



King's Coronation

It was a real pleasure to spend our termly Wellness Day focusing on the King's Coronation today.

The children should all have a good knowledge of the exciting events that will unfold over this coming weekend. Well done to our very own 'King Charles' and 'Queen Camilla' on their big day.



Holiday Requests

We have received an influx of holiday request forms in the last couple of weeks. While we understand that holidays in term time are significantly cheaper than in the school holidays, we must remind you that we are unable to authorise these unless they are in very exceptional circumstances and that holidays of 10 or more school sessions (5 school days) in any 100 session period (50 school days) will almost certainly result in a penalty notice from the local authority.

Drop off Time

Many thanks to parents and carers for easing the start to the day by arriving between 8:35 and 8:45am - this has made the morning routine smoother within the classes.

To repeat the request from last week; can parents please not 'stop and drop' on the road outside of school. We have some children who are becoming more independent by crossing the road on their own or with siblings and friends and stopping outside of school makes this potentially more dangerous for these children.



Enjoy the Coronation Weekend.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

May 2023

Mon 8th	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tue 9th	Year 6 SATs Week
Mon 15th	Year 2 SATs Week
Wed 24th	Girls' Cricket Tournament
	Friends' Meeting at the Farrington Inn (7:45pm)
Fri 26th	End of Term 5

Please note we have provisionally booked Sports Day for the afternoon of Wednesday 28th June with a reserve date of Wednesday 5th July.

Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs are running next week.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to the King's Coronation events in our local libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We are looking forward to the Coronation Village Day on Sunday from 1pm at the Village Hall. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us!! We will be running various activities, some of which will be at a small cost so please bring some change along if you wish to join in.

Many thanks to all those who have donated something for the silent auction, it is hugely appreciated. We are gathering a good list of items but please do get in touch via email, fofgs@hotmail.co.uk, if you (or family / friends) are able to donate something we can auction. Further details of the auction itself will be shared soon.



**Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral –
DISCOVER VICARS' CLOSE**

At Wells Cathedral, we're delighted to be offering a range of exciting activities for families during the May half-term holiday – whether you're a lover of history, drawing, music or even bats!

All activities are linked with and supported by the 'Discovering Vicars' Close' project, a series of events which will celebrate this internationally significant street and share plans for its future.

Come and join in with our fun activities with expert musicians, ecologists and Cathedral guides on hand to help!

Tuesday 30th May: Create a Coat of Arms

Wednesday 31st May: Discover Bats

Thursday 1st June: Singing workshops

Younger children and their parents are invited to join us in a family singalong.

Charge for each session is £2 per child / £1 if eligible for free school meals.

For more information and to secure a place, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/half-term-family-activities-2132829>

CHEW VALLEY 10k

Sunday 11th June 2023
at 9.30am

Bespoke event medal for all entrants & option of tshirt

Gorgeous, rural route from Bishop Sutton Village Hall, with friendly marshals and lots of support!

Support our community event and our local beneficiaries - all fitness levels welcome.

Adults (18+ yrs)*
£24 (medal & T shirt)
£21 (medal only)

Youth (15-18 yrs)
£15

"you don't have to be great to start,
....but you do have to start to be great"

For all details and to enter visit us at
www.chewvalley10k.co.uk

* £2 discount applies for UKA affiliated members

LTA BIG TENNIS WEEKENDS

BISHOP SUTTON Tennis Club

BISHOP SUTTON TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023
11AM - 1PM

LTA YOUTH START
FUN SESSIONS FOR TOTS, MINIS AND 8-11

MIXED TENNIS
CHALLENGES & GAMES FOR TEENS & ADULTS

CARDIO TENNIS
HIGH IMPACT TENNIS DRILLS

BEAT THE SPEEDGUN
HOW FAST CAN YOU SERVE?

WALKING TENNIS
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

PLUS REFRESHMENTS, BBQ AND CAKE STALL

NEW MEMBER DISCOUNT AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

FOLLOWED BY 'PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON' FROM 2PM

Children's Natural Dye Workshop

Tuesday 30th May
10am to 3pm
5 to 11 year olds
Greyfield Wood, High Littleton
Sibling discount available

Craft Fire Games Fun Friends Nature Connection

EcoWild
You are Nature



Thought of the Week

'On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.'

(Revelation 19:16)



Charles, Prince of Wales, immediately became King Charles III on the death of his mother. On May 6th 2023, in a ceremony rooted deeply in British history, he will be crowned King. But isn't it rather confusing that the coronation happens eight months into the King's reign? What is that all about?

To some extent, this depends on who you ask. The British monarch is also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. The coronation takes place months after the new monarch has acceded to the throne simply because it takes time to organise such a grand ceremony and invite important people from all around the world to attend. So for the Church of England the coronation of a new King is a very big deal.

The monarchy is of course very much part of the British establishment and lots of people, including many Christians, do not set much store by the monarchy. There are of course many others who care very deeply.

In the Bible, kings and rulers generally don't have very positive reviews. In the Old Testament, God's people are led by judges and priests, until they start crying out for a king. God had previously been seen as the people's king, and so this desire for a human ruler is not well received. King David reigns for a long time and is held up as 'a man after God's own heart'. This is despite his many failings and foibles, including adultery, murder, self-indulgence and vanity.

After David comes his son Solomon, who also goes off the rails, and soon the nation splits into two kingdoms - Israel and Judah. Many of the remaining Kings in the Old Testament are pretty bad.

In the New Testament, Jesus is also described as a king, the true king of Israel and indeed of the whole world. Even Pontius Pilate, who signed Jesus' death warrant, writes on it "the King of the Jews". But his model of kingship is very different to those of other rulers.. His kingship is not about power or prestige, wealth or status.

Most people who came across him in the 1st Century would not have thought he was a king of any kind, and when he was crucified then faith in Jesus as God's chosen king would have been very difficult to sustain. But the consistent witness of those who were there and wrote about these things is that Jesus rose from death after three days, and that one day he will return to this world. At that point heaven and earth will be renewed and reconciled, and Jesus will reign, the King of justice and of peace.

Much of this lies behind the symbolism of the coronation of King Charles III. For example, the ring he will receive is marked with a cross, a reminder of the ultimate King in whose footsteps he follows. The rod he will receive is topped with a dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, whose wisdom he will need to rule well. The orb, a representation of the earth, is crowned with a cross as a reminder that Jesus is the ultimate king of the world. And the oil with which he will be anointed is another symbol of the Holy Spirit, a prayer that God will anoint and equip the King to serve this nation.

So while Christians will differ in how they think about the system of monarchy and how they feel about the coronation, all of them will agree that Jesus is in the end the world's one King, and will want to pray that King Charles will be led by the Holy Spirit to follow in His footsteps.

(Taken from 'Christianity Today - The Coronation of King Charles III and its Christian significance')

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Revelation 19:16



FARRINGTON GURNEY

Coronation Village Day

PICNIC

PARADE, SKITTLES, BBQ, GAMES, DISCO AND MORE...

SUNDAY 7TH MAY
1PM TILL LATE

FARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL, CLUB & FIELD

BAR OPEN ALL DAY!

FARRINGTON GURNEY

Coronation Talent Tent

CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED FOR TOP 3 ENTRIES IN EACH CLASS

Class 1 - Flowers

- Single Flower (any variety)
- Bunch of Flowers
- Single Rose
- Garden in Seed Tray or Pan

Displayed in re-cycled bottles, tin pots or pans.
 We encourage the use of recycled materials

Class 2 - Art

- Cardboard Model of a Castle
- Painting or Drawing of King
- Poem or Prose Relating to the Coronation
- Village Photo

Class 3 - Baking

- Un-decorated Sponge
- Any Type of Decorated Cake
- Decorated Cupcake

ALL ENTRIES UNDER 18 TO INCLUDE AGE WHEN DISPLAYED.

Class 4 - Vegetables

- Any One Single Vegetable
- Home Grown
- Most Deformed Veg
- Can be shop bought
- Figure Made From Veg

A friend for Colin Carrot

FARRINGTON GURNEY

Coronation Fancy Dress Parade

SUNDAY 7TH MAY
1:00PM FOR 1:30PM START

PRIZES AWARDED FOR THE BEST AND MOST CREATIVE COSTUMES:

- Best costume made out of recycled material
- Family Group
- Individual (<11 yrs , 11-17 and adult)

MEET AT FARRINGTON GURNEY TENNIS COURT

FARRINGTON GURNEY

Coronation Scarecrow Trail

PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Please register your scarecrow by emailing treasurer@farringtongurneyvillagehall.org with your name and address

Theme - "The Royals"

- Scarecrows to be displayed from Monday 1st May
- Judging will take place over Friday 5th/Saturday 6th (weather dependent)
- If possible, please make your scarecrows moveable so they can be displayed near the Hall on Sunday 7th

Prizes for best 3 scarecrows