

Friday 4th September 2026

NEWSLETTER



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Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome to all our children and families as we begin another exciting school year! We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and happy summer break and are returning to school feeling refreshed and ready for all the wonderful opportunities ahead.

A very special welcome goes to all the new children and their families who are joining our school community this year. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you and watching your children grow, learn and thrive.

We are excited for a year filled with new experiences, exciting learning, friendships, challenges and achievements, and we look forward to working together with you to make it a happy and successful year for every child.



Reception



TERM DATES 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Saturday 17th October 2026 - Sunday 1st November 2026: Half-Term
Saturday 19th December 2026 - Sunday 3rd January 2027: Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January 2027 - Term Begins
Saturday 13th February 2027 - Sunday 21st February 2027: Half-term
Friday 26th March 2027 (Bank Holiday) - Sunday 11th April 2027: Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April 2027: Term Begins
Monday 3rd May 2027: Bank Holiday
Saturday 29th May 2027 - Sunday 6th June 2027: Half-term
Friday 23rd July 2027: Final Day of Term

PE Days

Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Rundle's class)	Monday and Tuesday
Year 1 / Year 2 (Mrs Vine's class)	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3 / Year 4 (Mrs Newnes class)	Monday and Friday
Year 4 / Year 5 (Mrs Joliff's class)	Thursday
Year 6 (Mr Martin/Mr Dawes class)	Wednesday

Meeting for Reception Parents

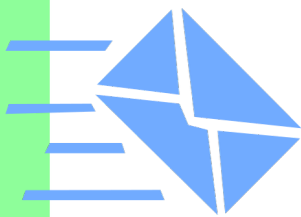
On Monday 14th September, we will be holding a meeting for all new Reception parents in the hall at 3.15 pm. Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

DICE Parenting Programme



DICE is a **4 week free universal support for parents/carers of pre-teens and teens** who are worried about parenting in the modern world, with the risks and challenges this presents.

DICE provides families with **information, advice and support** to help them provide a **safe and protective environment** for their child or young person.



The programme is running on a **regular basis throughout the year, online and face to face.** Contact details overleaf for further information or a referral form.

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exceed@barnardos.org.uk

[Online referral form](#)

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You can email us to be sent a referral form, or follow the link/scan the QR code for our online referral form.

DICE Upcoming Dates

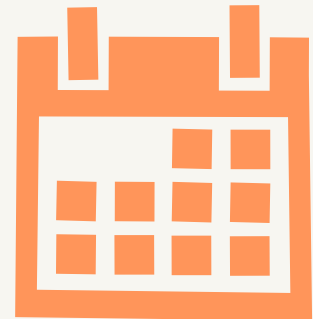
Please note this is a 4-week course, therefore **please ensure you're able to attend all 4 dates listed.**

Online sessions are run on Teams.

Face to face
*FourWoods Family Hub,
Plymouth*

10am-12pm

Tues 15th Sept
Tues 22nd Sept
Tues 29th Sept
Tues 6th Oct



Online daytime
Microsoft Teams

10am-12pm

Weds 16th Sept
Weds 23rd Sept
Weds 30th Sept
Weds 7th Oct

Weds 11th Nov
Weds 18th Nov
Weds 25th Nov
Weds 2nd Nov

Online evening
Microsoft Teams

5pm-7pm

Mon 14th Sept
Mon 21st Sept
Mon 28th Sept
Mon 5th Oct

Mon 9th Nov
Mon 16th Nov
Mon 23rd Nov
Mon 30th Nov

Session 01: Introduction and the life of a teenager

The teenage brain, why teenagers might take risks and the pressures they face in the modern world.

Session 02: The exploitation of children and young people

Grooming - what is it, how does it happen, where and by whom? How can we spot the signs?

Session 03: Digital dangers

Social media, nudes and the complexities of the online world. How can we be better digital parents/carers?

Session 04: A safe place to share ideas about parenting

Parenting top tips - practical advice and information about communicating effectively, support networks and working together.

The Barnardo's Exceed service is open 9am - 5pm Mondays to Fridays (not including bank holidays). We aim to get in contact with you within 1 working day after receiving your enquiry.

For all enquiries, further information or a referral form please contact - exceed@barnardos.org.uk