



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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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

Sports week was great fun and the weather was perfect! The children all took part in a world cup football dance workshop, tennis lessons, rounders competition and the RNLI led workshops on water safety.

Some of yr 4 took part in a Hub athletics event at SGS and Deonte won a medal for his sprinting!

The police visited yr 6 to talk about crime and consequences, e-scooter riding, misogyny and being a citizen locally.

SCIENCE WEEK- On Friday 10th 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 15th July at 3.15pm in the hall for an art exhibition, where you can purchase your child's artwork.

16th July choir and crocodile class parents are invited to our singing assembly at 2:30



SUMMER INFLATABLES 8th July 3:30-6pm

Our summer fair this year is a bit different. We will have 4 large inflatables on the field. Children can pay £8 to have unlimited bounces. Drinks and snacks will be on sale as well as the South Glos 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!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

See the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to your child's reading.

It's FUN and FREE, and every child aged 4 and above is invited to take part. Children read any books they enjoy and take part in fun activities over the summer holiday to collect stickers and rewards including a medal and certificate.

Join the Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat at a South Gloucestershire library during staffed hours from Saturday 4 July and pick up your FREE activity bag.

Children love taking part and there are lots of **FREE activities**: West African Drumming Workshops with Batch Gueye, Crafts, Junk Modelling Workshops and Lego™ Challenges.

Find out more at

www.southglos.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge



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.



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 Hay fever 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



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

6/7	Science week
8/7	Summer Inflatable event
9/7	Y3 We The Curious trip
10/7	Dress as a scientist day 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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 st September 2026	INSET day
2/9/26	Back to school 8:45am
22/10/26	2:45 pupil of the term End of term for children
23/10/26	INSET day
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
30/11/26	INSET day
16/12/26	YR 6 life skills visit
18/12/26	2:25 pupil of the term End of term
4/1/27	Back to school
22/1/27	INSET day
12/2/27	2:45 pupil of the term 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 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 2:45 pupil of the term End of term
7/6/27	Back to school YR 4 times table tests
14/6/27	Yr 1 phonics tests and yr 2 retake
25/6/27	INSET day
16/7/27	2:45 pupil of the term
21/7/27	9:30 yr 6 leavers assembly End of term