



Christmas Art Day / Wellness Day

It was a real delight to see the children in their house teams for Christmas Art Day moving around the school, working with all the different staff.



The children enjoyed the variety of activities offered and went home smiling with items for their trees. The day is best summed up by the following words of one of our community volunteers:

"All the children were delightful; keen to have a go, and patient even when they struggled a bit. They were all polite and helpful, a credit to the school."

New pupils

It has been a pleasure to welcome two new members to our school community. Chloe and Willow have joined us in Years 1 and 3 from a local school and have settled well into life at Farrington.

Community Carol Concert

Thank you to the pupils who represented the school at the Community Concert at High Littleton. It was a great way to start the month of December - and the children joined with High Littleton and sang beautifully!



Some of this afternoon's Santa Dashers!



Mr Dix & Mr Turull

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

December 2022

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 Car Park Pothole Filling Small Schools' Swimming Gala (1:30pm - 3:30pm) NO Swimming for Class 4
Wed 7th	Class 3 Trip to Aerospace Museum NO Ecowild
Friday 9th	Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Classes 1 and 2) Celebration Assembly (2.30pm)
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 Class 1 Ecowild
Thu 15th	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

Car Park Potholes

A reminder that on Tuesday 6th December we will be filling 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. Please use finer gravel in the corner at the bottom of the holes followed by the coarse gravel in the bags. 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 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 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.
- **Clubs** - there will be **no** Young Voices Club on Monday as Mr Dix is on the Year 5 Clifton Cathedral Trip and **no** Computing Club on Tuesday as Mr Marvin has a meeting. The club's letter for Terms 3 & 4 can be found by clicking [here](#). Please note that Mad Science (Years 1-6) would like you to reserve your place by Tuesday 6th December.
- **Eco Wild** - The final session for Class 1 is next Wednesday afternoon. It is the turn of Class 2 to enjoy Ecowild next term. An information letter has been sent home. NB) There is no need to sign and return this.
- **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** - thank you to the Year 6 pupils who helped sell the Poppy Appeal items and thank you also to all who donated to this worthy cause which raised £243.63 in our school this year.
- **Santa Dash** - please return Santa Dash Sponsorship money in aid of the Air Ambulance Service by Friday 9th December.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Swimming** - Class 4 will enjoy swimming from the last week of this term. Please refer to the letter sent home and return consent as soon as possible.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We are making final preparations for the Carols by Candlelight on Monday 12th December. Please bring a reusable travel mug for a hot drink if you can and money for a turkey bap / hotdog and a drink. Please invite family and friends along, it will be a lovely night of carols alongside the Midsomer Norton Silver band.

Please remember to use the Amazon smile app. Details on how to set this up are included again below, it is very quick and easy and then a donation to the pta is automatically made with each Amazon purchase.

AmazonSmile Charity Donations

Did you know that **Amazon donates 0.5%** of the net purchase price of eligible items to charity if you activate AmazonSmile to your account.

Firstly, to register for this you will need activate it by going to the following web address:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Once on the website you will be prompted to log into your Amazon account. Once logged it you will be able to search for registered charities.

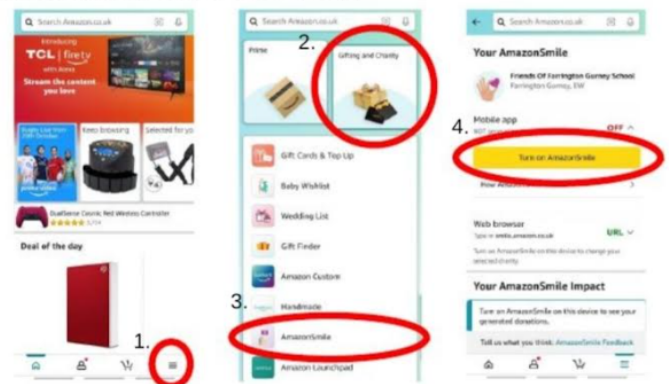
If you wish the local School PTA is registered to this service under the following charity name.

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You can then activate this service via the mobile app. To do this once in the app you will need to follow the steps below.

1. At the right-hand bottom of the screen is the Three bar menu Symbol press this.
2. Press the Gifting and Charity icon
3. Select AmazonSmile from the drop-down menu
4. Press Turn on Amazon Smile this will navigate you through the process to set up.

Please find pictorial representation of the above steps.



Date for the diary..... Quiz night will be held on Friday 3rd February. Full details to follow in the new year.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week
w/c 5 December

Keynsham Library

Festive Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 6 Dec
10.30 - 11.00 am

Festive Storytime Sessions & Craft, Family Fun
Thursdays 11.00 - 12.00pm 8 Dec

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

Santa's Secret Agents storytime, Chris Wheeler
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am 10 Dec
*Free drop in for families with children aged 5+

Cubing Club, Family Fun Drop In
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am 10 Dec
*KS2 & 3 - Please bring your own cube if you can

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 5 Dec

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 7 Dec

Write a Christmas Message on our Tree
Mon - Sat During opening hours All Month

Digital All Social Media

Winter Mini Challenge, 1 Dec - 20 Feb

Colin the Corgi, 2D Platform Game



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Instagram @bnes_libraries

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Blog bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

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

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives



Midsomer Norton Community Band

Christmas Concert

Chilcompton Village Hall

Entry Ticket Free (Donations on EXIT!)

Get your free entry ticket from

MSN.Communityband@gmail.com

Tuesday December 6th 7pm-9pm

Raffle, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Christmas Carols, Beach Boys, All that Jazz and much more!!



FARRINGTON GURNEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO...

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Please come and join us in school to sing your favourite yuletide carols.

All members of the community welcome.
Midsomer Norton Silver Band will be performing!



Farrington Gurney
C of E Primary School

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 6PM



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IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

Christmas Bazaar

GIFT STALLS AND REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2 PM

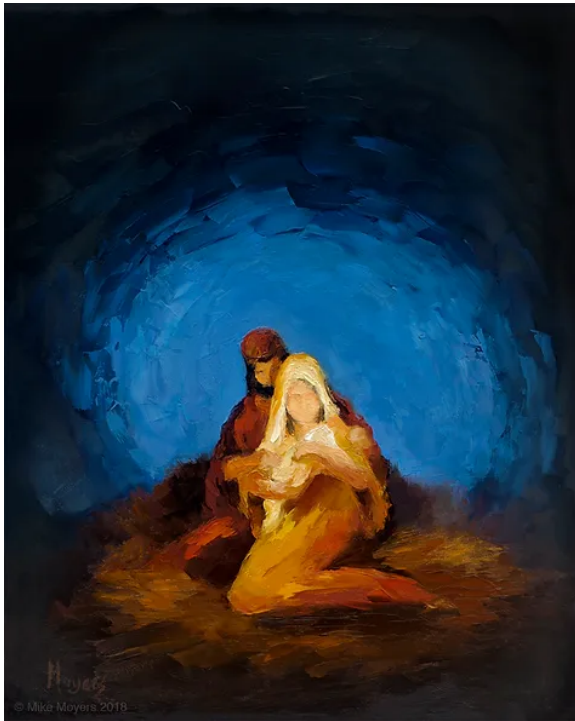
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Thought of the Week

'So Joseph also went up...to Bethlehem the town of David...He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.' (Luke 2:4-7)



The Nativity - Mike Moyers (2018)

Reading the Christmas story again with Class 1 the other day, I was reminded of just how difficult this whole thing was for both Mary and Joseph. Not only did they have to make the 90 mile journey to Bethlehem on a whim of the Roman leader, but they had to make this journey while Mary was heavily pregnant and in an extremely vulnerable position.

Many of the pictures of the Nativity that we see show a very cosy, bright and happy scene. The reality would have been far from this. Not only were they sharing their bedroom with cattle and sheep, but then Mary had to give birth in those filthy, smelly and noisy conditions. After the birth, they would have had to clean out the animal's feeding trough so Jesus had a place to

sleep. You wouldn't want these sorts of conditions for anyone, let alone Jesus.

For Christians this means so much. If God really did choose to come to earth as a baby then the humble conditions that he was born in speak of a God who was willing to reach down and meet us where we were and who still reaches out to us today. Rather than coming as the almighty, all powerful God, making everyone cower at the sight, he made himself accessible - someone who people could come to in faith.

This is the message of Christmas - not that we have to do our best to try and reach God, but that he did all he could to reach out to us.



A Sword Shall Pierce Your Heart II - Daniel Bonnell (2005)



Virgin And Child - Jesus Mafa (1973)
The Holy Night (The Nativity) - Carlo Maratti (1650s)