



## SIAMS - Church Inspection

On Wednesday we had our church school inspection, the focus of which was to look at the impact of our Christian vision, and how this drives our school to enable children to flourish.

The full report will be available to you in around three weeks' time, and we are really looking forward to sharing this with you. We both felt very proud of our whole community as we listened to the numerous positive comments we received during the summary feedback.

Many thanks to our children, staff, governors and parents who met with the inspector and gave their honest opinions and shared experiences of being part of our community.

## Year 6 Hoodies

There was a buzz of excitement as the box of leavers' hoodies arrived in school this week.

The children have been supplied with these by the Friends of Farrington Gurney School ahead of their residential trip to the Isle of Wight in a few weeks' time.

We have been very lucky to have such a dedicated group of parents who have worked so hard in raising money for the additional opportunities and resources for the children. The PTA are still low on numbers and with many of our long-standing members with children in the juniors, they could really do with some new members to boost their ranks.



## Men's Shed

Our friends from Men's Shed visited us this week and met with Arran, our eco leader, and presented him with 3 bird boxes they had made to be placed around our site to encourage birds to visit us and make it their home.



Mr Rideout, our caretaker, is pictured with the children and Men's Shed team. He will now be looking at suitable places to locate the boxes on site.

## The Value of Compassion

Having launched our vision in September, we are now looking at the impact of our value of Compassion so far on school life. If you have time, please review the aims below and feel free to add any comments on the following google form: [HERE](#)

Staff & Governors	We speak to parents, children and each other in a calm, compassionate and kind manner. We care for the wider well-being of everyone, both in and beyond the classroom. We ensure our actions mean all within our school community feel valued.
Pupils	We help each other and look after our classmates. We let people join in. We think of others before we think of ourselves. We don't boast, we share our learning. We live with big hearts.
Parents	We see Farrington as a 'patient, kind, respectful' and compassionate school and we understand that the role of schools is 'hard and layered'.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

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## 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 [office@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk](mailto:office@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk) 01761 452419 £11.79 - £11.98 ph / 6¼ hrs/week

## Notices

- **Clubs** - No Welly Club on Monday as Mr Dix and Mrs Huckman are unavailable. Microbit Club will not be on the 7th or 14th as Mr Marvin is not in school on those days.
- **Dance Umbrella** - Please pay for your tickets on ParentPay.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 4 Residential Trip** - The final payment for the trip is now due please (via ParentPay).

## Diary Dates

### March 2024

Wed 6th	Parent Consultation Sessions (1:30pm - 7:00pm) REARRANGED
Fri 8th	World Book Day
Tue 12th	Year 6 Cross Country at Somervale 4pm
Fri 15th	Celebration Assembly 9:00am
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 (9:30am-10:30am) End of Term 4

## Friends of Farrington Gurney

Everyone had a fantastic evening last Saturday at the curry night. Food was amazing and it was a really nice evening socialising. Many thanks to all those who came and supported the event. We raised an impressive £700, the amount helped by Noah's Ark Zoo donating some of the ingredients. A final massive thank you to Gary Johnstone for giving up his time to cook the food.

Please save the date of Saturday 27th April for the next school disco. We are holding the disco on a Saturday to avoid taking the hall from the majorettes on the Friday, of which many school children attend.

## LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**w/c  
4 March**

### Keynsham Library

#### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 5 March  
10.30 - 11.00am

#### Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 7 March

#### Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

#### Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 9 March

#### Art in the Library: Morwhenna Woolcock - The UK Islands Project

Mon - Sat during opening hours 27 Feb - 4 April

### Midsomer Norton Library

#### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 4 March

#### Storytime

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 6 March

#### World Book Day Bedtime Stories

Thursday 6.00 - 7.30pm 7 March

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WEST OF ENGLAND  
**MUSIC**  
AND ARTS

## YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024

**UP TO AGE 18**  
**ANY MUSICAL STYLE**  
**GROUPS OF 2 OR MORE MUSICIANS**  
TRINITY ACADEMY, BRISTOL BS7 9BY  
TO APPLY SCAN QR CODE

**APRIL**  
27th/ 28th

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★ **EASTER HOLIDAYS** ★  
**MULTI-SPORTS CLUB**  
at KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB  
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Tue 2nd, Wed 3rd, Thu 4th  
Tue 9th, Wed 10th, Thu 11th April  
9.00am-3.30pm

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- Diverse Range of Sports & Activities
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ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BATH  
G D S T

## Easter Discovery Day

Saturday 16 March  
10am-12.30pm

Royal High Bath  
Prep School  
Weston Park East  
BA1 2UZ

Free for boys and girls  
ages 6-11  
Sign up today



**NHS**

## Measles cases are rising in England

Make sure your child  
is up to date with  
their MMR vaccinations





### Thought of the Week

***"A farmer went out to sow his seed...Some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."***

(Matthew 9:3-9)



The Bible records a lot of what Jesus said, stuff that people still remember and quote 2000 years later. A lot of what Jesus had to say he told through parables.

This parable is one of the most well known, but often the least understood. Later on, in verses 18-23, Jesus explained the parable to his disciples. But for many people the meaning of the parable was hidden.

The parable itself is clearly showing the distinction between those who will hear, understand and take onboard what is being said and those who may hear the message, but aren't able to take it in for different reasons.

Let's look at the four different types of soil. The seed in the parable is meant to be Jesus' teachings. So, it isn't the seed that is different each time, it's the "soil" it falls on.

The soil refers to people's hearts. Those who have hearts like the path are too "hard" to receive a message of love and forgiveness. It's snatched away from them before they have a chance to respond. For those who have "rocky" hearts, their response is too shallow. As soon as it gets difficult to trust and follow God, they give it up and go back to their old way of life. For those with "thorny" hearts, their lives are too cluttered for them to fully commit themselves to God - other things are more important.

In the parable, Jesus mentions a final soil - those who have hearts that hear and understand God's message and it makes a difference in their lives.

Christians would usually consider themselves to be of the last soil, those whose lives have been changed by Jesus' message. But often, Christians can behave like one of the first three soils; either too hard to listen, or too shallow to change or too consumed with other things to make God and others a priority.

All too often, we get wrapped up in ourselves and what we're doing. So much so that we forget to pay any attention to the people around us, those who really do need our help and support. I hope this week that we will be more willing to listen to those that are hurting, even when it is hard to do, and that people will be more important to us than our stuff. As Jesus said 'whoever has ears, let them hear.'

