



## 2023 - Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all members of our school community. We hope you had a relaxing and fulfilling time with family and friends.

The children have settled back into their routines well, and have been full of stories of their festive celebrations.

## School Vision Outcomes

Thank you for the responses to the survey sent before Christmas. We had 48 replies and the outcomes fed into our INSET Day discussions around creating a new school vision. There were some very thoughtful responses in the free text boxes - which will form part of our thinking. As we develop our new vision, we will no doubt be canvassing you for your thoughts again.

We thought you might like to see the headline results. The percentages are of people who ranked the statements as 'important' or 'very important'.

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a compassionate person</li> <li>Improve their confidence and self-belief</li> </ul>	98%
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be inquisitive about the wider world</li> <li>Become a responsible citizen</li> <li>Build team working skills</li> </ul>	93%
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve their full academic potential</li> <li>To be able to problem solve</li> </ul>	91%
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gain a love of learning</li> </ul>	89%
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gain creative skills (arts, music etc)</li> </ul>	74%
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve their physical fitness through sport</li> </ul>	70%
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be offered a number of trips and events</li> </ul>	63%
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn and practice the Christian faith</li> </ul>	24%

Mr Dix & Mr Turull

## Farewell

We would all like to say a huge goodbye to our Ukrainian pupil Zakhar who is moving house to Bath next week and therefore, also moving school. We will all miss his positive attitude, his thirst for learning and his ever-present smile! Class 4 will keep in touch so we know how he is getting on.



## Notices

- **Admissions** - For those with pre-school age children the closing date for on-line Reception 23/24 applications is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January.
- **Clubs** - Clubs start next week. There are still spaces available in many clubs (not Archery). Please contact the office if your child would like to join.
- **Music Lessons** - Music for Schools & BANES Music Lessons start next week.
- **St. John's Church** - See [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Swimming** - Class 4 will continue swimming from next Tuesday. Please refer to the letter sent home last term.

## Diary Dates

*New dates and amendments in blue*

### January 2023

- Mon 9th After School Clubs begin  
Girls' Football Tournament
- Tue 10th Class 4 Swimming
- Wed 11th Young Voices Choir (Birmingham)  
Class 2 Ecowild
- Thurs 12th Woodwind lessons start
- Fri 13th Keyboard/Strings lessons start  
Celebration Assembly (Class 1&2 showing work)
- Fri 13th Year 6 Parents Camp & SATs Meeting in Class 4 3:15pm.**
- Wed 25th Y5/6 Badminton Tournament at Wellsway School
- Fri 27th Celebration Assembly

## Next Week's Clubs

No Eco Club Monday 9th as Mr Dix is at Girls' Football Tournament



# Farrington Gurney Village Hall

## TABLE TOP SALE

RAISING FUNDS FOR OVERFLOW CAR PARK RESURFACING

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2023

SELLER SET UP: 12PM

DOORS OPEN 1PM LAST ENTRY 4PM

Sellers: £10 per table

Buyers: Free Entry

To book a table email:  
[treasurereffarringtongurneyvillagehall.org](mailto:treasurereffarringtongurneyvillagehall.org)

FOFGS PRE-LOVED  
UNIFORM STALL

RAFFLE

CAKES  
& BISCUITS



### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 9 January



#### Bath Central Library

**Storytime Session**  
 Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 10 Jan

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun**  
 Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 11 Jan

**Art in the Library - Tin City by Jo Nye**  
 Mon - Sat During opening hours 5 Jan - 24 Feb

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

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

#### Keynsham Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme**  
 Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 10 Jan  
 10.30 - 11.00am

**Storytime & Craft**  
 Thursday 11.00 - 11.30 am 12 Jan

#### Midsomer Norton Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme**  
 Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 9 Jan

**Storytime Sessions**  
 Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 11 Jan

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

ST JOHN'S FARRINGTON GURNEY  
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IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

## Baby & Toddler group

LAUNCHES 10TH JAN

TERM TIME ONLY. PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

COME AND RELAX WITH FREE SNACKS, TOYS AND CRAFTS EVERY SESSION

# TUESDAYS

## 9AM - 10.30

PAULTON-BENEFACTURE.ORG.UK



# Cook it

**FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children**

Join a group session to discover how to make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person or online

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

Upcoming start dates (one session per week);

- Wed 18th Jan - 15th Feb, 4-5:30pm at Castle Primary, Keynsham
- Mon 23rd Jan - 27th Feb, 4pm-5:30pm at Paulton Scout Hall (no session 13th Feb)
- Thurs 2nd Feb - 9th March (no session on 16th Feb) 5-6pm Online
- Wed 1st Mar- 29th Mar, 4- 5.30pm at St Michael's Primary School, Twerton, Bath
- Mon 13th Mar- 10th April, 4-5.30pm at St Saviour's School, Larkhall, Bath (no session 3rd April)

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on  
 Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: [BATHNES.thehub@hcrqcaregroup.com](mailto:BATHNES.thehub@hcrqcaregroup.com)

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## Thought of the Week

**'When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.'**  
**(Matthew 2:10-11)**



Visit Of The Three Wise Men - Jesus Mafa (1973)

Although Christmas is finished, the 6th January is the traditional date when Epiphany is celebrated. In many countries around the world, the three magi or kings are remembered and people celebrate how a star led them to Jesus. 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word 'to reveal' as it is seen as the time that Jesus was revealed to the world. Children often receive gifts during Epiphany to remind them of the gifts the wise men gave Jesus.

But what of those gifts? They seem a bit unusual, don't they? Not the sorts of gifts you'd give a child.

The gifts all held significance though and as people who studied the stars and read about prophecies from different ancient cultures, they would have known about a promised Messiah after studying the Old Testament texts.

Gold was one of the gifts. I suppose at least Mary and Joseph could have sold it to buy things they actually needed! But giving Jesus gold was referring to him as being a promised king.

Frankincense was an oil that was even more precious than gold. This oil could be made into a perfume which was said to have 'a heavenly scent' or a 'divine aroma'. This was meant to signify that Jesus was coming as a holy leader, or priest, guiding people towards God. It could have also meant that he was also God himself.



The Adoration Of The Kings - Zanobi Strozzi (1433-34)

Finally myrrh. This was said to have medicinal properties, but it could also be used to create an exquisite perfume. Myrrh, though, was used most commonly to anoint the dead.

These wise men would have read the prophecies explaining that this promised messiah, king, priest and Son of God would also become a sacrifice, to take the punishment in place of everyday people.

This is why for Christians all over the world, the visit of the magi is so significant, because they gave gifts that explained so clearly who Jesus was and what he came to do.



The Adoration Of The Magi - James Tissot (1886 - 94)

### *A message from the Church*

*A big thank you to everyone from school who went to the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.....it was a happily packed church....*

*Donations of £267.70 have been sent to the Children's Society.....many thanks for your support.*