



Free School Meal Changes for the 2026 to 2027 Academic Year

Many families will become eligible for the first time under the expanded FSM Criteria which is changing from September to the following:

- Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the exiting threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- Expanded FSM, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earning of £7,400 & above

If you believe you may qualify for the expanded FSM please make an application now. Please see the link here: www.bathnes.gov.uk/form/apply-free-school-meals

Sport Updates

We are in a busy term for sporting events, and have recently taken part in a cricket event, a Quad Kids competition for Years 5 and 6 and also a gymnastics tournament for Years 3 and 4. Coming up next week we have a Year 3 and 4 tennis tournament, a sporting event for Year 5 girls and have our own Sports Day the following week. We really appreciate the support of our parents and staff in enabling the children to participate in such a variety of sporting opportunities, and are endeavouring to ensure that, as far as possible, notification about the events is shared in a timely manner. We will continue to work on this next year to help all our events to run smoothly.



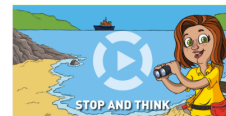
'The cricket was so fun because the rules were simple to understand for everyone and the people running it were so helpful.' Toby

[The cricket tournament] was so fun and enjoyable. I had the best time ever, even though it was sooo hot!' Bea

[Quad Kids] was really fun and enjoyable and got my heart beating and I would definitely go again.' Charlotte

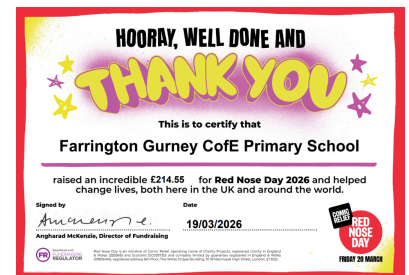
Water Safety

We are running sessions about water safety with all our classes. While lots of people enjoy swimming and being in and near the water in the warm weather, it is really important to send clear messages to our children about the risks involved. There are four key messages to remember: stop and think, stay together, float and call 999/112. More information and advice can be found [here](#).



Finally, thank you to all our parents and carers for their support during the school closure days this week. We have been really pleased to see so many of our children completing the learning tasks that were set and returning to school with such a positive attitude today.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



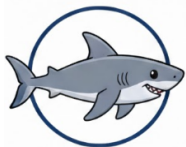


News from the classes



TURTLE CLASS

Turtle Class have been making the most of their outside area this week, using water to measure, learn about quantities and how water can be transported.



SHARK CLASS

Shark Class have continued to enjoy their work on Fantastic Mr Fox. We have been thinking about ways that the farmers can trap the fox family and have come up with some creative ideas using juicy chicken! We have been looking at patterns in the 5x and 10x tables and will be also exploring the 2x table next week, so well done to everyone for doing their extra bit of work on this over the last couple of days.



SEAL CLASS

We have been learning about homophones in spellings this week. The children enjoyed playing charades to help them remember the different meanings. In English, we have been writing and editing our newspaper reports which are looking great - well done Seals! We have started our new unit in Maths on non-unit fractions. The children have approached this with real enthusiasm and determination. Well done on getting through a hot, sticky few days!



DOLPHIN CLASS

We have been busy rehearsing with the stage this week for our production of Bugsy Malone. We are now mostly off script and are starting to use props to help with our acting. It is starting to come together nicely and we are looking forward to showing it to everyone soon!

Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs are running as expected next week.
- **Dinners** - The new menu for September is now available on the website and is in line with government guidelines. Meals for September can be booked **after** the 14th August when the new price increase will apply. *Booking before, will result in charging complications as the new year groups will not have been migrated over.*
- **Dolphin Class Performance** - Tickets are now available on Arbor for the end of term performance in the school shop area (not the trip area which is where we expect from habit you will automatically go to).
- **HAF** - The Holiday Activity and Food Programme for the Summer 2026 in BANES details were emailed to those who qualify for free school meals on Wednesday. Please check your emails.
- **SEN Parent Programme** - please click [here](#) for info & [here](#) for poster on details on behalf of the Disabled Children's Team.
- **School Class Photographs** - paper copies of Class & Year 6 photograph proofs/ordering details were sent home last week. The deadline for orders is today, Friday 26th June. Please purchase on-line using your child's class reference from the proof envelope or send the completed envelope with payment back via the office on Monday morning. We expect delivery of the orders to school within 2 weeks.
- **Shine Holiday Clubs - Free HAF Holiday Club spaces available near you this summer.** Shine are offering free HAF-funded places this holiday for children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) at our Chew Valley venue. Bookings can be made via the [HolidayActivities](#) website - [HolidayActivities](#)
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Whole School Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum** - Thank you to those who have consented and paid, however there are some who have still to do this and received an email reminder from the office today.
- **Year 6 Residential 2027** - All details have now been loaded to Arbor and ready to accept the deposit.
- **Year 6 Leavers Celebration at Wells Cathedral** - Sadly this was cancelled this week due to red heat warning and will not be re-scheduled at the Cathedral however a small presentation will follow before the end of term.

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Diary Dates

June

Fri 26th Deadline for School Photos orders
 Mon 29th Year 3 & 4 Tennis Tournament PM (details from class)
 Tues 30th Y4, 5 & 6 Bristol Beacon Trip (please consent on Arbor)

July

Wed 1st Year 5 'This Girl Can' Event at MSN Cricket Club PM (details from class)
 Thur 2nd New Intake Stay & Play Session 9:30-11am and Shuffle Up/Move Up day
 Fri 3rd Whole School Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
 Tue 7th Dolphin Class Matinee Performance 1.30-3pm (purchase tickets from Arbor shop)
 Wed 8th School Sports Day (Parents are invited from 1:15pm)
 Thur 9th Dolphin Class Evening Performance 5-7pm (purchase tickets from Arbor shop)
 Friday 10th Last Celebration Assembly for this academic year (9:00 in Village Hall)
 Tue 14th Last swimming session for KS1.
 FizzPop Science Club, extra session (to replace cancelled hot weather session)
 Wed 15th Y6 Pilgrimage to Paulton am (details from class)
 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

WESTFIELD ULTIMATE ACTIVITY HAF CAMPS
 FREE HOLIDAY FUN FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN!
BOOKINGS GO LIVE! 24TH JUNE @ 6:00PM
 DON'T MISS OUT - SPACES ARE LIMITED!

Children with an eligible HAF code are able to book on FREE OF CHARGE. Free school meal children are able to come for FREE.
 Children who receive Free School Meals (FSM) are eligible to attend for free through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

AMAZING ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY!

- SILENT DISCO
- NERF GUNS
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- LASER TAG
- FOOTBALL
- STAR WARS LEGO
- BAKING
- PIZZA MAKING
- TAGGING GAMES
- PARACHUTE GAMES

TO MAKE A BOOKING
 Visit: www.holidayactivities.com
 Bookings open 24th June at 6:00pm
 Use your HAF voucher code to secure your place.

CONTACT DETAILS ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk 07903347412
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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c June 29

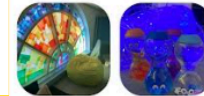
For any ticketed events, visit our Virtual Library or Eventbrite for details: baneslibraries.co.uk/groups-events/

Bath Central Library

Storytime
 Tuesday 30 June 10.30 - 11.00 am
Baby Bounce and Rhyme
 Wednesday 1 July 10.00 - 10.30 am & 11.00 - 11.30 am

Art in the Library - The world in your pocket An exhibition of photography captured exclusively by iPhone by Aline Meinema.
 During opening hours *subject to exhibition 3 June - 2 July
 room being available

Relaxed Storytime in the Sensory Space
 Thursday 2 July 10.00am - 11:00am



Storytime in Bath Central Library's calming Sensory Space, designed for young children who are autistic, have sensory needs, or would simply benefit from a quieter environment. Sessions are recommended for children who would find picture books engaging appropriate for their learning needs.

Spaces limited - visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relaxed-storytime-in-the-sensory-space-tickets-1987694548903> to book.

Keynsham Library

Storytime
 Thursday 2 July 10.30 - 11.00 am
Baby Bounce and Rhyme
 Tuesday 30 June 9.30 - 10.00 am & 10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

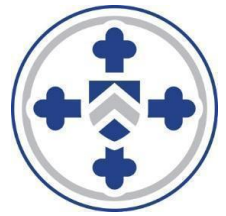
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They're Out!
 6 July - 5 September
 Mythical Creatures
 WELLS CATHEDRAL

Mythical creatures have escaped from the books in Wells Cathedral's medieval library - and they need your help!

QR code: Fly over to: wells cathedral.org.uk/creatures

Wells Cathedral is a Registered Charity, No. 120750



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.

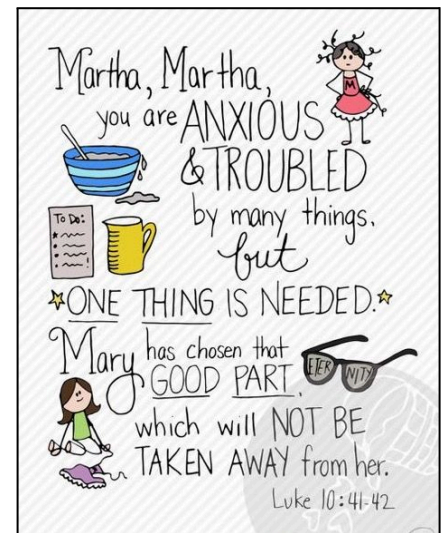
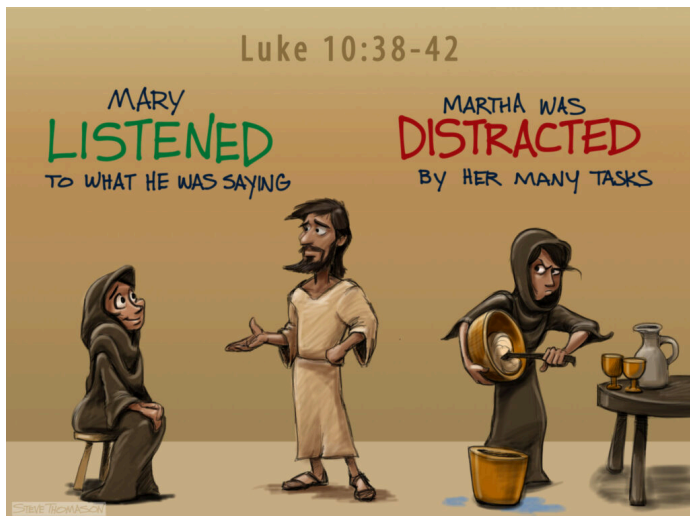
The main problem with this, is that we can actually miss out on actually spending time with people. We're so busy planning and preparing for them that we don't share much quality time with them.

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 to 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.