



## **New books for school**

We have received a very special delivery of 500 brand new books to the school as part of the Libraries for Primaries project. On World Book Day we celebrated Reading Champions from each class; these children often share their love for books with all those around them and are advocates for reading for pleasure. Our Reading Champions met and opened our first box of books last week and have been busy getting them ready for the rest of the school to enjoy. Over the Summer term they will be choosing new books to review and recommend to their friends. We are also going to work to develop the area between Shark and Turtle Class as a Celebration of Books...watch this space! *Mrs Frampton*



## **Fizz Pop Science Assembly**

On Tuesday we welcomed back Atomic Alice for a science assembly about air. Her experiments were fantastic and we were all very excited! Fizz Pop Science will be running a club in Term 6, more details can be found on the fliers that were sent home on Tuesday.



## **Wellness Week - request for cardboard donations**

During Wellness Week, we will be carrying out a challenge involving cardboard packaging. We would be grateful if you could keep hold of any clean cardboard packaging or tubes of any size that you accumulate over the next week and bring it into school during the week beginning Monday 18th May.

## **Whole School Trip - Westonbirt Arboretum**

We are very excited to have booked our whole school trip to Westonbirt Arboretum on Thursday 2nd July. It will be a day filled with exploring, games and forest-based activities. Further information, including how to consent and pay will be on Arbor next week. If you are a DBS-checked volunteer and available to come along on the day, please email the school office.



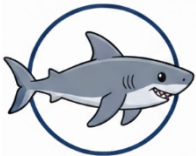


## Classes



TURTLE CLASS

Turtle and Shark Classes have been working on a printing project on Fridays with Mrs Pearson. The children have been exploring textures using dots, lines and circles and how we can use this to print. Next they will sketch a personalised map on to tiles and have a go at printing it. Look out for these displayed on the pegs outside Turtle Class next week.

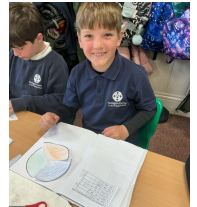


SHARK CLASS



SEAL CLASS

This week, we have started our new maths unit on Fractions. We have been using the key language of part and whole and thinking about equal and unequal groups. We were challenged to split shapes into different equal and unequal groups and then put them back together again.



DOLPHIN CLASS

We have been working in pairs to answer questions based on our maths and reading assessments this week. We have also made devices with a circuit containing a switch. We problem solved how to make our devices using our growing knowledge of circuits with some very creative solutions and devices.



## Friends of Farrington

Our next Friends meeting is at Farrington Inn on Monday 11th May. It would be lovely to see anyone who can come along to share their ideas and time. Please also see below for details of our Movie Night next Thursday after school.

## Notices

- **Clubs** - There are no cancelled clubs next week. Please see to follow additional clubs for term 6:
  - **Fizz Pop Science Club (Y1-6) Tuesday** - registration is now open (via [www.fizzpopscience.co.uk](http://www.fizzpopscience.co.uk) and click on the 'Cloud' and register on Arbor.
  - **Ignite Sports (YR-6) Thursday** - registration is now open, please register on Arbor.
- **Dinners** - Please remember to book by Thursday midnight for the following week.
- **Keynsham Cricket Club** - are running their multi-sports holiday club at Keynsham Cricket Club during May half term on Tue 26th & Wed 27th May. Children in reception - year 6 are welcome to join the fun at £25 per day. Full information, dates and online bookings are available at [www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching](http://www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching)
- **Music for Schools** - There will be no lessons next week due to it being SATs week.
- **Pollinator Party** - on Sunday 17th May 10am-2pm. Save the date for a guided foraging walk, hedgehog protection, willow craft, cordials, herbs and heating: something for everyone, together with free teas, coffees, biscuits—and lunch!
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.



## **Musical Theatre Club - Thursdays Term 6**

This is a new offering to our clubs this year and very popular in term 3. Michelle Rochester runs this but sadly was cancelled for term 5 due to numbers as it clashed with another popular club. There are still children who would like to join the club, but we must meet the minimum numbers of 10 to make it viable. If your child would like to join please register on Arbor ASAP. If you have any problems with Arbor please let the office know.

NB) IgniteSport will also be running a sports club on the same night so please remember this when choosing. 😊

## **Diary Dates**

### **May**

Mon 11th - Thu 14th	SATs Week
Wed 13th	Turtle and Shark Classes to Chew Valley Animal Farm (consent on Arbor)
Fri 15th May	Celebration Assembly
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd	Wellness Week
Fri 22nd	End of Term 5

### **June**

Mon 1st	Term 6 starts
Thur 4th	Class Photos and Year 6 with Nigel Coles
Tue 16th	Dolphin Class Quadkids Athletics (details to follow)
Tue 16th	New Intake Parent Meeting 4-5pm
Thur 18th	Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition 12.30-3 (details to follow - small group attending)
Mon 22nd	Year 3/4 Tennis tournament 1-3 (details to follow - small group attending)
Wed 24th	Leavers Moving Up Celebration at Wells Cathedral (please consent on Arbor)
Thur 25th	Teddy Bears Picnic on the Field for New Intake 12-1pm
Tues 30th	Y4, 5 & 6 Bristol Beacon Trip (please consent on Arbor)

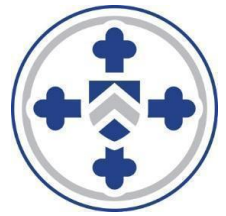
### **July**

Thur 2nd	Whole School Trip (details to follow)
Tue 7th	Dolphin Class Matinee Performance 1.30-3pm (details to follow re tickets)
Wed 8th	School Sports Day
Wed 8th	Seal Class Quadkids Athletics after school (details to follow)
Thur 9th	New Intake Stay & Play Session 9:30-11am
	Dolphin Class Evening Performance 5-7pm (details to follow re tickets)
Friday 10th	Last Celebration Assembly for this academic year
Tue 14th	Last swimming session for KS1.
Friday 17th	Leavers Service at the Church 9-10am
	Year 6 Final Farewell under the tree on the sports pitch 2:30-3:15pm
	End of Term 6

# 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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**Free!**

**SASS and WEMA**

**Family Music and Singing Session**





**Guillem**

Come along and join us for singing, playing and exploring musical instruments in a fun creative session for the whole family!

*\*You can book or just turn up!*



**Heather**

**Venue:**  
Midsomer Norton Library  
The Hollies, High Street,  
Midsomer Norton, BA3 2DP

**Date and Time:**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**10:30am - 11:30am**

\*Free nearby parking available in Sainsburys, The Hollies or South Road Car Park.

\*This is half term for lots of schools.

**This session is for all autistic young people and their families in B&NES.**

All are welcome: whether you are waiting for diagnosis, or self-identify as autistic, no formal diagnosis is needed.

Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to meet with members of the SASS team for general advice and support during the session.

**BOOK NOW** To book a **free** place, contact:  
sass@fossewayschool.com  
01761 412198

Families can arrive early and enjoy visiting the library, including access to the Sensory Space.

Please scan the QR code below to familiarise yourself with Midsomer Norton Library before your visit with an introduction to the space and services.




## After school art club

### Term 6 - Monday's for 5 weeks

**GINA BELFORD ART**

Art club helps children build confidence with painting, collage and drawing in an expressive way.




During term 6 we will learn how to create expressive abstract paintings. Over 5 weeks we will explore intuitive painting, how to create our own colours, learn how to layer a painting plus how to combine texture and pattern. The outcome? 6 individual abstract paintings on a sheet of A3 artist quality paper.

**£35 per term, all materials provided.**

To book: [www.ginabelfordart.co.uk/after-school-art-club](http://www.ginabelfordart.co.uk/after-school-art-club)



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FRIENDS OF FARRINGTON GURNEY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

# AFTER SCHOOL AT THE MOVIES

**£5 ENTRY**

**THURSDAY 14TH MAY**

MOVIE STARTS 3:45PM

VENUE: FARRINGTON GURNEY VILLAGE HALL

**PARENTS!**

IF YOU BUY A TICKET FOR YOUR CHILD, NO NEED TO ATTEND 3:15 PICK UP!

PICK UP FROM HALL AT 5:15PM

**SNACK BOX INCLUDED WITH TICKET**

FILM DETAILS COMING SOON! FOLLOW US ON




**09:00 - 15:30**

**ignite sport**

**Years R-6**

# MAY HALF TERM SPORTS CAMPS

**St John's C of E Primary School**

Redfield Road, BA3 2JN



**Tues 26th May**

Musical Theatre  
OR  
Football



**Thurs 28th May**

Street Dance  
OR  
Striking & Fielding Games  
(Cricket, Rounders, Danish Longball etc.)

**BOOK NOW!**








SCAN HERE

**Fri 29th May**

Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football

[www.ignite-sport.co.uk](http://www.ignite-sport.co.uk)



### Thought of the Week

**'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'** (Luke 19: 9-10)



Zacchaeus - Benjamin Hummel (2016)

Most of us will know the story of Zacchaeus, the man who climbed a tree so he could see Jesus. You may even know the song 'Zacchaeus was a very little man'.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liAe6GNKtec>) But what was it that made Zacchaeus do this?

Zacchaeus was a tax collector. At that time, the Romans were ruling over Judea, and they employed Jews as tax collectors to pay for the upkeep of the Roman army in Palestine. Most people lived simple lives and the new taxes put a real strain on them. Not only this, but many of the tax collectors, including Zacchaeus, also cheated people out of more money when they collected, which enabled them to become very wealthy. This meant that tax collectors were often hated by the other Jews.

So although he had more than enough, Zacchaeus didn't have any friends. More than this, Zacchaeus recognised that

his money and his possessions were not enough for him. He was desperate to see Jesus. He had probably heard all about him. On his way to Jericho, in the previous chapter, Jesus had restored the sight of a blind man, so maybe Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus perform a miracle. Or was there more?

Most of us crave acceptance. It's inherent in us to want to belong. Often people will go to great lengths to feel they belong to something - a family, a workplace, a club or even a gang. Like us, Zacchaeus wanted acceptance. Maybe he originally thought that wealth would provide what he needed for his life, but if so, it definitely wasn't enough. Something was still missing. Could Jesus be who or what he needed?

And how does Jesus treat Zacchaeus? This was a man who had been stealing from other people, many of whom couldn't afford to have any more money taken from them. He was also hated by everyone else that knew him. Surely he wasn't worth talking to - he definitely didn't deserve Jesus' time.

Jesus stops, looks up and tells Zacchaeus that he is coming to stay at his house. Regardless of how he had lived his life and regardless of what everyone else thought, Jesus spent time with Zacchaeus. He reminds the crowds that he is a son of Abraham, which for the Jews at the time meant he was still included. Even after making wrong choices in his life, Jesus recognised Zacchaeus' need and changed his whole life around. The tax collector sold half his possessions to give to the poor and paid back four times the amount to anyone he had cheated.

So are we as willing to accept others like Jesus did, even if they do seem like outsiders? Are we even aware of our own need for acceptance? What does this mean for us?

