



BARLEY CLOSE TERMLY NEWSLETTER TERM 1 ISSUE 1 2026-27

I would like to give a warm welcome to all our new families, and I hope you and your family enjoy your time at Barley Close. Please keep an eye on Facebook as well as the fortnightly newsletters so you can keep up to date with all that is happening. Each class also has a class page on the school website, which is updated regularly. Please ensure we have your current email address and that you have registered with Parentpay so we can send you everything via email. Please check your junk/clutter to make sure you do not miss any emails. If you have anything you want to discuss, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Mrs Williams and Mrs Drake are often around on the playground at the start of the school day if you wish to talk to us, or please email the school office at enquiries@barleyclose.org.uk and we can contact you. Mrs Jo Williams

welcome

NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Mr G Thomas as Yr 6 teacher. Miss Kendall as yr 3 teacher and Miss Dacey as Yr 4 teacher.



SCHOOL MEAL INCREASE

School dinners will increase to £2.60 from 1/9/26. Children in Rec, Yr 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES

School office opening times, Mon and Fri 8:30-2:30, Tues- Thurs 8am-4:30pm. If you require help before or after these times, please call and leave a message and we will get back to you. People are on site before and after these times but not always sat in the office.



READING BOOKS

We will be sending reading books home by next Friday at the latest. We ask that you listen to your child read at least 5 times a week and record it in their reading record.



SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

The swimming pool is currently closed due to essential maintenance. We are aware that it has a leak which we are trying to find and repair. We are planning to reopen the pool April 2027.



PTA

In July 2025 FOBC dis-banded and last year the school took on fundraising events- The circus, disco, summer inflatables, milkshakes, break the rules day, Xmas cards and art exhibition. We would love to start the PTA back up but need your help. We need a Chair, treasurer, and a team of volunteers to arrange these events. If you are interested, please Mrs Williams know ASAP.



RECEPTION 2027 CHILDREN

Applications are due to be submitted to the Local Authority in January 2027. Open days are Tuesday 24 November at 9.30 am and Thursday 26 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.



ATTENDANCE

The DFE have a big focus on attendance and last year we worked hard to improve ours. We did increase our attendance from 92.6% to 93.7% which was really positive. This means that we were able to provide 400 extra learning days for our pupils. We always aim for each child to have 95% attendance and will be monitoring everyone's attendance as the terms go by.



START AND END TIMES

A reminder that school starts at 8.45 am. Children who arrive after 8.55 am 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.



ABSENCE

We have a dedicated line to report an absence. Call 01454 867090 and choose option 1. Please let us know by 8.30 am if your child will not be in. The DFE have made it clear that attendance at school is everyone's responsibility. They have expectations for parents.

- Ensure their child attends school every day that school is open except when a statutory reason applies.
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child is to be un-expectedly absent (e.g. sickness)
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

You will also get a fine if your child misses more than 10 sessions- 5 days of school- due to a term time holiday or other unauthorised absences.



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, OSC is now only open Monday to Thursday. 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

We have started the school year with high expectations for all. This week we have been focusing on behaviour- how we move around school and conduct ourselves in lessons.

We have been reminding the children of our school values- kindness, resilience, and curiosity.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

For information regarding After School Clubs and to book a place, go to the school website under News and Events/After School Clubs and on Facebook.

Terms 1 and 2

Monday- Yoga 3:15-4:15

Monday- all year's football 3:15-4:15

Thursday- all year's basketball 3:15-4:15

Friday all years play rangers 3:15-4:15-

Friday- Dodgeball 3:15-4:15

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	9:30 Rec 2027 open day
26/11/26	2:00 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