



Guitars and Ukeleles

On Tuesday, we had a visit from James from Create Music who gave us a demonstration of a guitar and a ukelele. It is always interesting to learn more about different instruments, and children in Years 1- 6 will have brought home a flyer offering one free taster lesson. James will also be visiting Seal Class weekly from Wednesday next week with his ukuleles to deliver some whole class lessons.



Smartphones, social media and screens

A reminder that the Parent Information Session will be run by Papaya online on Monday 26th January from 7-8.30. Further information can be found [here](#). Nicola McDonald from Papaya will be running workshops for Seal Class and Dolphin Class on Wednesday next week, so please do talk to your children about what they discuss and learn during their sessions.

Cards for Compassion

In the run up to Christmas, all the children designed and made cards as part of Connect Bath's Cards Project. These cards were given out over Christmas to someone in need to brighten their Christmas, and we were so pleased this week to have contact from someone who had received one of our children's cards. The person described the card designed by Max as very beautiful and told us how delighted he had been to receive it.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



TURTLE CLASS

This week, Turtle Class started their Space topic and have started their journey by making rockets, big and small! We used Whatever Next in Drawing Club and had a great time constructing our own rocket to launch into Space along with lots of other rockets from junk modelling and construction.



SHARK CLASS

In class we have continued to think deeply about our book, After the Fall, gathering lots of interesting words and phrases to describe how the character was feeling, and how he managed to face his fears. We have also started to learn the two times table!



SEAL CLASS

It has been a good week in Seal Class as they have been getting to know their new teacher. They have enjoyed sharing their book The Day the Crayons Quit, creating their characters and inferring emotions.



DOLPHIN CLASS

Dolphin Class have used their classification keys to identify animals living in our playground environment for science. In Geography, they have used map skills to locate mountain ranges around the world and on different continents.



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ROAD CLOSURE

A section of Main Street (between Meadow Close & Farrington Way) will be closed between 19th-23rd January for Wales & West Utilities to connect up a new gas mains. Diversions will be in place.

Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Vacancy

We are advertising a vacancy for an Apprentice Teaching Assistant. Please share this [link](#) with anyone who would be interested. The deadline for applications is Friday 23rd January.

Governor Vacancy - Farrington Gurney & Clutton Primary Schools

We have a vacancy on our Local Governing Body (LGB). The LGB is made up of Governors from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, and are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school. You do not need experience or prior knowledge, as training will be offered. If you know anyone who may be interested, we would be delighted to hear from them; please contact Mrs Hazard (Governance Professional).

Notices

- **Clubs** - have now all started and there are spaces available in most - please contact the office.
- **Papaya Talk - Helping Families Thrive in the Digital Age link for Monday 26th can be found [here](#).**
- **Reception Year** - please see your emails as a letter was sent yesterday concerning the Height & Weight measuring programme from B&NES Child and Family Health Service.
- **Seal Swimming** - please contribute via Arbor for next week's transport to MSN pool if you have not already. Thank you to those who have.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Diary Dates

January

Wed 21st	KS2 Papaya Workshops
Fri 23rd	Y6 Residential Camp & SATs Parent Meeting in Dolphin Class (3:15pm)
Mon 26th	Parent Papaya Workshop On-line (7-8pm)
Thu 29th	Y5/6 Badminton Event (3:45-5:45pm)
Fri 30th	Celebration Assembly (9am in the Memorial Hall)

February

Mon 2nd	MNSP Speak Out Competition
Wed 4th	Family Service at St. Johns Church (2:45pm)
Wed 11th	Y5/6 Gymnastics Event at Writhlington (12:30-3pm)
Fri 13th	Celebration Assembly (9am in the Memorial Hall)
	Wellness Day
	End of Term 3

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Friends and Community News



Thank you for your generosity in donating food to support Bath, Keynsham & Somer Valley Foodbank during 2025. Your help makes a big difference to people's lives, supporting families, couples and individuals facing crisis in our community by providing them with a 3-day emergency food parcel.

2025 During the year Bath, Keynsham and Somer Valley Foodbanks merged and together provided:

- 4893 food parcels distributed, providing food for 9258 people, including 2905 children
- 145 food parcels delivered to the homes of people with health and mobility difficulties
- Each month during 2025 an average of 100 households received food support for the first time
- 78,900kg's of food distributed to people in our communities – donated by people in our communities
- Approximately 670 Foodbank sessions held across our ten foodbank centre locations
- 200 volunteers, collectively volunteering for a total of approx. 17,000 hours throughout the year
- Support and advice provided by Citizens Advice and Clean Slate during foodbank sessions
- Extra support at Christmas time with toy vouchers and Christmas treats
- Winter items provided to help people manage the colder months

Thanks again for your donations, and for your ongoing and loyal support of Bath, Keynsham & Somer Valley Foodbank.

Best wishes and Happy New Year from all of us at the foodbank, hope you have a wonderful 2026!

Thank you

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c January 19 2026



Bath Central Library

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

10.30 - 11.00am
Wednesday
(term-time only)

Board Game Saturdays
Drop In. Suitable for all ages

Every Saturday
12.30 - 4.00pm

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
Tuesday
(term-time only)

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

10.30 - 11.00am
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
Monday
(term-time only)

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

10.30 - 11.00am
Wednesday
(term-time only)

SENDIAS Surgery
In-person. To book:

20 January
10.00 - 12.00pm

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>

Bath & North East
Somerset Council

Festival of Libraries:

We've got a jam-packed, two week programme full of **free events** for everyone to enjoy! Pop along to Bath Central Library on 21 February at 12pm to learn how to draw me:



Fergal, with author Robert Starling.



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BRISTOL CREATE DAY

With Siobhan Clough

Sunday 8th February 2026
10:30am-3:30pm
Future Talent & West of England
Music and Arts

SIGN UP HERE

This Create Day will focus on **Open Scores** - a flexible, creative way of making music that welcomes all instruments and experience levels. Young musicians from **Future Talent** and **WEMA** will join together to explore ideas, experiment, meet new friends, and create new music as a group.

[Trinity Academy](#)
[Romney Avenue](#)
[Lockleaze](#)
Bristol
BS7



Thought of the Week

'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' (Matthew 6:34)



The quote on the left is from Corrie Ten Boom. She was a Dutch watchmaker and later a Christian writer and public speaker. She worked with her father Casper, her sister Betsie and other family members to help many Jewish people escape from the Nazis during World War II, by hiding them in her home.

Unfortunately, they were caught, and Corrie was arrested and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Her most famous book, 'The Hiding Place', is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts and how she found and shared hope in God while she was imprisoned at the concentration camp.

After the war, Corrie returned to the Netherlands to set up a rehabilitation centre in Bloemendaal. She then returned to Germany in 1946 and met with and forgave

two Germans who had been employed at Ravensbrück, one of whom had been particularly cruel to Betsie, her sister. Corrie lost her father while they were held in prison and her sister while in the concentration camp.

It's quite surprising that after everything she went through, she was able to talk about not worrying. For someone who had to endure existing in a concentration camp, which included watching her father and sister die and spending time in solitary confinement, it's amazing that she could even think about enjoying 'today' and not worrying about the next.

It's easy to find something to worry about, maybe even more so at the current time. But as Jesus says in Matthew's gospel, don't worry about tomorrow, focus on today. That doesn't mean we need to start worrying about the here and now, but like Corrie Ten Boom says, focusing on tomorrow and the next day, just stops you enjoying the moment. It empties you of today's strength.

So before you start worrying about next month's bills, or next week's appointments or even tomorrow's meals, take some time to enjoy today and to live in the moment. Don't let future worries stop you from finding today's joys.

