



## Car Park

As you will be aware, the car park has been an issue for some time. The decline in the surface needed addressing and we are very grateful to Mr Reynolds (Edward and Charlotte's dad) for arranging for Travis Perkins to donate 5 tonnes of gravel to rectify this.

Please read more about how we would like to fill the holes on Page 2.

## Open Day 2022

Our Year 6 children did us proud on Wednesday as we held our annual Open Day for prospective parents.

Their enthusiasm for their school really shone through and many of the parents, both existing and first-time visitors to the school, complimented them on their friendliness and on how well they sold the school to them. Brilliant work Year 6.

## Small Schools' Football Tournament

Our football team competed in the Small Schools' Tournament this week on the astroturf at Norton Hill School.

It was a very competitive afternoon with us playing against teams from Welton, St Benedicts, Farmborough and St Mary's Writhlington.

Despite not registering a win in any of the matches, the team competed well and played their games in the right spirit. We play our next match next week against Clutton.

## Christmas Events

We are heading into a rather packed Christmas period with many events coming up.

Please check the calendar, and especially note the visit of the Midsomer Norton and Radstock Silver band at the Carols by Candlelight event - to which we'd love you to bring not only yourselves but your extended family and friends as well!

## Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

### November 2022

Tues 29th	Football match vs Clutton at Norton Hill
Weds 30th	Christmas Art Day (No EcoWild)

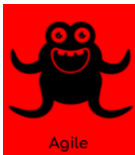



### December 2022

Thu 1st	High Littleton Carol Service 4:15pm (Class 3 and 4 children who have volunteered)
Fri 2nd	Farrington Forum Santa's Dash
Mon 5th	Class 1 Trip to Avon Valley Railway in the morning Year 5 trip to Clifton Cathedral in the afternoon
Tue 6th	No Young Voices Club due to Y5 Trip <a href="#">Car Park Pothole Filling</a> Small Schools' Swimming Gala (1:30pm - 3:30pm)
Wed 7th	Class 3 Trip to Aerospace Museum
Friday 9th	<a href="#">Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Classes 1 and 2)</a> <a href="#">Celebration Assembly (2.30pm)</a>
Mon 12th	Carols by Candlelight in school 6pm Farrington Forum's Cake Sale
Tue 13th	Nativity - Classes 1 and 2 (2:00pm)
Wed 14th	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day (no EcoWild)
Thu 15th	<a href="#">Wellness Day</a> Nativity - Classes 1 and 2 (6:00pm)
Fri 16th	Christmas Church Service 9:15am (St John's Church) Last day of Term 2

***The children return to school on Wednesday  
4th January***



## This Week's Ace Learners

 Agile	 Compassionate	 Engaged
Agile Ashley	Compassionate Courtney	Engaged Eddie
George M Lyla D Amelia J Bea R Isabel P Jude W	Mollie Sebastian P Noah S Tilly B Rhys P-S Emily H	Teddy G Holly E Magnus B Mollie S Toby R Max M Bailey M
 Lunchtime Superstars	Finn D Ted W Ella W	

## House Points Winners (Last 2 Weeks)

Ferentone	Mogg	Gournay	Azelin
34	30	20	34
Total so far this term			
74	59	60	66

### Car Park Potholes

We are setting aside Tuesday 6th December to try and fill in all the potholes in the car park. If you have some time to spare at morning drop off, during the day or before or after pick up, then we would welcome as many people with spades as possible to come and fill in the holes. These will then be flattened thanks to Clint in the village.

Please note on the 6th, the car park will be closed to school traffic - please park outside the Memorial Hall and walk across.

### Notices

- **Christmas Jumper Day** - This will be on Wednesday 14th December with a suggested donation of £1 for Save the Children. Children can wear a festive jumper instead of their school jumper/cardigan.
- **Christmas Cards** - From Monday 5th December the children can bring Christmas cards to school to post in the school Christmas Post Boxes for their friends or teachers. They will be sorted by our school elves and delivered to class in the last week of term.
- **Christmas Arts Day** - is next Wednesday. Please can you send your child in with an old shirt/t-shirt if you have one, that they can wear over their school jumper or polo shirt to avoid getting covered in glue or paint!
- **Clubs** - all clubs will be running as usual next week
- **Dinners - Message from the Catering Team** - As it becomes increasingly difficult to source some food items it may be necessary to make changes to the menus, often at short notice. When you are booking meals for your child please review the week ahead to ensure that there are no gaps in your child's meal choices.
- **Santa Dash** - please remember this is Friday 2nd December being arranged by the Farrington Forum who have chosen to donate all Sponsorship money to the Air Ambulance Service.
- **School Admission Consultation** - please see [here](#) the link to this document.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.



**Christmas Dinner Menu  
Wednesday 14th Dec**

**Book via ParentPay by the end of November**

*Turkey, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, seasonal veg, stuffing & gravy*

*Veggie/Vegan Option: Roasted Veggie en croute (Sweet potato, peppers, onions & mushrooms in pastry) with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, stuffing & gravy.*

*Festive iced shortbread biscuit (DF) (GF available)*

Children who are on special meals (DF, GF or GF/DF) will see the usual menu (gammon or cheese and tomato pinwheel (veg) - This is because special menus and trip menus always override the standard menu. In this case parents/carers will need to select the meat or veg option (as appropriate) for the day. From this the Kitchens will be able to pick up on whether a meat or veg christmas lunch is required.

**Friends of Farrington Gurney School**

We are really looking forward to the Christmas events as we approach the end of term. We will be supporting the Carols by Candlelight, providing hot drinks along with Turkey baps and hotdogs (both meat and veggie).

We will also be providing refreshments at the two nativity performances. Please let us know if you are able to help at these events. We will soon be asking for some volunteers on the "occasion help" WhatsApp group, if you would like to be added to this group then please let us know.

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES** Here's what is happening in  
w/c 28 November your Libraries this week

**Bath Central Library**

**Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours

**Storytime Sessions, Family Fun**  
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 29 Nov

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun**  
Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 30 Nov

**Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs**  
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

**Tree of Deforestation - Made by Year 4s at Widcombe C of E Junior School**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours

**Festive Creativity Corner, Family Fun Drop In**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours From 1 Dec

**Keynsham Library**

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun**  
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 29 Nov  
10.30 - 11.00 am

**Storytime Sessions & Craft, Family Fun**  
Thursdays 11.00 - 12.00pm 1 Dec

**Keynsham Christmas Tree Trail**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 21 Nov - 8 Dec

**Midsomer Norton Library**

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun**  
Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 28 Nov

**Storytime Sessions, Family Fun**  
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 30 Nov

**Write a Christmas Message on our Tree**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours From 1 Dec

**Digital** All Social Media

**Men's Health Month**  
- November, 1 - 30 November

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

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Improving People's Lives

**Trash 2 Treasure**

**At the Ammerdown Centre**

Join us to craft & make a handmade gift for a Ukraine child & a gift for yourself to take away. We will be using recyclables.

Date: Saturday 3rd December, 10am-12pm

Cost £3.50per child.

Parents go free. Juice will be provided.

Hot chocolate for adults.



This course requires booking in advance. Please call the centre referencing course Ref: D4822 or email social.justice@ammerdown.org

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## Thought of the Week

**'...The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."' (Luke 1:30-33)**

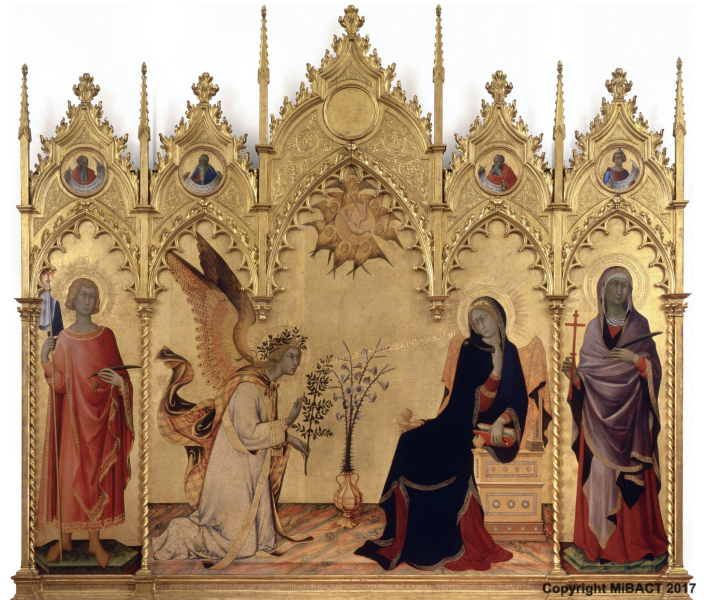


The Annunciation - Henry Ossawa Tanner (1898)

I wonder what it would have been like. I imagine Mary was just going about her daily business, maybe doing some cleaning or preparing some food. Maybe she was getting ready for bed or even asleep and something woke her.

In the different pictures I've included, the angel is portrayed in many different ways and Mary's responses are also quite different - rejection, confusion, fear. I imagine that at first this news may have produced all of these emotions. *'Even though you don't have a husband, you are going to have a baby and he will be the son of God and his kingdom will never end.'* In that day and age, being pregnant without a husband might have led to a woman being stoned to death. Even if you could keep it a secret from the village, it could lead to rejection and possible abandonment from your own family.

If we read on though, Mary's initial reactions of confusion and fear led to humble obedience and acceptance - *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."* (Luke 1:38). Her example is one that is revered and admired by millions of Christians all over the world and the reason she is so celebrated. No wonder God chose her to be the bearer of the promised Messiah.



Annunciation with St Margaret and St Ansanus - Simone Martini (1333)



The Annunciation IV - Daniel Bonnell (2019-20)  
Ecce Ancilla Domini! - Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1849-50)