

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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

Newsletter 33 - June 5th 2026



Term 6

We have enjoyed welcoming everyone back for the final term of the year. We have lots of events planned including football matches, athletics tournaments, sports day, our whole school trip and the Dolphin Class production of 'Bugsy Malone'. We will be holding our Moving Up morning on Thursday 2nd July and look forward to welcoming our new reception cohort to the school. The letter for the whole school trip to Westonbirt Arboretum is now available on Arbor, please give consent by Monday 15th June. Thank you.



Parent Survey

Earlier today you will have received a link to our parent survey. We would really appreciate feedback from as many parents as possible to help us gather views on what is working well and what it would be helpful for us to develop and improve over the coming year. We will also be carrying out surveys with our pupils in Years 4-6 that will also contribute to our school priorities for 2026-27.

Staffing

You may have noticed some new faces in school last term. Mrs Jenny Straffon joined our Key Stage 1 team as a teaching assistant, and Miss Rosie Baker has joined us as an apprentice teaching assistant and is primarily based in Seal Class.



Multiplication Check

Year 4s have continued to prepare for their multiplication check this week. They have to answer 25 questions with six seconds to answer each! All the Year 4s have tried it out this week and given their preferences for how the check is delivered. There will be more practice opportunities, and any extra practice on Times Tables Rock Stars over the weekend will also be helpful.

Volunteering at School

As we head into term 6, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers which includes readers, Governors, gardeners and those who attend trips. If you have any time and would like to volunteer to help in the next academic year, please contact the school office at office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Diary Dates

June

Thu 11th	Re-scheduled Class photos + Year 6 Leavers
Fri 12th	Celebration Assembly
Tue 16th	Dolphin Class Quadkids Athletics (details to follow)
	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
Fri 26th	Celebration Assembly
Tues 30th	Y4, 5 & 6 Bristol Beacon Trip (please consent on Arbor)

July

Thur 2nd	New Intake Stay & Play Session 9:30-11am and Shuffle Up day
Fri 3rd	Whole School Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Tue 7th	Dolphin Class Matinee Performance 1.30-3pm (details to follow re tickets)
Wed 8th	School Sports Day
	Seal Class Quadkids Athletics after school (details to follow)
Thur 9th	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.
Wed 15th	Y6 Pilgrimage to Paulton AM (details to follow)
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

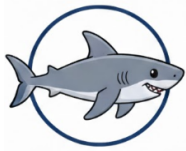


News from the classes



TURTLE CLASS

In RE, Turtle Class have been designing wedding cards for Jewish weddings with pictures of cakes and flowers. They have also been giving instructions to each other as if programming a robot for the start of their new computing topic.



SHARK CLASS

Shark Class have been learning about using an analogue clock to tell the time to five minute intervals. They have also really been enjoying the new class book, 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and have started to produce their own fantastic pieces of writing!



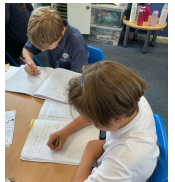
SEAL CLASS

This week in Seals we have started our new PSHE unit 'changing me'. We have been thinking about how animals change from babies to adults and were challenged to use the key word dependent when describing changes. In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. The children have shown lots of enthusiasm and determination.



DOLPHIN CLASS

Dolphin Class have been busy writing this week to show off their skills across a range of writing styles. We have been using The Golden Cage as inspiration for our writing and have produced some lovely pieces using lots of skills. In particular, we have been focusing on our handwriting.



Notices

- **ARBOR** - Please ensure your data on your child/ren's record is correct.
- **Breakfast Club** - Please book by the Thursday night deadline for the following week.
- **Child Safety** - we have been asked to share the poster on the right by the Child and Family Health team at BANES.
- **Clubs** - All clubs are running as expected next week.
- **Dinners** - Please remember to book by Thursday midnight for the following week. The menus for next term are now live to book.
- **SEND** - Please click [here](#) for the Sendias Family Bulletin
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Sun Hat & Sun Screen** - Now the warmer weather is with us, please remember to send your children to school with a sun hat, sun screen applied and a water bottle topped up with fresh water.





Thought of the Week

**“My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’”
(Luke 15:31)**



'Prodigal Son' - He Qi (2013)

being celebrated.

This week, I am revisiting a parable that we looked at earlier in the year, the parable of the prodigal son.

Previously, we focused on the younger son and how when he returned home, his father ran to meet him and flung his arms around him, an image of absolute joy and love.

Often, when this parable is read, the end is left out. We know there is an older brother who has remained at home and has continued to work for the family business faithfully, but we don't often think about him.

In the parable, while the father and the younger son are celebrating inside, the older son returns from working in the fields to hear the sound of music and dancing and the smell of freshly cooked 'fatted calf'. He is understandably cross. Not only has he been forgotten and left out of the occasion, but he is more angry that his younger brother, who had treated his father so abysmally, is being treated like this and his return is

At times, we can feel like that older brother. It can seem unfair when people we know seem to get all the breaks, often when they do little or nothing to deserve it. Maybe you also have a sibling who seems to get more attention than you, even though you are told you are both treated equally.

For Christians, the message of the story is primarily about God's abundant mercy, especially for people who have messed up, but who have seen the error of their ways and have come back to God.

The older brother can often be seen as an older and possibly wiser Christian who has always tried to do the right thing and has never run off to go their own way and live selfishly.

The crux in the older brother's part of the story is when the father tells him that he is always with him and that everything he has is also his. Rather than comparing himself to his brother, the older brother fails to realise that he has always had his father's attention, love and care.

What a wonderful revelation! If the father in the story is meant to depict God, then knowing that he is always with you should be enough to know just how blessed you are. But not only this, we are told that 'everything I have is yours'. Not only can we have God's presence in our lives, but we can also ask for his blessings, his love, his mercy, his forgiveness, his peace and so much more. I hope that we are able to take God up on his offer.

