

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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Whole school trip to Lyme Regis

The weather is currently looking promising for our visit to Lyme Regis next Friday. All children will need to be in PE kit with suitable sun hats on the day and sun protection applied before coming to school. We would also encourage children to have a small bottle of additional suncream in their bag to enable them to reapply during the day. They will need to bring a packed lunch and refillable bottle of water - there are water points we will be able to use throughout the day. No fizzy drinks please. Although we are unable to facilitate swimming in the sea, we are planning to paddle so please could the children bring a small towel to dry their feet afterwards, and some spare clothes just in case! For logistical reasons, we are no longer visiting the museum but all classes will be visiting Lyme Regis Aquarium as well as other areas along the beach. We are expecting to be back at school at around 4.30pm, and will send an email if the time is likely to be more than ten minutes before or after this.

Belonging Assembly and Workshop - Dolphin Class

On Wednesday we were visited by the organisation 'Unique Voice' who have been touring the schools in the county to help children in Year 5 and 6 learn about what to do when belonging with a group feels negative and unsafe. After an assembly, children worked in groups to act out scenarios and explore how they would manage in a range of different situations where they may feel under pressure from others. For further information about the tour and content, please click [here](#).



Sports Day

We have planned for our annual Sports Day to take place next Wednesday. As in previous years, the children will undertake a carousel of activities during the morning with the teachers and support staff, before parents are invited to join us for races which will start at 1:30pm. Please can all children come to school in PE kits, wearing their school PE t-shirt and also with water bottles, sun hats and sun cream applied as usual. While we understand that you may want to take photos of your children during the races, please make sure no photos are shared on social media without permission for all the children in the photo.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Diary Dates

June

Mon 30th Year 5/6 Netball Fixture (consent letter sent home)

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

Colour Run - Sponsorship Deadline

Tue 15th Dolphin Class Matinee Performance doors open 1pm, show time starts 1:30pm £2/ticket 4/per family

Thur 17th Dolphin Class Evening Performance doors open 5.30pm, show time starts 6pm purchase via ParentPay

Fri 18th Leavers Service at the Church (Parents welcome 9:15-10:15am)

Year 6 Farewell under the tree (Year 6 Parents welcome 2:45-3:15pm)

End of school year

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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)** - photo orders for those who placed them should be back to the office within 2 weeks and be delivered via the book bags.
- **Clubs** - Netball will not run on Monday due to a fixture. However all other 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).
- **Dolphin Class Production Tickets** - Please book on ParentPay for the matinee & evening performances. Initially there are **4 tickets/per family** available (email the office if you need further tickets which we are usually able to accommodate). The deadline for tickets is Tuesday 9th July. Tickets cost £2 which assists with the hall hire and the purchase of props. We will check you off on arrival from a central list at the beginning of the performance so there is no physical ticket. Preschool children are free: please indicate how many in the notes.
- **Dolphin Production Photos** - There will be a professional photo available to purchase at a cost of £7.50 for a 8x6 & £9.50 10x8 mounted print. Payment via card when booking in at the beginning of the show.
- **HAF** - Those who qualify for FSM eligible by benefits will have received an email from the office this week on how to sign up for activities during the summer for your children. Please take advantage of these fun days. If there are other families struggling at this time who feel your child/ren need this provision, please contact the office or Mrs Geeson.
- **Lost Property** - if you think you have lost items please see if they are on the lost property blue wire racks either inside the door of the infant block or at the back of Seal Classroom.
- **Private Music Lessons REMINDER for next year** - For recorder, clarinet, flute, trumpet, cornet and saxophone lessons please [click here for the link to enrol](#) and to find out more information. For Keyboard lessons delivered by WEMA ([please click here to register interest](#)).
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Swimming** - next year there will be a small charge of £4/week for the cost of the transport. This is as a result of ever increasing costs, which we have been able to sustain until now, stretching our school budget and will be added to ParentPay. We ask that you consent/cover the cost 2 weeks prior to your child's lessons.
Terms 1&2 Dolphin Class (14 sessions), Term 3&4 Seal Class (12 sessions), Term 5&6 Shark/Turtle (12 sessions)
- **Whole School Trip to Lyme Regis** - There are still some remaining consents required please.
- **Year 6 Barton Hall Residential Trip 2026** - To secure a place please consent/pay the deposit this weekend.



Message from Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We hope you are looking forward to sports day on Wednesday! We are having a cake sale during sports day and would really appreciate any donations, please bring them along if you can on the day. Also just a friendly reminder that all sponsorship monies raised from the colour run need to be paid to the school office by Friday 11th July.

Holiday Adventure Club

Greyfield Wood, High Littleton
21.07.25 - 25.07.25 & 28.07.25 - 01.08.25

A fun-filled Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds run by experienced outdoor practitioners. Expect activities such as den building, nature art & crafts, imaginative play, cooking snacks on the fire, treasure hunts, games & lots of nature connection!

10am - 3pm

£35 p/child p/day £25 p/sibling p/day £150 p/5 days

To book: www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now Email us: hello@ecowild.org.uk

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP!

Join us this Summer for our multi-sports camp and support a local charity! A range of sporting activities to keep your little ones active during the school break from 09:00-15:00.

July 28th and 29th, August 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th.

Our Multi-Sports Camp is for primary-school aged children only. £25 per child, per day. Hosted at Camerton Village Hall, Camerton, Meadgate, Bath. BA2 0NL. Please ensure children wear appropriate sporting attire and have a packed lunch.



Thought for the Week

***"So God created human beings in his own image.
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27 NLT)***

The more I meet people, the more I discover a very real problem. Self-worth.

When we are born, we are naturally selfish. You could call it a self-defence mechanism, but as we grow up, most of us begin to recognise that there are other people who are like us and also have needs. We often see it as a sign of maturity if we are able to think about other people and show compassion. People like it when we help them and when we make people happy, this can give us worth. We are made worthy because of what we do to please others.

Unfortunately, this doesn't work. If our worth is based purely on helping others and pleasing them, we will be let down. So often, we get taken for granted and then even if we do things to please others, they don't notice or it's not good enough. We might end up doing even more to make ourselves acceptable or liked. We might change the way we dress or match our friends' style to fit in. Maybe we will do things to feel included or part of something and this can lead to all sorts of problems. More and more, people's opinion of themselves is so low that they end up harming themselves or doing terrible things to get noticed.

The point is we are inherently worthy.

Today's verse is taken from the first book in the Bible Genesis. Many people have issues with this section of the Bible as it seems to contradict the scientific explanation behind how the world was made. The best way to see it is like this - science can tell us **when** and **how** the world was made, the Bible tells us **why**.

This verse shows us that God created us, he made us and he made us "in his image". Next week, we'll look into what this means, but for now this verse makes it clear that we have purpose, that we were made for a reason. And that reason was because God wanted to make us. He wanted to make us, so that he could love us. He didn't want to continue existing without us being here.

Surely that is enough to show us that we have worth. It doesn't matter what we do or how many people we try to please, we have worth because God made us and God loves us and because God says we do.

It's great when we know we are loved by someone else. This often helps us to feel worthy. But surely knowing that we are loved unconditionally by our almighty creator, who loves us for who we are and for who he created us to be, means so much more. Know that you're loved and that you have worth.

