



School Opening Mornings

We are holding two Open Mornings on Tuesday 29th September and Thursday 19th November (9:30-11:00am). Please contact the school office on 01761 452419 or email office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk to book a space or arrange an alternative view.

Celebrating our Achievements

It was lovely to welcome our families to our fortnightly Celebration Assembly this morning. It was a very difficult job for the teachers to choose children for certificates this week as we have seen our school values of Compassion, Agility, Responsibility and Engagement being demonstrated by children in their work and play and positive attitudes since returning to school. As well as sharing achievements and certificates from home, we were thrilled to award certificates for the Summer Reading Challenge to Thorin and Ella, and for the Doodle Summer Challenge to Thorin and Finn.



Christian Value: Trust

This term's Christian Value is Trust. In our school community, trust means knowing we can count on one another, being honest even when it is difficult, and feeling safe to try new things. We have been learning that trust is built through many small acts over time, and sometimes testing that trust and rebuilding it. Well done to Reuben H who noticed the reef knots that were used in assembly to make our towel rope as strong as it could be as we watched a demonstration of trust between Neah and George.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

At the start of a new school year we are really keen to welcome as many parents (new and existing!) as possible to become part of Friends of Farrington Gurney School, who are our PTA. The contribution that FoFGS has made through the volunteers over the years has meant that we have been able to offer the children of the school enhanced curricular opportunities such as visiting experts, trips and experiences as well as improving our school site through the school pond and outdoor classroom amongst other things. Please look out for a letter from our current members next week for how you can offer support in a whole variety of capacities to enable FoFGS to continue their incredible work and we hope to see you at the AGM in school on Wednesday 16th October at 6.30pm. We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to Lisa Dowling for all the time and dedication she has given to the role of Chair over the past year. Her friendly and welcoming approach has been very much appreciated by the school and community.





News from the classes



TURTLE CLASS

Turtle Class have had a wonderful week and enjoyed staying for lunch. We have started our phonics sessions this week and the children have already made brilliant progress with their pencil grip and mark making. We've also enjoyed time outside and got very messy with our sensory tray! Turtle Class were very excited to meet their Year 6 buddies and we look forward to welcoming them for a full day on Monday.



SHARK CLASS

We have been really busy in Sharks class this week! We have enjoyed our second skills-based lesson in Maths where we have been focusing on developing our key skills.



SEAL CLASS

This week in Science, we have been learning about friction. We did an experiment to see which surface would slow the car down fastest. Initially, our ramp wasn't quite right. We noticed the car fell so we needed a thinner ramp. Once we had sorted this and discussed making sure it was a fair test, we conducted our experiment perfectly. The car travelled furthest in the hall on the smooth surface and slowest on the grass which was bumpy.



DOLPHIN CLASS

Dolphin Class conducted their first experiment this week to understand what makes a good thermal insulator. They wrapped 3 cups with ice cubes in different materials and, after a set amount of time, measured the volume of water that had collected from the ice cube. They thought it was really fun and liked seeing if their predictions were correct.



Notices

- **Arbor Pupil File Update/Data Collection** - In previous years we have sent home data collection sheets for you to check and return to the school office. As parents now have access to all of the personal information held for you and your child on the Arbor Parent App, we ask that you spend some time to ensure that all the information that we hold is correct and to update if necessary (particularly medical and photo permission). If you need any assistance with this please email the details to the office.
- **B&NES Child and Family Health** - The School Aged Health Service are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on Healthy Bladder and Bowels to support parents and carers of primary aged children. The session will take place on the 24th of September 10:00-11:00. If you would like to attend, please click this [link](#) to sign up.
- **Bikeability Cycle Training** - the 2 group lists will be advised early next week.
- **Clubs** - All clubs are on next week as usual.
- **Dance & Disco Moves Club** - unfortunately due to low uptake this club has been cancelled but will run in term 2 for Years 1-6 if we have a minimum of 10 children attending. Those who have paid will receive a refund.
- **Dinners** - Menu change; You may have noticed if you have booked the Week 3 Monday meal that it has been cancelled as implemented by the Catering Team as the Southern Baked Chicken will now be served as goujons like last year. All meals need to be placed via School Grid by the Thursday midnight deadline for the following week.
- **Free School Meal Families** - please respond to the email sent Tuesday regarding funded support for extra curricular activities (inc. internal/external clubs & music lessons).
- **Flu Vaccination (Nasal Spray)** - Please consent via the email sent this week, scheduled for Tue 20th Oct (not Thur 29th).
- **Open Mornings** - details which have been added to the website and can be shared with you or any friends who have school age children starting next September. Our school open mornings are being held on Tue 29th September or Thur 19th November (9:30 - 11:00). Registration is via email or telephone to the school office.
- **Libraries** - please see the Library post below for more information about the Gruffalo Granny Trail available in our libraries!
- **Seal Class Egyptology Day** - has been booked for 6th October and has been added to Arbor for parents to action.
- **Reception Year - Message from the School Nurses Team.** Please refer to the email sent to you on 9th September to complete the New Entrant Digital Health Questionnaire. Please do so by clicking [here](#) asap. Thank you.
- **Secondary School Open Day Visits** - It would be appreciated if Year 6 families can please let the office know the dates when you have booked to visit secondary school open days.
- **School Photos** - Nigel Coles will be in school on Monday 28th September to take the children's individual and sibling photos. We are able to offer parents who also have pre-school siblings a joint photo (if you would like to do this, arrive at 8.10am at the school gate and make your way to the rear entrance to Shark Class). If your class has PE that day, the children should arrive in uniform and bring PE Kit to change into after the photos.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

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Diary Dates

Mon 21st	New reception intake attend all day finishing at 3:15pm
Wed 23rd	Dolphin Class Bikeability Training Day 1 Group 1 (Details to be emailed next week)
Thur 24th	Dolphin Class Bikeability Training Day 2 Group 1 (Details to be emailed next week)
Mon 28th	Individual & Sibling Photos with Nigel Coles (AM)
Tue 29th	Opening Morning 9:30am
Wed 30th	Dolphin Class Bikeability Training Day 1 Group 2 (Details to be emailed next week)

October

Thur 1st	Dolphin Class Bikeability Training Day 2 Group 2 (Details to be emailed next week)
Fri 2nd	Celebration Assembly (Village Hall 9am)
Tue 6th	Egyptology Day for Seal Class please sign up on Arbor
Thur 8th	Harvest Festival at St John's Church 9am
Tue 13th	Parents' Evening (Shark, Seal, Dolphin)
Wed 14th	Parents' Evening (All classes)
Thur 20th	Flu/Nasal Spray Vaccination
Mon 28th	Nigel Coles Individual & Sibling Photos (8-11am See Notices)

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Could you tell if your child was being **exploited** online?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child
Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm 06 October 13:00 - 14:30pm

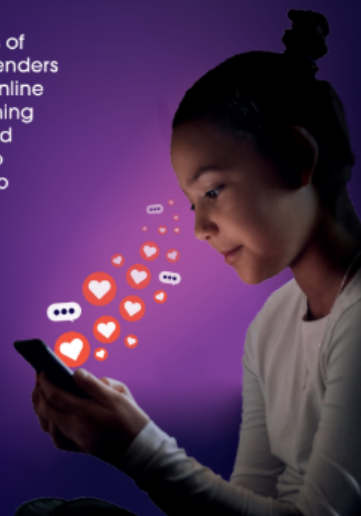
Learn about the different forms of
child exploitation and how offenders
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and offline. We'll highlight warning
signs a child may be at risk and
practical steps you can take to
keep them safe and respond to
any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset
Police Eventbrite page**
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29 Sept



06 Oct



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DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or visit:
wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 19 September 2026

For any ticketed events, visit our Virtual Library or Eventbrite for details.
baneslibraries.co.uk/groups-events/

Bath Central Library

Storytime
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am
Baby Bounce and Rhyme
Wednesday 10.00 - 10.30 am & 11.00 - 11.30 am

Keynsham Library

Storytime
Thursday 10.30 - 11.00 am
Baby Bounce and Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am & 10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am
Baby Bounce and Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am

Gruffalo Granny Trail available in all our libraries

Come and play our Crochet Character Trail! Can you find the seven cleverly crocheted characters from the Gruffalo books by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler hidden around our library?

Come in to our libraries and see if you can find them all. Happy hunting!



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Open Mornings for 2027/2028:

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Thursday 19th November 2026, 9:30am



For more information, or to book an alternative date, please contact the school office (details below).



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Thought of the Week

‘That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!’ (1 Corinthians 4: 16-17)



At the start of a brand new school year, it seems appropriate to review some of the values that we all hold dear to us. Lots of schools have values that embody their vision and ethos. Some examples are love, hope, forgiveness, perseverance and courage.

A less common value in schools is agility, but it is still important. Agility is very closely linked with perseverance and forgiveness. To be agile, we need to learn to forgive ourselves if we get it wrong and if we are agile learners, we will persevere even when things seem difficult.

Today’s verse is all about being agile, because it reminds us never to give up. Whenever we face something difficult in our lives, we can choose to knock it on the head and call it a day or we can demonstrate and exercise agility and see it through.

For many of us, as we move towards our twilight years, it can often be harder to keep pushing forward and taking on new challenges can seem like just too much. When we were younger, we may have had more energy to manage new things or could stay up later so as to cope with the extra workload. As we get older, we can often notice the strain more readily and we find ourselves complaining about being tired all the time, so taking on new ideas and challenges just seem to be out of reach.

For Christians, this is where a helping hand from God can make all the difference. Although we may feel like we’re wasting away physically, we can be soaring spiritually, because of God’s input everyday. Often this is why prayer and the Bible are so important to Christians, because this is where they get refuelled and renewed. This is where the difficulties and troubles we face can pale into insignificance when “weighed up” against the might of an eternal God.

If you are facing a difficult situation this week, I hope and pray that it will get resolved. And if you are taking on a new challenge, remember to exercise agility. If you need to, take some time out to gather yourself together and to renew yourself. But afterwards commit to carrying on and be determined not to give up.

