



Children/Road Safety in the morning

We have been informed that at the beginning of the day while waiting for the school gate to open, children often cross the road, sometimes on their own and sometimes then crossing back. In order to safeguard our children we request that from the beginning of Term 4, all children - whether they are waiting on their own or with a parent - wait on the opposite side of the road until the school gate is open. They can then cross over safely with the member of staff on the gate able to see if there is any traffic coming. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 5/6 Gymnastics Competition

On Wednesday afternoon, a team of gymnasts from Years 5 and 6 competed in a gymnastics competition against 12 other schools. Their effort, behaviour and team work was fantastic with great individual performances finishing with our teams coming 5th and 7th overall. Well done gymnasts!



Wellness Day

This week we have continued to focus on supporting children to flourish, understand their emotions and build resilience and wellbeing through our termly wellness day on Monday at the start of Children's Mental Health week. Turtle Class thoroughly enjoyed their muddy morning walk and Shark Class worked together to mix up some friendship ideas as well as starting a makeover of their outdoor space. In Seal Class there were lots of games to encourage speaking and listening skills as well as reflecting on things that made them happy, while Dolphin Class enjoyed making their own wellbeing rap.



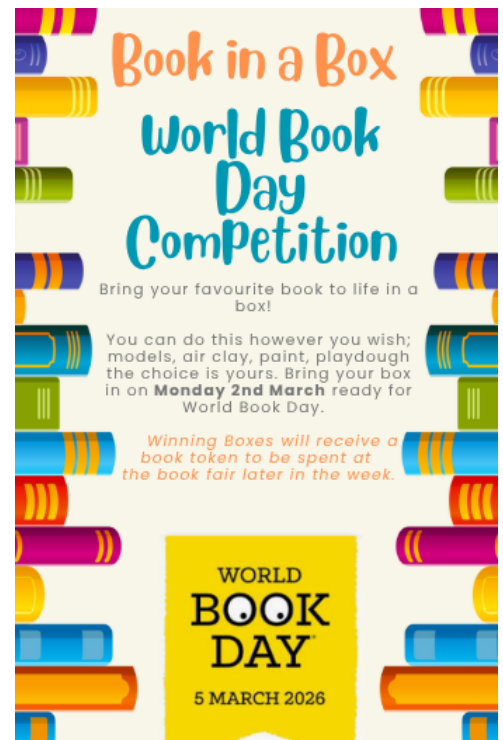
Book Week and World Book Day

We are excited to be welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 2nd March-Friday 6th March. This will be set up daily, either on the playground or in the Key Stage 1 Central Area depending on the weather. Children will receive their £1 vouchers the week after half-term which can be redeemed against books from the Book Fair, or used in other bookshops. For the chance to win a book voucher, all our children are invited to participate in the 'Book in a Box' competition



Musical Theatre Club Performance

Thank you to our Musical Theatre group who performed their own version of Roald Dahl's BFG this morning. We were all captivated by the acting, movement and suspense that they managed to create following only a few weeks of practice.



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TURTLE CLASS

We started Wellness Day with a very muddy walk. It was the best way to start the day as the children showed such resilience and enthusiasm. After a few cautious steps, in fear of getting dirty, the children whole heartedly marched through our beautiful countryside, stomping through muddy puddles and losing many wellies along the way (apologies for the washing)! We also enjoyed learning about Lunar New Year this week, particularly enjoying a special meal full of noodles.



SHARK CLASS

On Thursday morning, we enjoyed a visit to Bath to join with other schools in the West of England Music and Arts' Big Sing. We did lots of fun vocal exercises and learnt two new songs that we are going to keep practising next term. As always, Shark Class were enthusiastic, friendly and polite, demonstrating the school values throughout our trip.



SEAL CLASS

Seal class had a fascinating rivers workshop this week. We enjoyed exploring the living things in the river water which was brought into class. We also had a lovely treat afternoon on Thursday.



DOLPHIN CLASS

In Dolphin Class this week, we have been multiplying and dividing fractions. We have created a persuasive advert to tempt more visitors to Farrington Gurney and created raps as part of wellness day.

Diary Dates

February

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| Fri 13th | End of Term 3 |
| Mon 23rd | Term 4 begins |
| Tue 24th | Netball Match vs Chew Stoke |
| Wed 25th | Year 6 Lifeskills Trip |

March

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| Mon 2nd | Scholastic Book Fair in School this week |
| Tues 3rd | Year 3/4 Smaller Schools Football Tournament |
| Thurs 5th | World Book Day (dress up as favourite book character) |
| Fri 6th | Celebration Assembly (9am in the Memorial Hall) |
| Tues 10th | Year 5/6 Football League Match vs St Benedict's |
| Thurs 19th | Year 6 Cross Country Event at Somervale |
| Fri 20th | Celebration Assembly (9am in the Memorial Hall) |

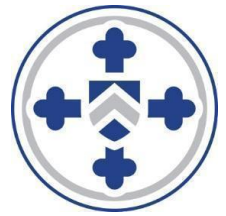
Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs start back the first week of term 4.
- **Dance Umbrella Tickets** - 2/family tickets are available to purchase via Arbor: if you would like 1 more please email the office. Tickets will be distributed Monday 23rd March. All details on Arbor. Thank you.
- **Private Music Lessons** - All start back the first week of term 4.
- **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.

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GINA BELFORD

ART - A selection of completed works from this terms Art Club

Book [here](#) for Term 4's Monday night club.



The children firstly designed their own magical creatures and then turned them into collage. They then learnt how to create their own collage papers with paint and wet strength tissue paper. They did an amazing job!



After school art club

Monday's for 5 weeks

During term 4 the children will be making their own concertina sketchbooks. This is a fabulous technique and the sketchbooks are in themselves a work of art. Children can choose to use these sketchbooks in an abstract way or use them to sketch in - the choice is theirs.



£35 for term, all materials provided.

Art club helps children build confidence with painting and collage and learn to paint in an expressive way.

To book: www.ginabelfordart.co.uk/after-school-art-club



GINA BELFORD ART

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FRIENDS OF

F G S C H O O L R A V E

DJ ANDREW RETURNS!

28 FEBRUARY

FARRINGTON GURNEY HALL

6:00PM-7:30PM

SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN £5, PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN £2

RAVING & BEHAVING

NOT

BAR OPEN
HOT DOGS

GLOW STICKS ON SALE

NEON CLOTHING OPTIONAL

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St John's C of E
Primary School

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**FEBRUARY
HALF-TERM
CAMPS**

Monday - Friday
09:00 - 15:30

One epic week of action-packed holiday fun.
Being active, boosting confidence, building
friendships, and creating memories!

**YEARS
R - 6**

**£24.00
per day**

Mon **Football Camp**

Tues **Dodgeball & Archery Camp**

Weds **Nerf Combat Camp**

Thurs **Musical Theatre & Dance Camp**

Fri **Friday Play-Day**

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**BATHNES LIBRARIES
FESTIVAL OF LIBRARIES
7 - 21 FEBRUARY 2026**

Half Term Fun at Your Local Library

Bath Central Library
We're Going on a Lion Hunt
Presented by DragonBird.
Immersive stories for under-5s
and their grown-ups.
Storytime

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Crafting Day
Enjoy making a bookmark,
mini book or Library card holder

Draw along with Fergal
Pop along to Bath Library and learn
how to draw me, Fergal, with
author Robert Starling

Keynsham Library
Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Crafting Day
Enjoy making a bookmark,
mini book or Library card holder
Storytime

Board Game Fun

Midsomer Norton Library
Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Storytime

Crafting Day
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mini book or Library card holder

Monday 16 February
11.00 - 11.50am &
2.00 - 2.50pm

Tuesday 17 February
10.30 - 11.00am

Wednesday 18 February
10.30 - 11.00am

Friday 20 February
10.00 - 3.00pm

Saturday 21 February
12 noon

Tuesday 17 February
9.30 - 10.00am &
10.30 - 11.00am

Wednesday 18 February
10.00 - 3.00pm

Thursday 19 February
10.30 - 11.00am

Saturday 21 February
10.00 - 12noon

Monday 16 February
11.00 - 11.30am

Wednesday 18 February
10.30 - 11.00am

Thursday 19 February
10.00 - 3.00pm

Festival of Libraries:

This is our programme of **free**
events for everyone to enjoy
over this half-term.

There are:
Jigsaw Days
Board Game Fun
Crafting Days
Pop into your local library for
a programme or look out on
our social media.

Festival of Libraries:
In Our Community Libraries:
Paulton Community Library
Story Rhyme Tuesday 17 Feb
& Colouring 10.00-
0-4 years 11.00am

Radstock Community Library
Crafting Tuesday 17 Feb
10.00 - 11.30am

**Bath & North East
Somerset Council**
Improving People's Lives

**GO
ALL
IN.**

**THE
ROMAN
BATHS
BATH**

**February half-term at
The Roman Baths**

- Meet costumed Roman characters (free)
- Grab a children's audio guide (free)
- Follow our family trail and learn how Romans lived (free)
- Make a Roman-style decoration (free)
- Dig for ancient artefacts at Archaeology Adventures (paid)

**Free Roman Baths admission for
Discovery Card holders***

*Valid with B&NES Residents' Discovery Card

**Find out
what's on**

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sport**

after school sports club

**Farrington Gurney C of E
Primary School**

All Years

Thursdays: 15:15 - 16:30

**BOOK
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HERE!**

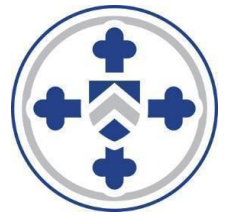
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why join...?

- **Inclusive for all Abilities** - activities are adapted so every child can join in and shine!
- **Safe, supervised, and structured** - every session is led by qualified coaches with years of experience!
- **Smiles every Session** - children leave buzzing with energy and stories to tell!
- **Fun Guaranteed** - fun, games based sessions with plenty of action!

**For more information
check our website**

www.ignite-sport.co.uk



Thought of the Week

'Love is patient, love is kind...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Recently a friend of mine was speaking to her hairdresser about faith. The hairdresser wanted to understand what made her choose to become a Christian. My friend was quite clear on this and felt that there were three things that they wanted to share that helped them to make this decision.

The acronym was HAL, which for any sci-fi fans out there will know is the name of the artificial intelligent character and main antagonist in the Space Odyssey films. Apart from the same letters being used, there is no other connection here, but it might help you remember the acronym after reading this page.

So the H stands for Hope. Everyone needs hope. We need to believe that things are going to either stay good or get better. As Friedrich Nietzsche said, "*He who has a why to live can bear almost any how.*" If there is no purpose, no meaning in life, we ultimately struggle. My friend was clear that for her, having a belief and relationship with God gives her life meaning and purpose and ultimately hope.

The A stands for Acceptance. Brené Brown said, "*True belonging doesn't require us to change who we are; it requires us to be who we are.*" Knowing we are accepted for who we are makes all the difference. It means we don't have to conform to other people's expectations of us. It also means we don't have to try and be someone else. We can enjoy being ourselves. If God made us then surely he made us well. Psalm 139:14 says that we are '*fearfully and wonderfully made*' and that God's '*works are wonderful*'. Again, hope, purpose and the knowledge that you are accepted.

Finally the L stands for Love. There are so many different understandings of the word love, but the one that is usually associated with God's love is agape - selfless, unconditional love. This is the kind of love that doesn't depend on your actions, looks, or status. It's caring for someone simply because they're a person, not because of what they do. That's the sort of love that my friend was referring to.

She ended the conversation by saying surely everyone wants these three things in their lives and the hairdresser had to agree.

What about you? Do you agree?

