behaved, their manners were impeccable and they all gave it their all in every activity. The non campers had a great time cooking and going out and about locally.

Yr 4 had a great trip to Ashton Gate where they took part in a sporting event led by our sports coaches from Bristol Sport foundation.

Yr 2 also had fun at Chepstow Castle which linked to their history topic.



FUNDRAISING

The break the rules day was fun, and money raised will go towards the Panto visit in Dec 2026.

The summer event will be held on 8th July 3:15-6pm on the school field.

We will also be hosting a movie night in term 6 and a disco.

Pop-up event at Barley Close Primary

South Gloucestershire Council will be visiting us as part of their Summer Sorted campaign to share advice, ideas and support for families over the summer holidays.

Drop by for:

☒ Low-cost summer activities to try

☒ Fun picnic ideas

☒ Free places to visit during the holidays

☒ Helpful information and advice

There will also be a few freebies to give out!

23rd June 2026

3:15pm



MENU

The catering company that run the kitchen have a new menu that starts in June. There will be more wraps and cold pasta options for you to order from. Please ensure meals are ordered in advance. If no lunch has been ordered, then your child will be given a sandwich.



ATTENDANCE

We are aware that some people may book a term time holiday. These can not be authorised and if your child misses 10 sessions, 5 days you will incur a fine. Please be honest, we know some families phone their child in sick to avoid the fine however children do tell us and for safeguarding purposes we so need to know where your child is.



START AND END TIMES A reminder that school starts at 8.45 am. Children who arrive after 8.55am are classed as late. The gates shut at 9.00 am and it is very distressing for children to have to walk into their classroom once lessons have started. Please **BE ON TIME**. The school day finishes at 3.15 pm.



SUMMER IN SCHOOL

With summer approaching we remind everyone that they need a water bottle in school every day. Crocs and flip flops are not suitable foot ware for school as children run around at play and lunchtime. Suncream should be applied for school, staff are not allowed to put sun cream on children during the day. A reminder that false nails are also not part of the school uniform.

HOLIDAY CHILDCARE

South Gloucestershire's Holiday Activities and Food programme is open for bookings for this summer for children and young people aged 5 to 16. There are lots of fun clubs and activities to choose from generally between Wednesday 22 July and Friday 28 August 2026, although some providers may offer different dates. Places are fully funded for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. Eligible pupils can be booked on up to 16 days of activities. See all the activities available and book at www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18/6	YR 2 and KS2 MAD Olympiad
26/6	INSET
29/6 – 3/7	Sports week Sports day 1/7
6/7	Science week
8/7	Summer Inflatable event
9/7	Y3 We The Curious trip
10/7	Reports going home
13/7	Arts week
14/7	5:30 Yr 6 leavers show
15/7	Art exhibition in the hall 3:15
17/7	Pupil of the term
21/7	9:30 Year 6 leavers assembly End of term

Future term dates 26-27

1/9/26-23/10/26
2/11/26-18/12/26
4/1/27-12/2/27
22/2/27-25/3/27
12/4/27-28/5/27

Inset Days 26-27

26/6/26
1/9/26
23/10/26
30/11/26
22/1/27
25/6/27