



Staffing

We are very pleased to announce that following a rigorous selection process and interview day, we have appointed Mrs Frampton as our new class teacher for Class 1. As you will be aware Mrs Frampton is already a member of our team, and brings with her many years experience teaching in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Many thanks to our other candidates who came along on the day and taught our current Reception children. We are still recruiting for some other members of staff to join our team for September.

Classes for Next Year

We have made the decision to alter our class structure slightly for the next academic year. As a result, Class 1 will now consist of Reception and Year 1 (moving into the larger classroom); Class 2 will be a Year 2 class as they are our biggest cohort; the structure in Classes 3 and 4 will remain the same with Class 3 being our Year 3 and 4 children and Class 4 being our Year 5 and 6 children.

This change will allow Year 2 the opportunity to be a smaller class. This will match the needs of this age group, which most schools are finding are the year group most affected by the Covid Lockdowns, in terms of academic and social and emotional delays for some children.

As well as this, the change will also give us an exciting opportunity for the children in the Reception and Year 1 class to follow a more flexible curriculum, integrating the academic needs of both year groups with more opportunity for continuous provision. We are currently looking at new resources to enhance the provision we have and alongside this, we are looking to appoint a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) to add teaching capacity to this class. Please do feel free to contact us if you have any questions about these changes; our staff team are very excited about what September will look like!

Class 2 Singing

Class 2 walked up to Farrington Golf Club to take part in a Singing Festival on Wednesday. They had practised the songs ahead of the event and certainly made their teachers proud with their fine singing and enthusiastic participation: Well done to the whole class for their effort.



The children also travelled to Easton to visit the Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Congregation. While we were there, the children had a chance to try on a kippah, taste some genuine challah bread and all the children held a yad and imagined what it would be like to read from a real Torah scroll. The children were very interested in all they saw and enjoyed looking at and holding the different artefacts.



Mr Dix and Mr Turull



Notices

- **Clubs** - Football Club on a Thursday has been cancelled as Miss R-B has broken a bone in her foot. If children who attended Football would like to join Summer Strollers as an alternative club please email the office. All other clubs will be taking place as usual next week.
- **Photos** - The proofs which will enable you to order your class (or year 6) photo will be sent home next week (please look out for this).
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

June 2023

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| Thu 22nd | 2:45pm Family Service in Church (pick up from Church) |
| Mon 26th | New Intake Parents' Meeting (4:00pm) |
| Wed 28th | Sports Day (afternoon) |
| Fri 30th | Celebration Assembly (Class 3 & 4 showing) |

July 2023

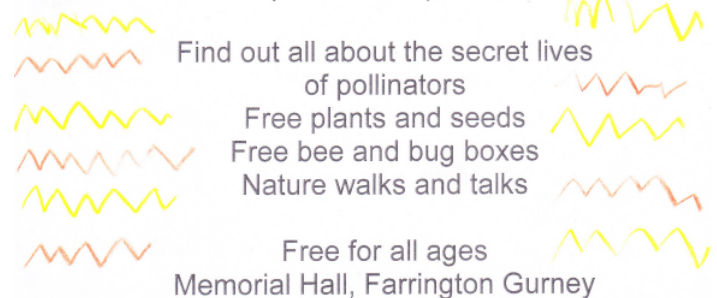
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| Thu 6th | New Intake Picnic (12:00pm on the field - in the Memorial Hall if wet) |
| Mon 10th | New Intake Taster Session (1:30pm - 3:00pm) |
| Wed 12th | Whole School Trip to St Fagans |
| Thu 13th | Wizard of Oz Matinee (1:15pm) |
| Fri 14th | Wizard of Oz Evening (6pm) |
| Thu 20th | 2pm Leavers' / End of year Assembly |

Pollinator Party

The children in Class 2 have made some wonderful posters for the Pollinator Party planning for July 15. We'd like to credit Molly's for her poster below. The event is for everyone – children, parents, gardeners or non-gardeners too!



Pollinators keep nature healthy – so let's help them—help us!!



Saturday July 15. 11 – 4



Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Our fantastic Summer Auction will be OPEN FOR BIDS FROM 10AM TOMORROW!!!! There are lots of amazing items to bid on, you may even grab a bargain!! Happy bidding!! See our poster to follow.



SUMMER AUCTION
Bidding will be open
17th June – 25th June

To access the auction; go to www.auctionofpromises.com
Click on "menu" in the top right – select search
Search Farrington in the top box to find our auction
Alternatively, scan the QR code.

Carpet Clean (Ryan Church)
Full day nursey care at Little Stars
2 annual passes for Farrington plan barn - separate lots
Family photo shoot with 5 images (Rose Dedman)
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 Meighan)
4 child entry to Writhlington soft play
Cut and Blow dry at Pigtails (Laura Stevens)
£60 voucher for Hair by Ri (Rianon 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)
Spice Dunes hamper with £40 voucher
£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

A New SIAMS Framework 2023

As you may already know, as a church school, we are inspected by the National Society on behalf of the Church of England every few years in line with Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. This SIAMS inspection makes judgements on religious education, collective worship, and pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural education. This coming September, the SIAMS Framework is changing and the inspections will look a little different.

These key changes are:

- judgements will replace grades,
- schools will need a theologically rooted Christian vision,
- inspection questions will focus on impact instead of lists of criteria,
- the school's context will play a greater role,
- there will be a greater emphasis on the MATs accountability.

If you wish to know anymore, please contact the school or you can visit the Church of England website and look at the accompanying information about SIAMS 2023.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/siams-inspections>

| EVENTS & ACTIVITIES | w/c 19 June |
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| Bath Central Library | |
| Storytime Session Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 20 June | |
| Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 21 June | |
| Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In Mon - Sat During opening hours | |
| Keynsham Library | |
| Baby Bounce & Rhyme Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 20 June 10.30 - 11.00am | |
| Storytime & Craft Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 22 June | |
| Midsomer Norton Library | |
| Baby Bounce & Rhyme Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 19 June | |
| Storytime Sessions Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 21 June | |
| Tessa Bide Creative Writing Competition 27 May - 8 July. Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath, Midsomer Norton and the Mobile library. Or find out more and download an entry form from our blog - bathneslibraries.wordpress.com | |
| Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs Mon - Sat, Bath, Keynsham, & Midsomer Norton Libraries. Book a Session via Eventbrite | |

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library

**For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.*

Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com



Thought of the Week

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:41-42)



'My One And Only' by Pennie Mirande (2017)

Are you one of those people who always scurries around when you have visitors? It doesn't matter if it is a local friend, someone you haven't seen in years, the King of England or even your mum! You still spend ages making preparations for them and trying to make it perfect.

The main problem with this, is that we can actually miss out on actually spending time with people. We're so busy planning and preparing for them that we don't share much quality time with them.

This is what happened in the story of Martha and Mary. These two sisters hosted Jesus on one occasion and Martha was busy preparing things. Mary, on the other hand, sat at Jesus' feet listening to him. Martha was upset by this and asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Jesus in turn said that Mary had chosen what was better and he wouldn't take it away from her.

Surely, a cup of tea and some biscuits is better than a 4 course meal, if you manage catch up with them? Most guests are grateful for anything they are offered - they certainly don't need you spending hours before and during their visit providing them with a banquet. You've invited them over so you can spend time with them and they have accepted the offer so they can spend time with you too.

If it happens to be a mealtime, why not go halves on a takeaway?

In Martha and Mary's case, they had the option of preparing or partaking. I'm sure if many of us had been in that situation, we would have taken the opportunity to listen to and speak with Jesus, whoever we believe he was. I'm sure everyone needed something to eat and drink, but it could have been something simple.

So next time you have guests over, whoever they are, don't forget to prioritise your time with them. Be courteous, offer them something to eat and drink, but focus on them - spend less time preparing and more time partaking.

