



### Coronation Photographs

A huge thank you to Mrs Dedman for being our photographer for the Farrington Gurney Coronation of our King and Queen a few weeks ago.

She has captured all the events in a photograph album and has kindly shared these with the school community.



Looking through the photographs is a great reminder of a memorable day. Please respect Mrs Dedman's copyright by not sharing on social media.

<https://rosededmanphotography.pic-time.com/27H16ly520C9y>.

### Girls' Cricket

The sun shone on Wednesday for the Girls' Annual Cricket tournament in Bath. Our team, consisting of six girls from Year 6 and two from Year 5, competed well and came away with 2 victories against bigger schools (Peasedown and Widcombe).

A close loss to Pensford meant they didn't progress to the



semi-finals, but they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and can be proud of their efforts.

Have a great half term break - we look forward to you all being back in school on Monday 5th June.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

### Class 1 & 2 Tennis

On Thursday the children in Classes 1 and 2 took part in some free tennis lessons run by Dragonfly Leisure in Writhlington, which involved them learning lots of new skills. It was a lovely sunny morning to play on the courts and the children thoroughly enjoyed the lessons. Lots were keen to play outside of school, so if this is something that is of interest you can contact Dragonfly Leisure directly.



### House Points

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26	28	34	40
Total for Term 5			
68	81	88	87

**Well done Gournay! You will get a treat next term!**



## Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - can now be booked for term 6 via ParentPay the menu remains the same.
- **Clubs** - Drawing Club with Mrs Oates and Running Club with Mr Marvin have now ended. All other clubs will be taking place after the half term break as usual. Football Club with Ms R-B starts in term 6.
- **Dinners** - can now be booked for term 6 via ParentPay and we recommend you book a term in advance. Please remember that it is critical that you remember to book by Thursday midnight for the following week, as our Catering Team order the food on Friday morning for the following week.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Trip Letters** - In an aim to use less paper, we are hoping to send all details relating to trips to you via ParentPay with dates added to the calendar here. In this respect, Class 2 will have noted the Singing Festival & Trip to Bristol Synagogue are ready for you to consent/pay via ParentPay.

## Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

### June 2023

Mon 5th	Term 6 begins
Tue 6th	Year 5 and 6 Cricket Tournament (selected children)
Thu 8th	Class Photos (& Year 6)
Wed 14th	Class 2 Singing Event at Farrington Golf Club
Thurs 15th	Class 2 Trip - Bristol Synagogue
Fri 16th	Celebration Assembly
Thu 22nd	2:45 pm Family Service in Church (pick up from Church)
Wed 28th	Sports Day (afternoon)
Fri 30th	Celebration Assembly (Class 3 & 4 showing)

### July 2023

Wed 12th	Whole School Trip to St Fagans
Thu 13th	Wizard of Oz Matinee (1:15pm)
Fri 14th	Wizard of Oz Evening (6pm)
Thu 20th	2pm Leavers' / End of year Assembly

## Friends of Farrington Gurney School

As we approach the final term of the school year, we have some exciting events planned, full detail will be available after half term so watch this space!!

Please see the poster below on our summer auction. Lots of fantastic items to bid on, something for everyone! Another huge thank you to all those who have donated items.

We will be holding a "Marvellous Men" sale on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June ahead of Father's day. This will take place during morning break time, all items £2.

**SUMMER AUCTION**  
Bidding will be open  
17<sup>th</sup> June – 25<sup>th</sup> June

We have some fantastic items available, highest bidder wins.  
More details on how to bid will be revealed soon!

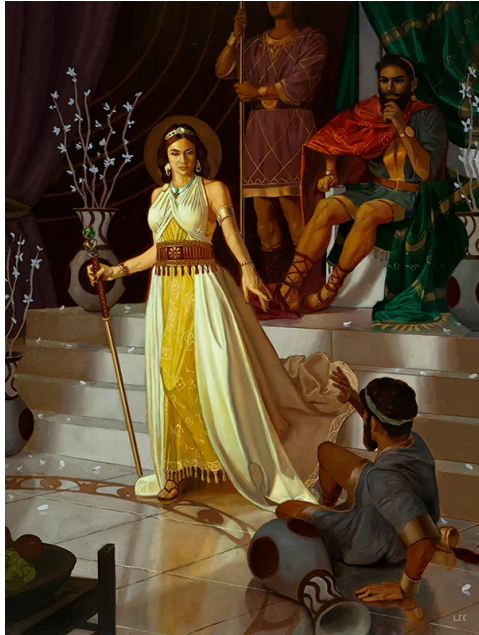
2 annual passes for Farrington plan barn - separate lots  
Family photo shoot with 5 images (Rose Dedman)  
Full day nursery care at Little Stars  
Family of 4 entry to Noah's Ark Zoo (Gary Johnstone)  
£50 Mendip Glow Gift Voucher (Zee Ponari)  
£50 Bath Hand Car Wash (Zee Ponari)  
Domestic boiler service (Darren Chivers)  
A night in an air BnB (Belinda Meghan)  
4 child entry to Writhlington soft play  
Cut and Blow dry at Pigtails (Laura Stevens)  
£60 voucher for Hair by Ri (Harmon Pulsford)  
½ hour private horse-riding lesson at HayStreet Farm  
£30 voucher & home visit from Dan's ice cream van  
Large bouquet of flowers (Tor Clements)  
Carpet Clean (Ryan Church)  
£75 dog sitting / boarding voucher (Sam Clements)  
£30 Farrington Social Club voucher (Sam Clements)  
£25 Farrington Inn voucher (Oli Ashman)  
Homemade cake (Jayne Green)

All proceeds will go to the  
Friends of Farrington Gurney School  
Huge Thank you to all those named above for donating



## Thought of the Week

**“...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”  
(Esther 4:14)**



'Queen Esther' - Bernard Less (2021)

If you don't know the story of Queen Esther from the Bible, I strongly recommend reading it. Firstly, it's not very long (only 10 short chapters) and secondly it is an easy read, with quite a conventional setup. There's a hero (Mordecai) and a heroine (Esther) and there's even a baddy (Haman). The story is so much like a lot of our modern good over evil stories, that I even saw it performed as a pantomime!

I don't want to give too much away, but Haman, the baddy, is keen to get rid of Mordecai and all his people (the Jews) just because Mordecai won't bow to him. Mordecai explains that he will only bow to his God and his king, Xerxes.

Unfortunately, Haman is very angry about him not bowing and he is on good speaking terms with the king. Haman tricks Xerxes into signing a decree agreeing that 'a people' who do not follow the king's laws are to all be killed in a few months' time.

Xerxes doesn't realise who he is agreeing to have killed and by this point in the story, not only has Mordecai saved him from a plot to kill him, but the king is now married to Esther, who is Mordecai's cousin and also a Jew.

When Mordecai finds out about Haman's plan, he realises that Esther is the only one that can talk to the king about this, as she is his Queen. Unfortunately, Esther knows that anyone, including the Queen, who went to see the king without being invited, could be killed. She is in fear of her life, but Mordecai encourages her to approach the king, adding that her appointment to her royal position may have been '*for such a time as this*'.

I won't tell you what happens in the end, but it is worth reading it through to find out. You can even watch this short BBC video to give you an updated overview of the story - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaYiqWnbZvA>.

Like Esther, we can sometimes be asked to do something that we don't want to do. This might be something to do with our family or maybe our job. Sometimes, we are so desperate not to do that one thing, that all we want to do is get out. But like Esther, sometimes it is important that we stick around and do the thing we really don't want to do. Maybe someone else could do it instead of you, but like Mordecai says in the story, you may have been put in this position especially for this reason.

So before you drop everything and run, pause for a moment. Maybe that thing you don't want anything to do with is the one thing you have to have everything to do with. It may be tough, but with help from God or others, you can get through it.

