



### Colour Run

This event proved to be a great success. It was so uplifting to see the whole school community come together and both have fun and raise funds for the benefit of the children. It was certainly an afternoon full of smiles and laughter!



Sponsor money can be either returned to the school office or via the PTA bank account below:

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Account: 00012136

### Staff Appointment

We have recruited an experienced teaching assistant to join our team ready for September. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Colleen Telling will be joining us to both support some of our more vulnerable learners and to work within the classrooms. We are sure you will give her a warm Farrington welcome.

### Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those who have already filled in the Parent Survey.

The feedback is really valuable and helps us reflect on both the positives and the areas where we can develop further.

The survey will close at 5pm on Friday 19th July (the last day of term).

### Raising Awareness of Young Carers

Following on from our information earlier in the year, please see [here](#) the link to the Carers' Centre detailing what they can offer young people who look after someone. Please make your class teacher, Mr Dix or the office aware if we can give support to any young carer.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

### Diary Dates

New / Changed dates in Blue

#### July 2024

Thu 11th	Dolphin Class Performance (1pm)
Fri 12th	Dolphin Class Performance (5:30pm) Reports out to parents <a href="#">Celebration Assembly (9am)</a>
Tue 16th	Whole school trip to Longleat
Wed 17th	Year 6 Pilgrimage to Paulton
Thu 18th	Leavers' Service at St. John's Church (9:15am)
Fri 19th	Last day of term <a href="#">Year 6 Parents Only 'Under the Tree' Farewell (2:30pm)</a>

### Friends of Farrington Gurney

Please see below details relating to the end of term party on 19th July.



## HAWAIIAN SUMMER PARTY

• **Friday 19th July 2024**

• **3:30pm — 5:30pm**

**Playing Field & Memorial Hall**

**Bar Will Be Open**

**Hot Dogs Available**

**Tuck Shop**

**Hawaiian Theme Accessories**

Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email [fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fofgs@hotmail.co.uk)



### Notices

- **Bikeability Training** - An email was sent Tuesday to parents of Dolphin Class next year. Please action the google form by 1st July. No money is required at this time.
- **Class Photos** - for those who purchased a class photo, these will be delivered to the school and distributed before the end of term.
- **Clubs** - Green tree club is cancelled next week. All clubs are running as usual next week.
- **Dinner Menu Sept 25** - can now be viewed on the school website. **\*\* NB) Childrens options can be made from Thursday 22nd August \*\***
- **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 Mr Dix.
- **Keyboard Music Lessons** - Have now finished for this term and will commence again in Term 1.
- **KS2 Wonka: The Musical Tickets** - There are some extra tickets available if anyone would like some more. Please contact the office.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Swimming** - Dolphin Class will be swimming in Terms 1 & 2 from the first day back. Please see communication & return consent via ParentPay.
- **Whole school trip to Longleat** - thank you to all who have given consent/paid. There are 8 remaining to do this.



### KIDS FEST: THE DETAILS

We generally recommend this event for children aged 2 - 8 years old!

Location: Farrington's Farm, BS39 6UB

Dates: 6th, 7th, 13th or 14th July 2024

Time: 10am - 4pm, we recommend arriving before 12pm to make the most out of your day

Admission: Advance tickets only, adults/children over 2 years old £11, under 2s FREE. No dogs, sorry!

Booking:

[Tickets here](#)



### Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

## WRITING COMPETITION

### 100 Years Writing Competition

To celebrate our 100-year anniversary, we're launching a Centenary Writing Competition!  
The competition theme is 'One Hundred Years.'



#### Who Can Take Part?

The competition has three categories. Children up to the age of 11 years, 12-17 years, and adults.

Prizes include a £20 Mr B's Book Token, with runner up prizes of up to £10 in Book Tokens.

#### Word Count

There is no minimum, but a maximum of 2,500 words.

The competition runs from 3 June – 31 August 2024.

For full details visit:

<https://baneslibraries.co.uk/100-years-writing-competition/>

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**Volunteering at Glastonbury to raise money for the school by Paul Radnedge.**

Please find below a quick write up of our week volunteering at Glastonbury to raise money for the school. Please forward to the office if you think it worthy of going into the newsletter.

Farrington Gurney primary school was asked to provide volunteer crowd marshals for this year's Glastonbury Festival. After our training for the role and packing for a week on the farm, we arrived on site on Sunday morning. We set up camp and took a tour of the vast site. On Thursday evening, with the festival in full swing, it was time for our first shift in the infamous South East corner (Naughty corner). The night went smoothly, and we ended our shift with a dance in one of the clubs.

Our second night shift was a little more eventful. Around half of the site passed through our area over the course of a few hours, and we all dug in. The teams we worked with were incredible, a shift that saw us working until sunrise on Saturday..

Our last shift on Sunday started on an exciting note. During our briefing, we found out we were to be marshalling a secret Fatboy Slim gig on one of the smaller stages. Luckily, the rumours didn't spread, leaving a really nice intimate crowd for Norman Cook to play to.

Despite long periods on our feet and miles of walking (I personally clocked up over 92 miles over the week), it was an honour and a privilege to volunteer at the world's biggest and best festival, working in a great team and alongside true professionals. I'm proud and honoured to be a crowd Marshal and being able to earn a donation for the school. I'd do it again in a heartbeat! **Paul Radnedge**

 **DOWNSIDE SCHOOL**

# SUMMER NETBALL CAMP

## 22nd July - 23rd July 24

Experienced coaching by  
Lisa Packer  
County Performance and Team Bath Futures coach

Ages 9 - 12

Join us for a fun morning of coaching!  
9am till 1pm

£25 per session

For more details, please contact Richard Staines  
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### **Thought of the Week**

***'For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.'*** (Romans 1:16)



So what is the 'gospel'? You've probably heard that word before, but maybe you don't know what it is.

Well, put simply, 'gospel' means 'good news'. And according to the Bible, this 'good news' is that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for everyone's sins and rose again, eternally triumphant, so that there is now no condemnation, or punishment, for those who believe, but everlasting joy.

Now lots of us have a problem with this 'good news'. Either, we think we don't need saving - it offends those of us who are moral and who think we're good enough to not need saving. Or maybe we don't like being called a "sinner", we don't like to think that maybe people aren't innately good. Or it could be that we don't like to hear that only Jesus can save - it offends those of us who think that all spiritual paths lead to the same place.

But if we can put aside these arguments for a moment and take another look at this gospel message, we'll see that it's pretty strong stuff. What if there was truth in it?

Our verse today states that the gospel is the power of God. Not that the gospel comes *with* power, but it actually **is** power. It says that the gospel message is the power of God in verbal form, and it has the power to change, transform and give life to people. It saves them.

Today's verse also states that it is for everyone who believes. The gospel, and therefore

salvation, can only be received by faith, by believing that it is true. We don't have to do anything special, or try to be good enough, we just have to believe in who Jesus was and what he did. And we no longer need to believe in our own innate goodness either.

If we take this all onboard, we can see why Paul, who wrote the letter to the church in Rome, also stated that he wasn't ashamed of the gospel.

It can be difficult for those of us who do believe in Jesus, his death, his resurrection and in his salvation, because so many other people don't believe in it - and often think those of us who do, might be a bit misguided (to say the least).

I hope this isn't the case and that you are able to take a moment to grasp and understand just what this 'good news' is telling us. And then to see that this 'gospel message' *is* the power of God and can be relied upon to bring salvation to everyone who believes in it.

Or you could just try and ignore it.

Often though, these things don't go away.

