



Net Zero



Year 5 will be completing a week of Net Zero activities next week whilst the Year 6 children are on camp.

The purpose of the week is to make the children more aware of issues around climate change, through practical investigations. They will be building solar ovens and wind turbines to appreciate using clean energy. They will then be working in small groups to create ideas on how they could have a positive environmental impact. This is the 3rd time we have taken part in the Atkins Net Zero Superhero competition, and we thank Mr Rippon for supporting us with his knowledge and skills.

Year 5 Sports Leaders

We have selected Rhys and Georgia as our current year 5 children who will take over from Bow and Elias next year as our Sports Leaders.

In preparation they attended a training day at Bath University's sports village this week. They took part with great enthusiasm and were tasked with organising and running an event in school in the summer term.

They will be working on organising a day in Term 6 when they will take a class at a time to the field, use their skills to lead a warm up session and then put the children through their paces by timing their sprinting and measuring other athletic skills.

The Values of being Responsible and Engaged

To continue on from previous weeks, we would be interested in how you feel our values of compassion and engaged are being embedded so far since the launch of our new vision in September.

Feel free to add any comments on the form [HERE](#)

What Responsible looks like	
Staff & Governors	We are passionate about responsible use of all resources to make our contribution to a sustainable lifestyle. No matter how big or small, we take responsibility for our part in making our school special. We acknowledge, and take ownership of, our prime responsibility of giving all children an exceptional education and being good stewards for God's creation.
Pupils	We take responsibility for our own actions - we are honest when things have gone wrong. We all have a responsibility to look after and care for our planet, each other and school property. We use resources wisely and recycle as much as we can.
Parents	We can support the school by 'playing an active part in school life': ensuring children attend regularly, return reply slips promptly and being eco-friendly.
What Engaged looks like	
Staff & Governors	We encourage everyone to take pride in our school community. We support enrichment and the wider life of school. We show an interest in each child and their passions and achievements both in, and out of, school, and encourage courageous advocacy amongst our community in making a stand to love others as God loves us.
Pupils	We ask good questions and take pride in our work. We focus and listen and try to find out more. We like to learn new things, and share our learning with our families. We look after each other and challenge unfairness.
Parents	We can take part in surveys and forums and we support the work of the PTA and wider school events.

Notices

- **Clubs** - No Welly Walking Club due to Year 6 Residential. All other clubs are running as usual.
- **Clubs Terms 5 & 6** - The Google options form for next term will be sent out on Monday.
- **Dance Umbrella** - Please pay for your tickets on ParentPay and return your transport trip consent. There are a few spare tickets; if you would like to purchase 1 email the office.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Seal Class** - Trip to Bath Abbey please consent and pay via ParentPay.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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

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Diary Dates

March 2024

Mon 18th	Year 6 Residential Week to the Isle of Wight
- Fri 22nd	
Wed 20th	Seal Class Trip to Bath Abbey (AM)
Tue 26th	Fizz Pop Science Workshop
	Dance Umbrella (KS1 Dance Club and Dolphin Class 6:30pm)
Wed 27th	Friends meeting Farrington Inn 8pm
Thu 28th	Easter Service (9:30am-10:30am)
	End of Term 4

April 2024

Wed 17th -	Year 4 Residential Mendip Outdoor
Fri 19th	
Thu 18th	Year 6 Cross Country at Somervale (rearranged)
Tue 23rd	Football - Farmborough away 3:45pm
Tue 23rd	Reception Children Measures
Fri 26th	Celebration Assembly



SENDIAS Bathnes offers free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people between the ages of 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers.

Exciting new volunteering opportunities!

We are now recruiting for Meeting Support Volunteers to join our friendly and professional team

These are interesting and varied roles, supporting parents by taking notes, during meetings with professionals about their child with SEND

We will provide you with training, on-going support and cover reasonable expenses

For further information and to apply please visit sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us

Closing date: 16th April 2024

Call us: 01225 394382
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Text: 07530263401



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Friends of Farrington Gurney



School

Family Camp 2024

Friday 21st June –
Sunday 23rd June 2024

Please come and join us for the Farrington Gurney School Family Camp 2024. 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:

Pitch Availability and charges are all online www.petruthpaddocks.co.uk

- Select the dates: 21st June – 23rd 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@petruthpaddocks.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](#).

Live Well
Bath & North East Somerset



Support for families and young people with special educational needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

Explore the SEND Local Offer to find out what support there is available for young people with SEND and their families. Live Well B&NES includes details of wellbeing groups, social clubs, inclusive activities, holiday clubs, mental health support services and opportunities beyond formal education.

Dedicated information sections signpost to support around benefits and funding, Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP's), health services and how to access impartial advice and guidance from specialist teams.

Parent Carers of young people with SEND can identify ways they can access support for their role as a parent **carer** of a child with additional needs.

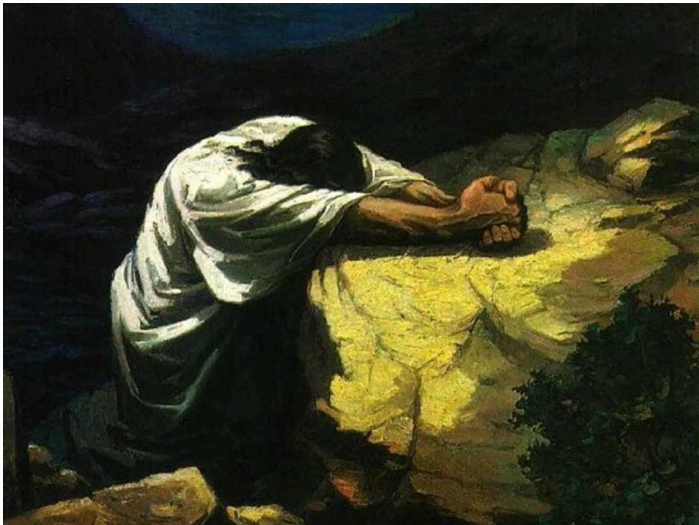
You can also apply for your child's free Rainbow Resource card providing discreet confirmation of their additional need, and enabling them to access dedicated activity sessions, quiet spaces and support, and in some cases concessions to venues across the South West.

Visit the [SEND Local Offer](#) to find out more.



Thought of the Week

'Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."
(Matthew 26:39)



'Gethsemane Jesus Praying' unknown artist (2018)

A lot happens after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, including the overturning of the tables in the temple and the Last Supper. But after he ate with his disciples, the Bible says Jesus visited a favourite place of his, known as the Garden of Gethsemane.

Recently, I heard this episode in Holy Week being described as 'Jesus having a hissy fit!' Not quite appropriate you might think. But hang on a minute? Are we too ready to tone down the experience that Jesus went through, to try and soften the moment.

In Luke's Gospel, it describes Jesus' sweat as being 'like drops of blood' ([Luke 22:44](#)). This condition, known as hematohidrosis, occurs because of extreme distress or fear, such as facing death, torture, or severe ongoing abuse. This was exactly what was going on for Jesus at this moment.

In the Bible it makes it clear that Jesus knew he was going to be betrayed, arrested and crucified. He understood what he was going to go through. So often we forget

that although for many people, Jesus was the Son of God, he was also fully man. He knew about the pain he was going to experience. And not just the physical pain, but the spiritual pain of being separated from His Father.

After this episode was described to me in the way that it was, the speaker went on to explain what they meant. This was the whole point. If Jesus hadn't been a man as well as God, justice couldn't be served. For Jesus to take the punishment for mankind, he would have to be a man himself. Otherwise the punishment wouldn't be fair. Of course, it was never fair that Jesus was going to pay the punishment for everyone, but that's for another week.

This is why Jesus is in anguish at this moment. It would have been a terrible night for him. And the few close friends he bought with him were no help at all. They just kept falling asleep.

Although he was aware of what was to come, this was Jesus' moment to try and reason things with God. A modern translation of what Jesus said could be "*My Father, if there is any way, get me out of this. But please, not what I want, but what you want?*".

He was hoping he wouldn't have to go through with it, but being fully God and fully man, he understood that it was the only way to reconcile man and God.

