

# Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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

**Newsletter 31 - May 16th 2025**



## Year 6 SATs Week

We would like to start this week's newsletter by saying well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their hard work in the assessments they have taken. In terms of the SATs, the children worked very positively through the English papers at the beginning of the week and although some of the maths ones seemed very tricky - especially on Wednesday - they all persevered well and put in their full effort. They especially enjoyed the pizza for lunch yesterday, many thanks to Holly's mum for organising this.

## Wellness Week

Wellness Week continues to be an important element of the school annual calendar, and next week is no exception. Each day will have a different theme linked to mental health and wellbeing with activities happening in and out of the classroom to support this theme. Please could all children come to school in PE kit every day, and make sure that they have a sun hat and sun cream as we continue to use the outdoor spaces as much as possible. On Friday, they will need to wear long trousers to protect their legs during our walk. We still need a couple of DBS-checked volunteers for this, so please contact the school office if you are able to help.



	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Theme</i>	<i>Healthy Body = Healthy Mind</i>	<i>Connecting with Nature</i>	<i>The Benefits of Play</i>	<i>Artistic Expression and the Brain</i>	<i>Community and Connection</i>
<i>Key events</i>	<i>Cricket coaches visiting</i>	<i>Visit from a petting farm</i>	<i>Superpirates visit on the field</i>	<i>Whole school art activity</i>	<i>Celebration Lunch and Whole school walk</i>

## Walk to School 19th-23rd May

Alongside our school Wellness Week, next week is the official Walk to School Week where children and families across the country are encouraged to leave cars at home and walk or wheel to school. We know that this is not possible for all our families, so we are also encouraging 'Park and Stride', where cars can be parked a reasonable distance from the school and children and their parents or carers walk or wheel the rest of the way. To support us with this, Farrington's are kindly allowing us to use their main Playbarn car park for the school run. Our House Captains will be visiting classes every morning to get a tally of the number of children who have walked or wheeled at least some of the distance to school and distributing stickers. They are also planning a reward for the class with the highest percentage of walk or wheelers at the end of the week!



**Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull**

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## Diary Dates

### May

Mon 19th-Fri 23rd  
Fri 23rd

Wellness Week  
End of Term 5

### June

Mon 2nd  
Tue 3rd  
Thur 5th  
Tue 10th  
Fri 13th  
Mon 16th  
Thur 19th  
Fri 27th

Start of Term 6  
Fizz Pop Science after school club starts for 5 sessions  
Class Photos by Nigel Coles (AM)  
Year 6 Move Up Celebrations (details to follow)  
Celebration Assembly  
Years 5/6 Quaddkids Athletics Tournament 3:45-5:45pm (details to follow)  
Year 2 Bath Uni Multiskills Day (details to follow)  
Celebration Assembly

### July

Wed 2nd  
Fri 4th  
Thu 3rd  
Tue 8th  
Wed 9th  
Fri 11th  
Tue 15th  
Wed 16th  
Thur 17th  
Fri 18th

Sports Day/weather permitting (Parents welcome on the field from 1:15pm)  
Whole School Trip to Lyme Regis (Late return at approx 4:30pm traffic allowing: details to follow)  
Shuffle up day  
Year 3/4 Quaddkids Athletics Tournament 3:45-5:45pm (details to follow)  
Reserve Sports Day  
FINAL Celebration Assembly  
Dolphin Class Matinee Performance pm time tbc  
Talent Show  
Dolphin Class Evening Performance evening time tbc  
Leavers Service at the Church (Parents welcome 9:15-10:15am)  
Year 6 Farewell under the tree (Year 6 Parents welcome 2:30-3:15pm)  
End of school year

## Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - please remember to book your breakfast club spaces via the ParentPay portal.
- **Clubs** - all clubs will run as normal next week.
- **Dinners** - please remember to book your child/ren's meal choices by midnight Thursday 29th May, ideally for all of Term 6.
- **Music Lessons** - Here are the remaining keyboard lessons for Terms 5 & 6; 23rd May, 7th, 14th & 21st June.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

## Community News

**SUPER PIRATES KIDS KINGDOM HOLIDAY CAMPS**

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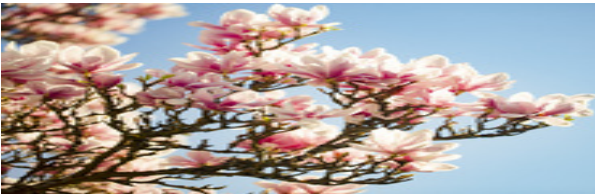
TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
8.45AM - 3.15PM  
ST VIGOR & ST JOHN CHURCH SCHOOL  
AGES: YEARS RECEPTION - 6  
£20 PER CHILD PER DAY  
(SIBLING & MULTIDAY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE)

TO BOOK PLEASE FOLLOW LINK ->  
<https://www.sparrleandpopparties.co.uk/general-8>  
IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFO PLEASE CONTACT CATHERINE ON 07608 195 177

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DBS CHECKED & FIRST AID TRAINED



## **Thought for the Week**



***'Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human praise more than praise from God.'* ([John 12:42-43 NIV](#))**

Most of us like to hear the words "Well done!" or "That's amazing!" Maybe we completed a piece of work or managed a difficult project. Maybe we completed a 10k run or a triathlon. Maybe we shared some photographs from our latest holiday or our children got some good exam results. Whatever it is, it's great when people acknowledge what's good in our lives.

This is normal human behaviour. Particularly if they are close friends or family. It's a way of sharing our lives with those who matter most and it is always special to acknowledge our friends' achievements or holiday snaps.

In today's verse, John is writing about the behaviour of the religious leaders at the time when Jesus was on earth. John remember was one of Jesus' disciples and he could see that there were leaders who could clearly see that Jesus was more than just an ordinary man, that maybe he was the promised Messiah or Son of God. But unlike many others, they were afraid to say anything because they were worried about what the other leaders or Pharisees might think.

Now don't get me wrong. The Bible encourages us to 'rejoice with those who rejoice' as well as to 'mourn with those who mourn' ([Romans 12:15](#)), so there's nothing wrong with rejoicing and celebrating with others, but not at the expense of our own integrity. There might be a time when someone wants you to celebrate with them about something that you don't think should be celebrated. This is tricky, especially if they are a good friend or family member. But it's important not to forget your own values and ethics.

This is exactly what was happening with the religious leaders in today's verse. They really wanted to openly acknowledge that they believed Jesus to be the Messiah or Saviour of the World, but they didn't, because they were frightened of what other people might think.

So although it's ok to receive "human praise", we shouldn't let it become more important than what

really matters. Don't let receiving "likes" and "hearts" on social media become the goal for the day. If people don't appreciate our efforts, it is really disappointing. For those of us with a faith, sometimes we might need to be brave and share it. Stop pretending to be something we're not (or pretending to not be something we are). Because for Christians, it doesn't matter how much praise people do or don't give you. They know that God 'takes great delight in them' and 'rejoices over them with singing' ([Zephaniah 3:17](#)).

Now that's something worth celebrating!



**"For they loved  
human praise  
more than praise  
from God."**

**John 12:43**