



## End of Term 3

It is hard to believe we have reached the halfway point in the school year already. A quick scroll back through our newsletters and social media accounts reminds us of the number and variety of activities we have been involved in so far this year - and it is exciting as we have so many more planned for the rest of the year. The end of term also means we say a fond farewell to Miss Singleton, our trainee teacher in Dolphin. The children have enjoyed their time with her and we hope she has a successful second placement at Longvernal.

## Miss Rowlinson-Baker

We are very sad to announce that Miss RB will be leaving us at the end of Term 4. Whilst we are pleased for her as she has secured a very exciting new role working with children with special needs, we are of course, disappointed to be losing such an excellent and valuable member of staff. We are exploring many options to ensure the children in Shark class have continued high quality provision during the summer term.

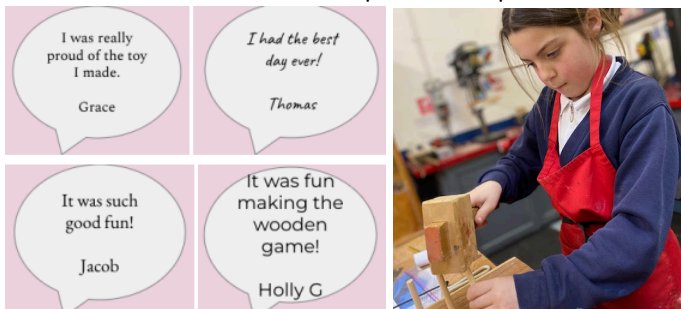
## Mrs Harvey

We have appointed Becky Harvey this week as our intervention teacher assistant. Her first day with us is the first day of Term 4, and her role will be based around supporting our higher-needs children, as well as some in-class support in Dolphin Class. We are sure you will give her a very warm welcome.

## Year 5 at Downside

It was a pleasure to take Year 5 to Downside this week to take part in some outreach workshops.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school. They took part in a DT session where they made a wooden toy and also made some impressive prints.



## World Book Day - Friday 8th March

Advanced notice of this popular annual event. Staff have been planning the following things:

- Children to come to school dressed as a book character;
- An optional activity of bringing a potato designed like a book character;
- An extreme reading challenge - send in a photo of your child reading in the most unusual/extreme place - obviously safety first!

Although the official date for this is Thursday 7th March, we are holding it on Friday 8th due to other events taking place in school on the Thursday.

## Oliver and Imogen

It is with much sadness that we have said goodbye to Imogen and Oliver today as they move on to an exciting new life in Wiltshire - we have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the children during their time with us. We are sure they will take many of our values with them and build on these at their new school. We look forward to hearing how they are getting on.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

## Job Vacancy

If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our hardworking lunchtime team as a School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) please ask them to email or call the office.  
£11.79 - £11.98 ph / 6¼ hrs/week

## Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs will start on the first week back in Term 4
- **Dance Umbrella Tickets** - KS1 Dance Club & Class 4 - tickets have now been allocated as required and can be paid for on ParentPay. Any questions please contact the office.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.



### Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

#### February 2024

Fri 9th	Last Day of Term 3
Mon 19th	Start of Term 4
Wed 28th	Parent Consultation Sessions (1:30pm - 7:00pm)

#### March 2024

Mon 18th	Year 6 Residential Week to the Isle of Wight
- Fri 22nd	
Tue 26th	Dance Umbrella (KS1 Dance Club and Dolphin Class 6:30pm)
Thu 28th	Easter Service (9.30-10:30am) End of Term 4

### Friends of Farrington Gurney

Everyone had a great time at the quiz last Friday, thank you for supporting the event. Congratulations to the Howson team on their win. We won't embarrass the winners of the wooden spoon!!!!

We will be in touch shortly with those coming to the curry night to take payment and provide you with tickets.



### School

## Family Camp 2024

**Friday 21st June –  
Sunday 23rd June 2024**

Please come and join us for the Farrington Gurney School Family Camp 2023. We always have lots of fun! A chance for kids to be kids for the weekend, and parents to sit back and relax. There are fire pits to hire, so we always enjoy some toasted marshmallows. Good toilet and shower facilities, as well as a pizza van and coffee hut. So you really don't need 'all the gear' to join in. You can also visit for the day.

Don't delay, book now! Details below:

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- Select the dates: 21<sup>st</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024
- Select **Pre-named family group** from the drop-down
- State our **exact group name 'Farrington Gurney School'** in the Group name field.

If you want to pitch with the main group, please select **GRASS PITCH**.

Powered grass pitches are in a line and will be a short distance away

Powered **Hardstandings** are in a line a 2-minute walk away

Bell tents will be pitched near the group, but other accommodation options are in a separate field, so fine to stay in but will be a 2-3 minute stroll from the rest of the group.

If you have a problem with the booking process, please either

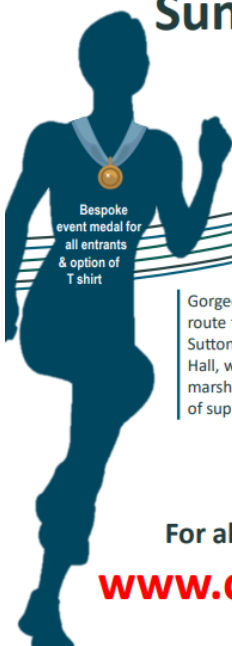
email: [webbiz@petru paddocks.co.uk](mailto:webbiz@petru paddocks.co.uk) or call: 01934 257055

Day visitors are welcome on site from 10am. They will be asked to park in the visitor's car park, register at reception and pop a few shekels into the charity tin. They are welcome to stay till 10pm when gates are then closed.

Please do take a look at their [rules](#) and their [terms and conditions](#).



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
at 9.30am**



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### **Thought of the Week**

***"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."***

**(Matthew 5:14-16)**



The Bible records a lot of what Jesus said, stuff that people still remember and quote 2000 years later.

How do we know that what's written down was actually said by him? Well, we don't know for sure, but all that is attributed to Jesus was said by Jesus or the authors of the Gospels came up with them instead. Either the authors were geniuses or they were quoting the same genius. I'll let you decide which.

Straight after Jesus talked about his followers being 'the salt of the earth', he then went on to say that they were 'the light of the world'. But what was he referring to?

Well, the first picture gives you an idea of what a first-century lamp may have looked like. These were used in Jewish households to provide light in their homes and they would have been small and unassuming. At nighttime, they would put a small amount of oil in one of these lamps with a wick, in a

room where there was no other light and they would light the wick. In our modern homes, with electricity, batteries, torches, smartphones and even standby lights, it might be hard for us to experience what it may have been like to just have this small lamp as the only source of light. But, this lamp, though small, would enable them to see throughout the entire room and could also be taken with them to show the way to the other rooms in the house - the few they would have had.

Jesus' point in his parable is that it would be completely inappropriate in a dark place to hide a lamp under a bowl. The intention of light is to provide a way for people to see where they are going. And Jesus is reminding his disciples and future believers that they should be "light" - showing people the way to be saved - in the midst of a dark world.

We can all be "light" to others. We direct our children throughout their lives, giving them advice and guiding them in the way they should go - whether they want us to or not!

Often, we can help and support friends and colleagues through dark and difficult times and we can be a "light" to them in the middle of their troubles.

This week, look to see who needs guidance. Where can you offer help and support? Who can you be a "light" for? Remember, don't hide yourself "under a bowl", shine and make a difference!

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and put it under a bowl.  
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