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Ofsted Report

We are pleased to be able to share our recent Ofsted report with you. The inspection team were very rigorous in their time with us and spoke to many children and staff, as well as considering the views you as parents/carers gave them through Parentview. They explored English and maths across the school, as well as looking at our foundation subjects. They went out onto the playground at break time and over to the field at lunch as well. The report is now live on the Ofsted website - https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50279095

We were really happy with many of the comments in the report which praised our ambition for the pupils at our school as well as the care and respect evident throughout the school. Our vision was well-received and all safeguarding procedures were seen as being effective. The outcome is that the school has 'taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection' and therefore remains a Good school. Thank you once again to the whole school community. We work together because we all want the very best for every child at our school and our determination to keep doing this will continue year after year.

School Garden

It is the turn of Dolphin Class to work on the school garden this term. This week they have been planting squash, tomatoes and French beans. They have also laid woodchip on the final path and done some very good weeding! Many thanks to Sara Price for her ongoing planning and management of the garden and for organising the very generous contributions from Penny's who donated the compost and BANES who donated the woodchip for our paths.



Colour Run

It has been a fantastically colourful afternoon with some of our older children running as many as 16 laps whilst being covered in paint! Well done to George who won the raffle to gunge Mrs Frampton! Many thanks to Friends of Farrington for all their hard work organising the event and making sure everything ran smoothly. Details about how to send in sponsorship money can be found below and there are spare sponsorship forms in the office. Some great pictures were taken by Jacob and these will be added to our gallery on the website over the next couple of days.



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Notices

- Breakfast Club please remember to book/pay for your breakfast club spaces via the ParentPay portal.
- Class photos (+Year 6) the order proofs were sent home yesterday please return your orders either on-line or to the office within 7 days.
- **Clubs** all clubs will run as normal next week.
- Dinners the new dinner menu for next term/year is on our website (the dietary menu remains unchanged).
- Flu Immunisation Vaccination has been scheduled for Monday 29th September (more details to follow).
- **Keynsham Cricket Club** are running their multi-sports holiday club at Keynsham Cricket Club across five weeks during the summer holidays. Children in reception - year 6 are welcome to join the fun at £22 per day. Full information, dates and online bookings are available at www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching



- St. John's Church Please see here the link to the weekly church events.
- Stagecoach New Performing Arts School A new <u>Stagecoach Performing Arts school</u> is launching this September, based at Welton Primary School. The school will offer children the opportunity to develop their creativity, build confidence, and learn new performance skills. Ahead of the official launch, a summer workshop will be held in August. For more information or to get in touch, email: <u>midsomernorton@stagecoach.co.uk</u> or call 07435 050703.
- Whole School Trip to Lyme Regis 4th July. Please consent/pay via ParentPay.
- Year 6 Barton Hall Residential Trip 2026 Please consent/pay the deposit to secure a place by 28th June 2025.

	Diary Dates	
	June	
Mon 16th	Years 5/6 Quadkids Athletics Tournament 3:45-5:45pm	
Thur 19th	Year 2 Bath Uni Multiskills Day (please consent on ParentPay)	
	Doodle Maths Parent Information Session 2:45pm in the Memorial Hall	
Fri 27th	Celebration Assembly	
	July	
Wed 2nd	Sports Day/weather permitting (Parents welcome on the field from 1:15pm)	
Thu 3rd	Shuffle up day	
Fri 4th	Whole School Trip to Lyme Regis	
	(Late return at approx 4:30pm traffic allowing: please see ParentPay to consent/pay)	
Tue 8th	Year 3/4 Quadkids Athletics Tournament 3:45-5:45pm (details to follow)	
Wed 9th	Reserve Sports Day	
Fri 11th	FINAL Celebration Assembly	
	Talent Show (change of date)	
	Colour Run - Sponsorship Deadline	
Tue 15th	Dolphin Class Matinee Performance pm time tbc	
Thur 17th	Dolphin Class Evening Performance evening time tbc	
Fri 18th	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	

Message from Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Colour Run

We hope everyone had fun at the colour run today. It would be appreciated if you could please return all sponsorship money ideally via direct payment to the Friends bank account: Sort Code 40-52-40: Account: 00012136 Name: Friends of Farrington Gurney School. Please use a reference "Colour Run+child/rens names". All sponsorship forms should be returned to the office with any cash by Friday 11th July.



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Community News

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Thought for the Week

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1 NIV)

Last week we looked at a quote from C.S. Lewis, looking at the problem with pain. This week, we are taking a moment to see what he says about creation and nature.

"It's absurd to think that nature created God, or even the human mind. It's also impossible to believe that both are independently self-existent—trying to do so makes it hard for me to even say that I'm thinking at all. Therefore, the only reasonable belief is that God created nature. This idea connects the two and removes the problem of them being completely separate. It also makes sense with how we observe the world: it's not that nature is fighting against something foreign, but rather rebelling against a rightful ruler. This view fits with the fact that, although nature doesn't seem intelligent, it is understandable—events in distant parts of the universe follow logical laws. Even the act of creation doesn't present the same problems that other theories do.

We would need to believe that God had the power to create the basic elements, to invent things like color, the senses, space, time, and matter, and also to impose His creations on minds. I don't find this assumption difficult to accept. It's definitely easier than thinking of God and nature as completely separate or believing nature could create valid thought on its own.

IN THE BEGINNING OD GENESIS 1:1

...No philosophical theory I've encountered is a better explanation [for nature] than the simple statement in Genesis: "In the beginning, God made Heaven and Earth." (adapted and taken from 'Miracles', by C.S. Lewis)

There are many different people around the world who do believe in God and don't believe in a literal seven day creation. Many accept that the point of Genesis chapter 1 is to make it clear that God was always behind it all. Many agree that he may have brought things into existence differently from the seven day creation story.

As humans we are left with two choices - God as creator or we're all here by chance. Like C.S. Lewis argues, there are logical laws in place in our world, things seem to behave in a way that has been designed. Surely, if the whole thing just happened by chance, there wouldn't be any rational pattern. We wouldn't even understand what a rational pattern was!

Obviously, there are problems in our world and many believe that over the millenia, our world has become a broken place. If we weren't created to understand rational thought, fairness and justice, we wouldn't see these things as problems in the first place.

So when we get some of the beautiful summer weather that we tend to get from time to time, as you're basking in the sunlight, maybe you might take a moment to speak to the one who was behind it all. What might you ask him? Will you be ready to hear back from him?

