



## BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER

TERM 6 ISSUE 2 2025-26



### 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

The yr 1 children have tried really hard with their phonics assessments over the last week. We are really proud of all of them, results will be sent home with their school reports.

Yr 2 and some of KS2 had a great time at the MAD Olympiad. They were all really well behaved and did their absolute best.

**SPORTS WEEK- 29<sup>th</sup> June- 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Children can wear their own sports clothes and trainers all week. Wednesday is sports day so they can wear their house colours- see teachers if unsure what colour they need to wear.**

**SCIENCE WEEK- On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July we are inviting everyone to come dressed as a scientist. This does not need to cost any money. Ideas can be found here <https://raysofbliss.com/diy-mad-scientist-costume-scientist-badge-free-printable/>**

**ARTS WEEK-Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm in the hall for an art exhibition where you can purchase your child's artwork.**

**16<sup>th</sup> July choir and crocodile class parents invited to our singing assembly at 2:30**



### 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 8<sup>th</sup> July 3:15-6pm on the school field. If you are able to help, please let Mrs Williams know. 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!

**23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.

We have lots of children who need Hayfever meds in school. We would strongly advise that children have a dose before school, so they have some build up before lunch when they go outside on the grass.

### 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](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF)



### SUMMER SUPPORT

The government have set up some help for living and over the summer. Follow links below for more details.

[Summer Savings - Cost of Living Help](#)

[Cost of Living Help - Cost of Living Help](#)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| 26/6       | INSET                                                                                                   |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 29/6 – 3/7 | Sports week- all to wear sports clothes all week and house colours<br>Sports day 1/7 1:15 start for all |
| 6/7        | Science week                                                                                            |
| 8/7        | Summer Inflatable event                                                                                 |
| 9/7        | Y3 We The Curious trip                                                                                  |
| 10/7       | Dress as a scientist day<br>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<br>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

To help with your planning here are some dates for next school year.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

|                                      |                                                         |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> September 2026</b> | <b>INSET day</b>                                        |
| 2/9/26                               | Back to school 8:45am                                   |
| 22/10/26                             | 2:45 pupil of the term<br>End of term for children      |
| <b>23/10/26</b>                      | <b>INSET day</b>                                        |
|                                      |                                                         |
| 2/11/26                              | Back to school                                          |
| 6/11/26                              | Individual and sibling photos                           |
| 17/11/26                             | Parents evening                                         |
| 19/11/26                             | Parents evening                                         |
| 20/11/26                             | Flu vaccine in school                                   |
| 24/11/26                             | 2pm Rec 2027 open day                                   |
| 26/11/26                             | 9:30 Rec 2027 open day                                  |
| <b>30/11/26</b>                      | <b>INSET day</b>                                        |
| 16/12/26                             | YR 6 life skills visit                                  |
| 18/12/26                             | 2:25 pupil of the term<br>End of term                   |
|                                      |                                                         |
| 4/1/27                               | Back to school                                          |
| <b>22/1/27</b>                       | <b>INSET day</b>                                        |
| 12/2/27                              | 2:45 pupil of the term<br>End of term                   |
|                                      |                                                         |
| 22/2/27                              | Back to school                                          |
| 1/3/27                               | Class and yr 6 leavers photos                           |
| 16/3/27                              | Parents evening                                         |
| 18/3/27                              | Parents evening                                         |
| 25/3/27                              | 2:45 pupil of the term<br>End of term                   |
|                                      |                                                         |
| 12/4/27                              | Back to school                                          |
| 3/5/27                               | MAY DAY- school closed                                  |
| 10-14/5/27                           | Yr 6 SATS week                                          |
| 24-28/5/27                           | Yr 6 camp week<br>2:45 pupil of the term<br>End of term |
|                                      |                                                         |
| 7/6/27                               | Back to school<br>YR 4 times table tests                |
| 14/6/27                              | Yr 1 phonics tests and yr 2 retake                      |
| <b>25/6/27</b>                       | <b>INSET day</b>                                        |
| 16/7/27                              | 2:45 pupil of the term                                  |
| 21/7/27                              | 9:30 yr 6 leavers assembly<br>End of term               |