



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Books

To commemorate the recent Platinum Jubilee, all children in state-funded primary schools across the United Kingdom have been gifted a free commemorative book to mark the event. Ours have been delivered this week, and they have been sent home with your child today. It is well worth sitting down and sharing this beautifully illustrated book with your child: we guarantee you will learn something new about the Queen and her reign.



Welcome

You may have noticed a new face in school this week. His name is Zakhar and his family have arrived in Farrington Gurney as a place of safety as their village and home have been destroyed in the ongoing war in Ukraine. The children in Class 3 have really shone in the way they have welcomed him into our caring school community. Although we wish there was no need for him to have left his homeland, we are delighted that we can give both him and his family the love and support they need to start their new lives.



Sporting Events

It has been another busy sporting week this week. On Wednesday, our Quadkids team competed in the local athletics competition at St Benedicts. We placed 9th out of 15 teams with very good performances from all the team who had to complete a sprint, a longer distance run, a howler throw and a long jump. Congratulations to Charlie who finished 5th out of all the boys at the event and Ornella who finished 10th out of all the girls.

The Year 6 cricket team have also been in action in the annual cricket competition in Bath.

Dental Health

The link for next Thursday's 4pm opportunity to understand more about your child's dental health via a group zoom call with Jenni Carpenter, who is an oral health improvement practitioner at Bristol Dental Hospital, is here:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87679995846?pwd=bGYrM1U4NVJnNVUyMGM4bkY5ZXk1UT09>

Meeting ID: 876 7999 5846


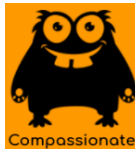

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Miss Webber

Finally we would like to say a huge thank you and a temporary farewell to Miss Webber who has been working in Class 4 this term. She has now completed her PGCE and is a fully qualified teacher! Luckily, she is able to come back and cover a few days in class before the summer break so you will get to see her again, before she starts her new job near Taunton in September.



This Week's Ace Learners

 Agile	 Compassionate	 Engaged
Agile Ashley	Compassionate Courtney	Engaged Eddie
Kayden - Reception Millie - Year 1 Tabitha - Year 2 Isabel - Year 4 Ruby - Year 5 Bobby - Year 6	Albie L - Reception Paris - Year 2 Toby - Year 2 Zeta - Year 3 Arran - Year 4 Alissia - Year 4 Max - Year 5	Noah - Reception Bertie - Reception Adalyn - Year 2 Thomas - Year 3 Seb - Year 5 Polly - Year 6

Notices

- **Class 3 - Raise the Roof trip to Combe Down Friday 24th June.** Thank you to those who have returned their permission slips and paid via ParentPay. If you have not done so please could you do this for Monday.
- **Class & School Photos** - proofs have been sent home for you to purchase a class photo (or year 6 photo). Please can you return your order to class by Friday 24th June. There is a whole school photo which can also be ordered and is on view on the office entrance door. The whole school photo order options are 10x5" mounted photo £11, 17x8" Unmounted photo £16 & 17x8" mounted photo £19. If you would like to order a school photo, please mark this as an addition to your class photo and include the extra payment.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Sun Hats/Cream/Coats** - please remember sun hats/cream in the sunny weather and coats on the rainy days (particularly if your class is doing Ecowild).

Diary Dates

June

Thursday 23rd
Friday 24th

Parent Dental Health Zoom Meeting
Class 3 Raise the Roof at Combe Down

July

Friday 1st
Wednesday 6th

Sports Day (parents welcome after lunch)
In school transition morning
Final EcoWild session (Class 2)

Thursday 7th
Friday 8th
Wednesday 13th
Thursday 14th
Friday 15th
Wednesday 20th
Thursday 21st

Year 6 Transition Day
Reserve Sports Day - Celebration Assembly (if no Sports Day)
Whole School Trip to Longleat
Class 4 Production (afternoon performance - 1:30pm)
Class 4 Production (evening performance - 6:00pm)
Final Celebration Assembly at St John's Church (2:00pm)
Leaver's Gathering (2:30pm on the field) Year 6 families only



Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We had a brilliant weekend at the school family camping in Cheddar last weekend! The sun was shining, and the children had a lot of fun racing around, riding their bikes, popping into Cheddar for ice creams and of course the traditional water fight went down a storm! The days ended toasting marshmallows around the campfire while the children burned off any steam they had left.

We will let you know the date of next year's camping weekend so you can make a note on your calendars!

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help at the school disco-there are still a few slots left to be filled and the sheet will be on the outside classroom if you can help. Please see the poster for details about the disco.

We will be having a raffle at sports day, so if anyone can donate anything as a prize these would be gratefully received!

Finally our next FOFGS meeting is next Wednesday 22nd June, 8pm at The Farrington Inn. Everyone is welcome, we will be finalising plans for the disco and will begin to discuss roles for the next academic year, so if you are interested in getting involved in any way please come along for a drink and a chat!



FOFGS
Summer Disco
Friday 1st July 6-7.30pm
Farrington Gurney Hall
£3 per child
Disco Accessories for sale
Glitter face art, tattoos and
tuck shop
Bar will be open
Rules: All children must
be accompanied by an
adult and supervised at
all times. Children
should remain in the
hall. No re-entry.
Card machine at the
door for entry and
accessories. Please
bring plenty of change
for the tuck shop etc.

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CAFE
THURSDAY 23TH JUNE
3.15PM – 4.30PM
COFFEE, CAKE, AND
GOOD CONVERSATION
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
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Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week

'By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.'

(Hebrews 11:3)



We all know the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. While the bears were out for a walk, Goldilocks helps herself to their porridge, chairs and beds, testing each one in turn until she finds the one that's "juuuuuust right".

While Goldilocks could learn a thing or two about manners, there's something to be said for things being just right. Like Earth for example. It's in just the right spot for life – a place scientists call the Goldilocks Zone (or the Habitable Zone for you more scientific types). Earth isn't too close to the Sun (which would burn us to a crisp) or too far away (which would turn our planet into a giant ice cube).

It is believed that in the Milky Way alone that there are 12-17 billion planets that are in this "Goldilocks" orbit, but these are only planets which are in the right position for water to remain liquid and this is also dependent on the right atmospheric pressure and water being present in the first place.

According to 'Learn Astronomy HQ', 'In order for an advanced species to evolve and emerge as an intelligent, cognitive being such as humans - numerous other Goldilocks factors need to occur. It's not just about the water. Fortunately for us, we have that advantage. Here are the top 15 Goldilocks factors that make life on Earth as we know it possible.'

1. Proximity to the Sun allowing liquid water
2. The size and composition of Earth as a Rocky Planet
3. Stability of Earth's atmosphere and chemical composition
4. The Magnetosphere
5. Consistency of temperatures on Earth
6. Diversity of Life
7. Earth's moon
8. Stability of the Sun as a star
9. The Ozone Layer
10. The amount of water on Earth
11. Jupiter as a Solar System vacuum cleaner for asteroids, comets and meteors
12. The stability of the Solar System
13. Our location in the Milky Way
14. The Stability of the Galaxy
15. The Stability of our Quantum Universe

You can read all this in more detail on the Learn Astronomy HQ website -

<https://www.learnastronomyhq.com/articles/15-goldilocks-factors-that-allow-life-on-earth-to-exist.html>



Because of the stability of the Sun, the Solar System, the Galaxy and our Universe, maybe it could be said that we are living in a Goldilocks universe as well. Even so, the fact that Earth meets all these conditions is so amazing that some astronomers have estimated the chances of there being another planet like ours in the universe to be around 1 in 700 quintillion (1 in 700,000,000,000,000,000). These chances have also been compared to there being an explosion in a supermarket leaving you with a perfectly cooked three-course meal!

For many people, these statistics are good evidence for a creator, someone who first put the stars and planets into place. Many people can see how the belief in a Big Bang could be like God saying 'Let there be light'. In the book of Hebrews, the writer lists some of the examples of great faith in the Bible and what was achieved as a result of these acts of faith. One that is included is a person's faith in the universe being formed at God's command, so that what is seen was made from what was invisible. Surely this is what Albert Einstein's theorised when he talked about matter and energy being interchangeable and this verse was written almost 2000 years ago!

One thing that the writer of Hebrews does say is that it is by faith that someone believes that God created the universe from nothing, but although faith is needed I would argue there's a lot of coincidences that seem to be pointing in the right direction.



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of God. What is seen is not made
out of that which is visible.**

Hebrews 11:3