

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 3 - September 25th 2026



Farrington Forum



Shark, Seal and Dolphin Classes held their elections this week to choose new representatives for Farrington Forum. Farrington Forum is the school's pupil council and they held their first meeting on Thursday afternoon. During the meeting, they discussed the



Organising events.
Josh

We're going to raise money for a charity because we think it's important to help charities keep doing what they're doing.
Neah

I want to make a difference and make Farrington a better place
Albie L

I want to represent our school.
Thorin

Year 4 Quad Kids

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 4s enjoyed a sporty afternoon with the BANES School Sports Partnership as they trialled four different events: 50m sprint, 400m run, vortex throw and standing long jump. It was fantastic to see the children all participating with enthusiasm as they improved their skills.

Harvest

On Thursday 8th October at 9 o'clock, we will be holding our annual Harvest Service at St John's Church. This year, we will be collecting donations for Bath Food Cycle. In Tuesday's assembly we discussed how this charity gather surplus food from supermarkets to create nourishing vegetarian meals for people in need to enjoy together in a safe, warm environment. In order to make the meals, they need a supply of 'store cupboard' goods that can be drawn upon as ingredients for their dinners. Please click [here](#) to see a list of the items that they would welcome donations of. Please send these in with your child on the morning of the Harvest Service, so we can take them to church with us to be blessed before delivering them to the Food Cycle Centre.



Bishop's Collective Worship

On Wednesday morning, all the classes participated in a Collective Worship online with Fiona Gibson, the Bishop of Taunton with other Church schools in Bath and Wells. They were thinking together about changes and the start of a new academic year, and it was a great opportunity to worship with our other local schools.

Multi-Sport Festival

This afternoon, a group of children from Key Stage 2 have been participating in a multi-sports festival at a very warm and sunny Odd Down Sports Ground. We were so proud of how well everyone participated and tried new things. There were some very impressive sports skills too, from cricket to frisbee throwing!



Mrs Geeson and Mr Snell

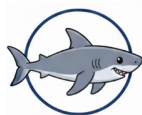


News from the classes



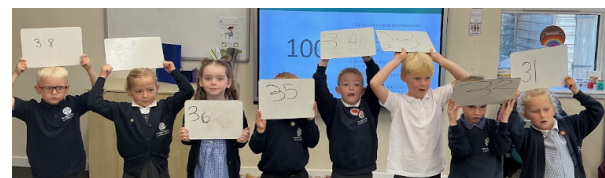
TURTLE CLASS

Turtle Class have settled in brilliantly for their first full week at school and we are all so very proud of them. We have spent lots of lovely time together with our buddies, who have done a fantastic job at demonstrating our Compassionate Value! We have loved reading with them, playing games and walking to the field together. Turtle Class have also painted wonderful self portraits so look out for these next week!



SHARK CLASS

Shark class has had a very busy week! We've rewritten the story of Cinderella (our published pieces will be appearing in the area outside our classroom next week!) and worked really hard in our Maths lessons. Year 1 has been ordering numbers, and Year 2 has even been counting beyond 100! We have also enjoyed preparing our artwork to celebrate the harvest.



SEAL CLASS

This week, in Computing, we were exploring whether it is easier to use an online application to create a picture or to use traditional paints and paper. Some children preferred working online as it meant they could restart easily if they made a mistake. Others preferred using physical resources as it took less time to set up.



DOLPHIN CLASS

This week our first group of year 5 and 6 children completed their Bikeability levels 1 and 2. The first morning was all about bike safety checks before performing basic manoeuvres on the playground. After lunch, they tackled our local streets and continued building confidence into day 2. The rest of Dolphin Class will have their turn next week.



Notices

- **Arbor Pupil File Update/Data Collection** - In previous years we have sent home data collection sheets for you to check and return to the school office. As parents now have access to all of the personal information held for you and your child on the Arbor Parent App, we ask that you spend some time to ensure that all the information that we hold is correct and to update if necessary (particularly medical and photo permission). If you need any assistance with this please email the details to the office.
- **Bikeability Cycle Training** - the 2nd group will complete the training on Wednesday and Thursday next week.
- **Clubs** - All clubs are on next week as usual.
- **Flu Vaccination (Nasal Spray)** - Please consent via the email sent this week, scheduled for Tue 20th Oct (not Thur 29th).
- **Open Mornings** - details which have been added to the website and can be shared with you or any friends who have school age children starting next September. Our school open mornings are being held on Tue 29th September or Thur 19th November (9:30 - 11:00). Registration is via email or telephone to the school office.
- **Libraries** - please see the Library post below for more information & events in our libraries!
- **Road works** - from 5th October there will be some delays on the road due to two-way traffic lights on the A37, access to the school will be maintained. The bus stops near Ham Lane and near the Main Street junction will be temporarily moved (within a short walk) and signed on the streets. There will be some night closures in February when we plan to resurface the Church Lane junction, but until then those parents who are driving from this direction should leave plenty of time for your journeys until mid-February. Work will be paused over the Christmas period.
- **Seal Class Egyptology Day** - has been booked for 6th October and has been added to Arbor for parents to action.
- **School Photos** - Nigel Coles will be in school on Monday 28th September to take the children's individual and sibling photos. We are able to offer parents who also have pre-school siblings a joint photo (if you would like to do this, arrive at 8.10am at the school gate and make your way to the rear entrance to Shark Class). If your class has PE that day, the children should arrive in uniform and bring PE Kit to change into after the photos.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.



School Opening Mornings

We are holding two Open Mornings on Tuesday 29th September and Thursday 19th November (9:30-11:00am). Please contact the school office on 01761 452419 or email office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk to book a space or arrange an alternative view.

Diary Dates

Mon 28th	Individual & Sibling Photos with Nigel Coles (AM)
Tue 29th	Opening Morning 9:30am
Tue 29th	Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Event at Odd Down Sports Ground 3:30pm
Wed 30th	Dolphin Class Bikeability Training Day 1 Group 2 (Details to be emailed next week)

October

Thur 1st	Dolphin Class Bikeability Training Day 2 Group 2 (Details to be emailed next week)
Fri 2nd	Celebration Assembly (Village Hall 9am)
Tue 6th	Egyptology Day for Seal Class please sign up on Arbor
Thur 8th	Harvest Festival at St John's Church 9am
Tue 13th	Parents' Evening (Seal, Dolphin)
Wed 14th	Parents' Evening (All classes)
Thur 20th	Flu/Nasal Spray Vaccination
Mon 28th	Nigel Coles Individual & Sibling Photos (8-11am See Notices)

The School Aged Health Service are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on Picky Eating to support parents and carers of primary aged children. The session will take place on the 30th September 10:00-11:00.

If you would like to attend, please use the link below to sign up. We encourage you to join us for this valuable session!

[School Aged Health Service: Picky Eating webinar | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 26 September
2026

For any ticketed events, visit our Virtual Library or Eventbrite for details.
baneslibraries.co.uk/groups-events/

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.00 - 10.30 am & 11.00 - 11.30 am

Keynsham Library

Storytime

Thursday 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am & 10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am

Parents and Carers Day at Midsomer Norton Library

Come and meet your local supportive services!

Join us for a fun, friendly day where families can connect, play and discover the services available in Midsomer Norton Library.



Free refreshments



Monday 5 October
10am-2pm



HOLIDAY ADVENTURE CLUB

5-11 year olds

A fun-filled holiday club led by experienced outdoor practitioners in magical woodland!

When: Wednesday 28th October, 10am-3pm

Where: Greyfield Wood, High Littleton

Day rate: £35 p/child ~ £25 p/sibling



To book: www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now



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Open Mornings for 2027/2028:

Tuesday 29th September 2026, 9:30am

Thursday 19th November 2026, 9:30am

For more information, or to book an alternative date, please contact the school office (details below).

Farrington Gurney C of E Primary School, Church Lane, Farrington Gurney BS39 6TY
email: office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk tel: 01761 452419





Thought of the Week

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’” (Matthew 22: 36-39)



At the start of a brand new school year, it seems appropriate to review some of the values that we all hold dear to us. Lots of schools have values that embody their vision and ethos. Some examples are love, hope, forgiveness, perseverance and courage.

Although not a typical Christian value, responsibility is linked closely with justice and hope. If we are responsible citizens, we will desire and seek justice for our community and our world and we can then have hope that things will get better. Today's verse is all about being responsible.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he replied by giving two commandments. The reason for this is because they are of equal importance and they are so interconnected that it was impossible for Jesus to separate them.

In the Old Testament, the Jewish law, there are a total of 613 commandments. That's quite a few, so when Jesus was asked this question, maybe the 'expert in the law' was hoping to whittle these 613 laws down to just one. What is wonderful about Jesus' response is that if anyone follows and keeps just the two laws he mentions - love God and love others - then they would fulfil all the other 611 laws. If you fully love God and fully love other people, you won't break any of the other commandments.

For many of us, the first commandment may be difficult. What if I don't have my own faith and don't believe in God? Well not fulfilling the first commandment doesn't mean you can forget about the other one. If we are all called to be responsible citizens, this means we should be looking out for our fellow man and our planet.

This might mean taking care of a loved one, or maybe giving to a charity that matters to us. Maybe there is something wrong that you feel needs to be put right, something you are seeking justice for. We all have a responsibility to do something to make a difference.

Often, taking action and doing what we can to help others can be very rewarding - not only will those you help flourish but you will too!

So this week, see what it is that you are passionate about. Somewhere that you know you could make a difference. It may only be small, but it could make a difference in someone's life. And remember, be grateful that we're only asked to follow two commandments and not 613!

