



Sports Day Update

With the Met Office weather forecast currently predicting temperatures of 27 degrees on Wednesday with no cloud cover, we will be switching our Sports Day to Wednesday morning only when it will hopefully be slightly cooler! Apologies for any issues that will cause parents/carers wanting to take time off work, but the health and safety of our pupils is our priority. We will aim to start between 9:15am and 9:30am with house activities followed by races.

Please be aware that the track will be in a different location this year due to the main football pitch already being marked out. We look forward to seeing you then.

Primary Choirs Festival 2026

On Tuesday, Years 4-6 went to the Bristol Beacon for a primary choirs event organised by WEMA (West of England Music and Arts). They were led in lots of singing activities, including learning harmonies, by a musician called Aga and sang as part of 950 children. Their big song was 'Don't You Worry About a Thing' by Stevie Wonder. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event for the children and adults.



Key Stage 2 Sports Events

Well done to Ted, George, Henry, Mollie, Ivy, Heidi and Martha for representing us at the tennis tournament on Monday and all our Year 5 girls for enthusiastic participation and team work in the 'This Girl Can' event on Wednesday afternoon.



Westonbirt Arboretum

We had a wonderful whole school trip to Westonbirt Arboretum today. It was lovely to see the children making the most of the natural environment and their fascination with the trees, plants and insects that we found. Photos will be added to the website [here](#) over the coming days. Thank you very much to our volunteers for giving up their time to help the day to run smoothly.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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Notices

- **BANES School Travel Plan Officer - Message to Staff, Parents, Guardians and Pupils.** BANES are developing a new Climate and Nature Strategy and have asked us to share this survey link to gather your thoughts and views to help shape the plan for a cleaner, greener, more resilient future. It is open to all B&NES residents, businesses, education settings, community and voluntary organisations, and anyone with a connection to BANES are invited to take part. The survey was launched on the 3rd of June and closes on Friday the 24th of July, 2026 at 5.00pm, it takes around 15 to 20 minutes to complete - <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/help-shape-our-climate-and-nature-strategy>
- **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** - Extra tickets can now be purchased on Arbor in the school shop.
- **Lost Property** - There is a vast array of lost property which has been abandoned and collected in school over the year which shall be put out most days when it is dry between now and the end of term. Anything that is left at the end of term will be disposed of as appropriate. It would be really lovely to get this all back to their rightful owners/parents/homes :)
- **Music for School - Final sessions are 9th, 14th & 16th.**
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 6 Residential 2027** - Thank you to those who have actioned the deposit - the deadline has now passed. For those who have not actioned this please do so this weekend.

Diary Dates

July

Tue 7th	Dolphin Class Matinee Performance 1.30-3pm (purchase tickets from Arbor shop)
Wed 8th	School Sports Day (Parents/Families are invited from 9:15am)
Thur 9th	Dolphin Class Evening Performance 5:30pm start - doors open at 5:00pm - tickets through Arbor
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



Thought of the Week

“He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.” (Matthew 21:13)

Do you sometimes get angry? I know I do!

I remember sharing with children the time that Jesus cleansed the temple, and how generally shocked they were to see Jesus so incensed.

The problem with understanding why Jesus was so angry is that we are only given the bare bones of the situation. In Matthew’s Gospel, it just says he drove out those who were buying and selling things without much of an explanation why. Was it just because they were buying and selling? Does Jesus have an issue with commerce?

For Jews at this time, to be able to worship at the temple, they would usually have to present an animal for sacrifice - as a way of saying sorry for the things they had done wrong. This again upset the children listening, but they felt much better when I reassured them that no horses, dogs, cats or guinea pigs were harmed!



‘Purification of the Temple’ by El Greco (Domeónikos Theotokópoulos) (1600)

Unfortunately, many of the worshippers travelled a long way and so they had to buy their animals when they got to Jerusalem. The worshippers were also expected to pay a ‘temple tax’, but this could only be paid using the correct Tyrian shekel, so any other type of coin had to be exchanged.

Now, you’ve probably guessed it already, but yes, those buying and selling in the temple were probably overcharging these visitors, so buying their animals and exchanging their coins was costing them more than it should. Instead of it being about people coming to worship God, it was more to do with making money at other people’s expense, especially those who could ill afford it. This was the time of Passover and many Jewish visitors would want to worship in the temple, so this could be seen as a form of exploitation.

Now maybe it is clearer as to why Jesus was so angry and why he was so keen to ‘drive them all out’.

This type of anger is known as righteous anger, when someone is angry because of an injustice being done to someone else. When we get angry, is it for this reason? Are we angry about those who are suffering in our world or those struggling to buy enough food? Are we doing something about this anger that we feel?

Or is our anger more like selfish anger? As I explained to the children at the time, selfish anger is when we get angry because we can’t get chips for tea!

This week, if something you see or hear about makes you angry, what can you do to make it better? Can you send an email or letter to your local MP? Can you find a charity that is working to make a difference in that area? Do what you can to make a difference.

And if our anger is selfish...maybe we need to keep quiet...😞!

