

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter March 2026

Nursery

Earlier in the year we applied for DfE funding so we could provide school based nursery places on site.

We are delighted to tell you that we have been successful and plan to open our new nursery in September 2026.

Please contact Joan Wood on 01226 711332 or email her at j.wood@brierleyschool.com if you would like to enquire about a place for your child.

NURSERY



Arbor

New Payment System

We are making changes to how parents pay for things such as school meals, trips and after school clubs.

Until now, we have been using ParentPay, but we will moving over to Arbor, which we hope will make payments simpler and easier to manage.

To get started, please use the link sent by Miss Tate. This will take you to the new system, where you will also find some helpful videos to guide you through setting up your account.

Please note that ParentPay will no longer be available after 31st March 2026 so it is important that you set up your Arbor account before this date.

If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office – we are happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.



Assessments

Assessment season is approaching, and we wanted to share some important information with you. During this time, it is really helpful for children to be in school every day so they can take part in their assessments with confidence.

Year 6 children will be taking their SATs from **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May**. To help them feel calm and ready, we will be offering breakfast in class from **8:00am** each morning.

Year 4 children will complete their **times tables check** during the week beginning **Monday 1st June**.

Year 1, along with some **Year 2** children, will take part in the **phonics screening check** during the week beginning **Monday 8th June**.

Throughout May, our **Year 2** children will also be completing their **optional SATs**.

As you can see, this is a busy time for the children. Any support you can give at home, such as reading together, practising times tables, or going over phonics, will make a big difference to their confidence.

Attendance

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and children for the fantastic effort you've made to improve attendance, it really has made a difference.

This time last year, our attendance was among the lowest compared to other local schools, but thanks to your support, we are now at the top. This is a wonderful achievement that everyone should be proud of.

Being in school every day helps children get the most from their learning and enjoy time with their friends, which supports their happiness, confidence, and sense of belonging.

As we move towards the end of the school year, with assessments taking place and children preparing to move into new classes or schools, it is especially important that they attend regularly so they don't miss these important experiences.

Thank you so much for your support with this.



Dates for your diary

Friday 27 th March 2026	School closes 3.15pm for Easter holiday
Monday 13 th April 2026	School opens for Summer term. Registration 8.45am
Monday 4 th May 2026	School closed – May Day
Tuesday 5 th May 2026	School reopens. Registration 8.45am
Thursday 7 th May 2026	School <u>remains open</u> for children during local elections
Monday 11 th May 2026	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 15 rd May 2026	School closes at 3.15pm for 5 days INSET
Monday 25 th May 2026	School is closed for May half term holiday
Monday 1 st June 2026	School reopens for the Summer term. Registration 8.45am

Easter Egg Competition and Raffle

Many congratulations to our fantastic Easter egg competition winners. Their creations were absolutely brilliant.

We gave prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each key stage. Our worthy winners are:

1st Prize

The Eggy Band by Ella in Y1
The Traiteggs by Florence in Y4

2nd Prize

Huntrix KPop by Blue
Eggs and Soldiers by Willow in Y3



3rd Prize

McDonalds Burger and fries by Teddy in Y2
The Jackson 5 by Darcy in Y4

All other entrants were given a prize for taking part. Well done everyone!

Congratulations also go to our three raffle winners who are:

1st Prize Charlotte in FS2 (peach ticket 651)

2nd Prize Harry in Y3 (peach ticket 746)

3rd Prize Summer in Y6 (green ticket 431)

Thank you very much for supporting us this Easter.

After School Clubs

We have two after school clubs running next term:

Monday will be sports with Mr Gray

Wednesday will be Lego Club with Mrs Sapey and Mrs Arnold.

Easter Art



We've had a lovely and busy Easter time in school, learning about the true meaning of the season and creating some beautiful artwork inspired by the story of Jesus' final days.

Some of the children's work is on display in our school hall and we've also shared pieces with our local churches. If you happen to visit any of them over the holidays, do keep an eye out, you might spot something familiar.

Comic Relief

Thank you all so much for your kind donations to Comic Relief this year.

You have raised over £190.



Rock Steady



What a fantastic way to end the term we had. The children who took part in the RockSteady band gave an amazing performance that was enjoyed by everyone.

If your child would like to get involved and join the Rock Steady band, please contact Miss Tate at school for more information.

Happy Easter

Have a lovely, Easter holiday.

We will see you in the Summer term.

