



Year 5 and 6 Small Schools' Football Tournament

On Tuesday evening, our Year 5 and 6 football team, plus two extra from Year 4, competed in the BANES small schools' football tournament. They played extremely well, winning three out of their four matches but were knocked out in the semi-final. All the players really enjoyed the games, saying, "We played really well," Scarlett Y5 and Toby Y6. "We improved hugely as the tournament went on," Ralph Y6. "The training sessions we had paid off," Charlie Y6. "It was fun!" Ruben Y5. A big well done as well to Noah and Albie who joined the older team to help with our numbers.

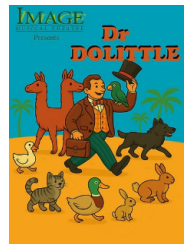


Children in Need - Farrington Forum

Thank you again for all the generous donations you gave for our Children in Need fundraising day last Friday. Our next event will be Reindeer Dash for Dorothy House in December.

Dr Dolittle - Interactive Christmas Show

On Wednesday 10th December, we will welcome back the Image Musical Theatre Company to school to share their interactive Dr Dolittle performance following the positive response to their Jungle Book production last year. We are really pleased to let you know that this early Christmas treat will be fully funded by Friends of Farrington PTA, so a big thank you to all involved for making this possible.



Festive Finds

With December just around the corner, please remember to bring into school any pre-loved Christmas items for our Festive Finds events. We know how quickly children can grow out of their Christmas jumpers and other festive clothing and this is a great way to recycle when you are having a clear out as well as saving money if you find something you would like to take instead. These are completely free events run by our Eco Warriors, so please do come and have a browse outside Turtle Class after school next Wednesday.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Arbor - Important information on the switch from ParentPay to Arbor for Payments

Please refer to the link [here](#) for the correspondence sent earlier this week : thank you



Notices

- **Christmas dinner** - The children can either enjoy a Christmas dinner cooked by the school catering team (Free for KS1 children and £2.60 for KS2 children) or bring a festive packed lunch on Wednesday 17th. Please book via ParentPay as soon as possible. If your child is bringing a festive packed lunch it would be helpful to mark this on ParentPay for this day.
- **Christmas Jumper Day (optional)** - The children are welcome to wear a festive decorated jumper in school on the Save the Children Christmas Jumper day on Thursday (11th) and again for our Christmas Dinner Day (17th). If you would like to make a donation please see the following link [here](#).
- **Clubs** - All clubs will be running next week as usual.
- **Nativity Performances** - The day time performance is on Tuesday 9th December, 9.30-11am and the evening performance on Thursday 11th December, 5-6.30pm. Tickets can be booked via ParentPay (3 tickets/family per performance): please contact the office if you require more). A professional photo will be taken and available for purchase at the start of each performance (8x6 = £8, 10x8 = £10) payable by credit card). You will be able to purchase refreshments before it starts
- **Poppy Appeal** - Many thanks who supported our service personnel and veterans raising £91.16.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Dolphin Swimming Transport** Please can those who have transport sessions remaining to pay for on ParentPay please do this as soon as possible. There is no swimming due to the Schools Swimming Gala on Tue 2nd and a refund will be given for this before the end of term. Thank you.
- **Seal Swimming** - next term it is Seal Class' turn to swim and further details were sent to you via email on Wednesday. Please consent/pay via ParentPay. There is a voluntary charge of £4/week requested for the cost of the transport and can be paid weekly, monthly or termly. The swimming lessons are paid for by school. If you have any problems please contact the office.



Diary Dates

November

Fri 28th Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)

December

Tues 2nd Small Schools Swimming Gala details to follow (No Dolphin Class swim this week)
Thurs 4th Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Mon 8th Christmas Carols at School with the Silver Band (6:00pm-7:00pm)
Tues 9th Nativity Morning Performance 9:30am
Thurs 11th Christmas Jumper Day (donation via link above)
Nativity Evening Performance 5:00pm
Wed 17th Christmas Dinner Day (menu option via ParentPay)
Fri 19th Christmas Service (9:00am-10:00am)

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Friends and Community News

We are looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow night at the disco, we hope you have your dancing shoes ready!!

We will be in the playground next week to take deposits for the Christmas pottery so don't worry if you haven't booked your spot yet.



A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day
Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

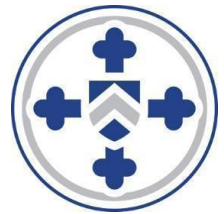
More Information:
wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



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11/18/2025

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Many thanks for all your support over the years as every penny given goes a very long way in helping our service personnel and veterans.

Your Raised:

£91.16

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CONNECT at Christmas

We provide a fresh cooked festive lunch at Kingswood School to anyone who is alone on Christmas Day, supporting their wellbeing through conversation, connection and companionship.



#ChristmasCompassion

Every year we ask local school children to design a Christmas card with a hand written message which we deliver to those in need. Or buy a pack from St Michael's Without, Broad St, Bath.

Connect Bath provides events to help tackle loneliness and prevent social marginalisation across BaNES.



WEBSITE

MAKE A DONATION



Can you offer a raffle prize for our guests to win on Christmas Day, or would like to sponsor the winners of our Christmas Card competition?

Financial donations also welcomed - just scan this QR code!



DONATE

JOIN THE PARTY



Don't be alone this Christmas, call our **Guestline** to book a free ticket: **07385 044581 / 01225 941025**

Or come and volunteer - application forms are online from 1 September, closing date is 25 October.



VOLUNTEER

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c November 24 2025

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Bath Central Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Every Wednesday
(term-time only)

Board Game Saturdays

Drop in. Suitable for all ages.

Every Saturday
12.30-4.00pm

Our sensory room is available all day if you need to escape the Bath Christmas Market.

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

9.30 - 10.00am &
10.30 - 11.00am
Every Tuesday
(term-time only)

Storytime

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Every Thursday
(term-time only)

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Every Monday
(term-time only)

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Board Game Saturday's

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Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

Winter Events:

Thursday 27 November:
At Midsomer Norton Library join in for some festive craft fun. Late night opening till 7.00pm.

Saturday 29 November:
Keynsham Winter Wonderland
Featuring a community market, food vendors, local bands, a free Santa's Grotto, In Keynsham Library there will be Punch & Judy and more stalls.

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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Thought of the Week

'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!' (Philippians 4:4)

Sometimes it can be hard to find things to be joyful about. When it's November and the days are shorter and the weather is miserable and it's started getting really cold, it can bring a lot of us down.

This time of year can be difficult for many of us. About 1 in 15 of us are affected by Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD, but I imagine many more of us will still find the effects of winter difficult. That might be why so many of us are putting up our Christmas decorations earlier each year!

People in Denmark are well known for embracing the coziness that winter can bring, so much so that it has become part of their cultural identity. They have even named it. *Hygge* (pronounced "hoo-gah") is defined as a quality of coziness and comfortable conviviality that engenders a feeling of contentment and wellbeing. They use candles and warm lighting, eat comfort food and spend time with loved ones, to create a *hyggelig* atmosphere.

This does sound a bit like our seasonal period, but it is certainly not something that is restricted to a week or two. Maybe this is why we're so keen to start our Christmas festivities earlier each year. We want to experience *hygge*.

Whatever you choose to do, it is important to do things that you enjoy, things that you can 'rejoice' in. Paul, who wrote the letter to the Philippians made it clear to them that we should rejoice in the Lord. Many Christians around the world have found this phrase so helpful. When they are feeling weighed down by life and by all the difficulties and darkness, they can remind themselves to rejoice in what God has done for them and to remember how much he loves them. This is really something (or somebody) that they can rejoice in.

But for some of us, this won't be the case. If not, what is it in your life that gives you joy? Family? Friends? A book in your favourite chair? Early morning walks? Whatever it is, make time for it and whatever you do, remember to rejoice!

Paul Marvin

