

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

A place where all can flourish, find fulfilment and experience life in all its fullness

Newsletter 22 - February 27th 2026



Year 5/6 Netball Match

Well done to our team who played well against Chew Stoke on Tuesday. Although they were defeated in the end, they kept their heads up throughout and continued to pass, mark and intercept well as well as supporting one another throughout. Well done girls!



Book Week and World Book Day

We are excited to be welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair next week. This will be set up daily, either on the playground or in the Key Stage 1 area depending on the weather. Children are bringing home their vouchers today and these can be redeemed against books from the Book Fair, or used in other bookshops.

World Book Day Events

Monday - Book in a Box Competition. Please bring all entries into school on Monday. They will be displayed throughout the week so look out for them. Winning entries will receive a book token to be spent at the Book Fair during the week.

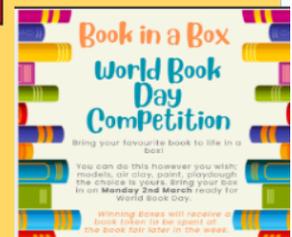
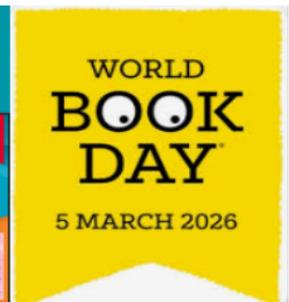
Monday also sees the arrival of the **Scholastic Book Fair**. This will be open daily after school for you to come and browse the collection. Last year we raised over £450 and due to your generous support we were able to choose lots of lovely new books for each class along with new dictionaries and atlases for Key Stage 2. Children can also use their £1 Book Tokens to get £1 off of their purchases at the Book Fair. This is a cash free event but please remember if you use Apple Pay you will also need to have your card present for purchases.

Wednesday - We are treated to a visit from local author Bill Bailey starting with a whole school assembly followed by class workshops.

Thursday - World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day.

World Book Day Tokens - all children should have received their World Book Tokens today so please look out for them and keep them safe. Remember they can be spent at the book Fair.

Community Readers - Thank you to everyone who has offered to come in and share a story with classes next week. There are still some spaces available so please email Mrs Frampton if this is something that you would like to do.



This term, we will also be marking Science Week during the week beginning 9th March, The Big Walk and Wheel Week and Neurodiversity Week during the week beginning 16th March and Farrington Forum are organising events for Comic Relief. With parents' evenings and the Dance Umbrella also coming up this term, we have had to cancel some of our staff-run clubs. Please see below in the notices for details about this.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Diary Dates

March

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
Tues 17th	Parents' Evening 3:30-7:00
Wed 18th	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:00
Thurs 19th	Year 6 Cross Country Event at Somervale
Fri 20th	Celebration Assembly (9am in the Memorial Hall)
	Wells Singing Celebration (information to follow early next week)
Thurs 26th	Wellness Day and Easter Event for Senior Citizens (details to follow)
Mon 30th	Year 6 residential



Classes



TURTLE CLASS

This week Turtle Class have enjoyed the dry days and started our Understanding the World and Geography units about Where We Are. We thought about where we live and how this grows from a village, city, country, continent and even the planet! We represented our local area in lots of different creative ways. We also enjoyed our first outdoor PE session of 2026 where we practised throwing to a target. It was lovely to see some of the children playing the games we learnt during playtime later in the week.



SHARK CLASS

We have started our new book, 'Malala's Magic Pencil,' which has led us to really interesting discussions about activists and how people's dreams change depending on their experiences. We have also started our Healthy Me topic in PSHE by learning about different food groups.



SEAL CLASS

This week we have been learning about Christianity in RE. We had to make objects that represented important things for Christians using playdough and came up with some really creative ideas. Also, we have had our first singing workshop this week. We are learning a song about the transition between seasons and learnt some new vocabulary at the same time.



DOLPHIN CLASS

Dolphin class has been working hard by completing their spring assessments this week. They have shown great resilience and have shown great progress in their learning. Year 6 have visited the Life Skills centre and completed various activities which they all enjoyed. They were great ambassadors for the school. This afternoon, the class has been making cityscapes in art.



Notices

- **BANES Public Health & Prevention Team** - have asked that we share that Norovirus and other seasonal infections are circulating and are impacting our local health services. Read the UK Health Security Agency's blog post [here](#) on how to manage symptoms and stop the spread.
- **Club Cancellations for this term** - Unfortunately due to training, parents evenings and events, we have had to cancel several of our staff-led clubs this term. Details as follows: no Singing Club on 3rd, 17th or 24th March; no Drawing Club on 10th March or 17th March; no maths games club on 30th March. All other clubs will be running as usual. Thank you for your understanding.
- **Dance Umbrella Tickets** - 2/family tickets are available to purchase via the Arbor **shop**: if you would like 1 more please email the office. Tickets will be distributed Monday 23rd March. All details on Arbor. Thank you.
- **ICT Acceptable User (student) Policy** - See the updated policy [here](#). By enrolling your child at an MNSP school, pupils & parents/carers agree to the terms of this policy which is effective now & has been emailed to you.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 6 SATs after school club** - this is an optional club for SATS preparation for the Year 6 children on Thurs 26th Feb, Tue 3rd, Thurs 12th, Tue 17th and Thurs 26th March. It will be in Dolphin Class from 3:15-4:15pm. Please liaise with Mrs Mathieson.



Community News

THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.



Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting railsafefriendly.com



DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC



Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 – March 24 on UK railways:

12

people died in accidents while trespassing

58%

were struck by a train or tram

42%

were electrocuted

According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+

companies support the programme

11,000+

schools in the UK have engaged

20,000+

UK schools still need to be reached

"TOMORROW"

FRIENDS OF FARRINGTON GURNEY SCHOOL RAVE

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

NEAR CLOTHING OPTIONAL

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The National Year of Reading 2026

GO ALL IN.

w/c March 02 2026

Bath Central Library

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

10.00 - 10.30 & 11.00 - 11.30am
Wednesday
(term-time only)



World Book Day

It's World Book on **Thursday 5 March 2026**. Celebrate the joy of stories with books, on audio or on digital. You can collect your **free** book at all your local Libraries.

BookTrust Storytime

Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years. Vote for your favourite story. Each session includes craft and play activities.

10.30 - 11.00am
Tuesday
(term-time only)

Also join us for a **special Storytime**. Come dressed in your favourite World Book Day costume, or pick one from our rail of costumes on the day.

Keynsham Library

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

9.30 - 10.00 & 10.30 - 11.00am
Tuesday
(term-time only)

Date: Thursday 5 March
Time: 10.30 - 11.00am
Location: Bath Library, Keynsham Library & Midsomer Norton Library

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Bedtime Stories at Midsomer Norton Library

On Thursday 5 March Midsomer Norton Library invites you to come along with your pj's and listen to some bedtime stories from 6- 7 pm. Come in your pj's, don't forget to bring a mug for a hot chocolate.

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>





Thought of the Week

'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.' (Ephesians 2:10)



The Washing of The Feet - Ghislaine Howard (2004)

Often as children, we get excited about birthdays and Christmas and this usually has a lot to do with what we are going to get. Even as adults, we can look forward to buying something nice for ourselves, whether that is some new clothes, a new book or maybe even a new car.

As we mature and get older, we begin to see the benefits of giving as well as receiving. If we find a really suitable present for a loved one, we can sometimes relish the time that they will open it, and the joy we will get from seeing their face light up.

This joy of giving can also be experienced from other things we do for people. Maybe we prepare a nice meal for some friends when they come to visit, or maybe we

spend some time with a family member who is struggling and our presence makes a difference to how they are feeling.

Our verse today is taken from a letter written by St Paul to the church in Ephesus and the rest of the Christian community. After reminding his readers that we are not saved by our works or the good things we do, he goes on to say that we have been created to do good things because we are God's 'handiwork'.

Christians believe that we have all been created by a loving God. Even if we don't believe in him or acknowledge him, Christians would say that all humans have been made in the image of God, meaning that humans are in the image of God in their moral, spiritual, and intellectual nature.

If this is the case, then surely it becomes clear why we get so much joy and pleasure from giving to others and making a positive difference in other people's lives.

So have we been created to do good things for other people? Whether this is true for you or not, why not spend some time bringing some much needed joy to another...while at the same time bringing joy to your life as well.



God has made us what we are.
He has created us in Christ Jesus
to live lives filled with good works
that he has prepared for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10

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