

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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Lyme Regis

We had such a fabulous time during our visit to Lyme Regis last Friday. The children's behaviour at the beach was exemplary and they made the most of absolutely everything we did. Particular highlights were hand-feeding the fish in the aquarium, touching a starfish and 'paddling' in the sea! There are lots more photos of our day on the school website under our News and Events/Gallery tab. Thank you so much to all our volunteers for making this trip possible and all your help on the day. If you are interested in becoming a school volunteer next year, please see the details on page 3 of this newsletter.

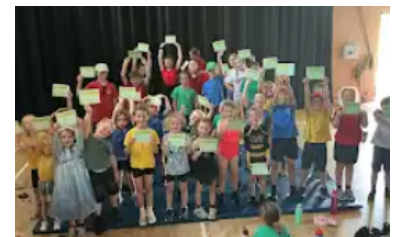


School Reports

All school reports will be coming out later this afternoon - they will be sent to you from the class email addresses so if you haven't received anything later this evening, please check your spam and if not, then please let us know. There will also be an attendance report attached and for some children, statutory data will be on the final page. Children in Year 6 have a separate attachment in the email with the results from their national curriculum tests.

Talent Show

There were so many fantastic acts this afternoon, and we thoroughly enjoyed the show. With talents from dance, singing and gymnastics to tennis skills and football, those who performed had clearly worked hard to develop their performances and we were proud of them all.



Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Arbor - Parent App

Following the launch of our new Management Information System (MIS) - Arbor, we are now at the stage where we can begin to share some of your child's information with you using the Arbor Parent app. As we progress with the system we will be sharing more functions with you (your child's attendance, late arrival of trips, closure days, parents evening, etc. etc).

Please check your emails, as we sent to you yesterday full instructions about how to download the Parent App. We have also shared with you via email your username and we ask that you set this up as soon as possible, as we will begin to roll out contact.



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Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs have now finished for this term. **Term 1 & 2 Clubs Options** were sent to parents on Tuesday and the usual Google form can be found [here](#); please complete your requests via the form by Monday 14th July.
- **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.
- **Last week of term** - on Monday 14th July, please could all children bring in a bag suitable to take their school exercise books from the year home in.
- **Lost Property/School Uniform** - We will continue to put out any items of unclaimed uniform next week, please do help yourself to any items as we do not have storage space for any that are left over after next Friday.
- **Parent Pay - New Intake ParentPay Activation Letters** have been sent home in the bookbags today for those with siblings and via email for those who do not.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Swimming** - next term it is Dolphin Classes turn to swim. Please consent/pay via ParentPay as soon as possible please and no later than the 1st September - a small charge of £4/week is for the cost of the transport.
- **Year 4 Mendip Activity Centre Residential Trip 2026** - To secure a place please consent/pay the deposit on ParentPay. Communication was sent last week.

Diary Dates

July

Mon 14th	Colour Run - last forms/money to the office or transferred please
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/Carers welcome 2:45-3:15pm) End of school year

September

Wed 3rd	All children return to school - new reception intake start at 9:00am and finish at 11:50am
Mon 8th	New reception intake start at 8:40am and finish at 12:45am
Tue 9th	Dolphin Class to swim (please consent/pay via ParentPay)
Wed 10th	Dolphin Class Evacuee Day at East Somerset Railway (please consent/pay via ParentPay)
Mon 15th	New reception intake finish attend all day

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Volunteers Needed

If you would like to be a school volunteer, helping with reading, trips, sport, swimming or clubs please do not hesitate to contact the office (email or call office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk 01761 452419)

Vacancy for Teaching Assistant

We are advertising for a qualified Teaching Assistant to join our hard working team.

Please email or call the office

office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk 01761 452419

£12.85 - £13.26 per hour (pay rise pending) / 15 hrs/week

Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Local Governing Body (LGB).

The LGB is made up of Governors from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, and they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school. You do not need to have any experience or prior knowledge, as training will be offered. We would be delighted to hear from you; please contact Mrs Hazard (Governance Professional/Clerk) or Mr Lynn (Chair of Governors) for more details.

Message from Friends of Farrington Gurney School



Our summer party will be held on Friday 18th July!! We are looking for some volunteers to supervise the inflatables: there will be 30 minute slots and we would really appreciate your help filling a slot! Please let Amie Johnson (Arthur & Edwards mum) or Alice Ford (Leo & Jude's mum)

BATON TWIRLERS TEAM NEWS:

A team of 40 members, with many from the school are heading to Weston Super Mare to compete for national titles this weekend. The competition comprises over 14 team events and individual struts
GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR BATON TWIRLERS



INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS

Instrumental and vocal lessons at school are provided by teachers from West of England Music & Arts (WEMA)

LESSON OPTIONS
30 minutes individual x 10 lessons
20 minutes individual x 10 lessons
30 minutes paired x 10 lessons
Group x 10 lessons

Inquire within school about possible remissions if your child is registered as receiving income-based Pupil Premium funding. Tick the box on the WEMA sign-up page if eligible. WEMA will then contact you to discuss final arrangements.



INSTRUMENT HIRE
Instruments are not provided by the school. However, there are a wide range of instruments that can be hired from WEMA music hub. These are free to hire for students receiving Pupil Premium. Contact WEMA directly by adding hire to your application or emailing: music@wema.org.uk

For more details go to:
wema.org.uk/learn-to-play



Click [here](http://bathfestivals.org.uk) for Bathfestival events:



Thought for the Week

"Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them!" (Luke 6:31 - The Message)

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been looking at what it means to be 'made in the image of God'. This concept that is championed by the Bible, has led to the development of values and principles like equality, compassion, consent, enlightenment, science, freedom and progress. Although this may seem unlikely, this is because our Western values and moral frameworks are interwoven with Christian principles, which is 'a legacy that persists irrespective of individual convictions or religious adherence'

(<https://www.bookey.app/book/the-air-we-breathe>). If you want to know more, I recommend giving [this book](#) a read.



So, if we are 'made in the image of God' or our whole society is at least based on this concept, whether we believe it or not, what should we do about it?

First and foremost, consider how we treat each other, including ourselves. If we believe each one of us has a purpose and were created with inherent value and dignity, surely we need to treat each other with value and dignity.

This can be difficult, especially when it's the driver who just cut us up or that neighbour who's dog just won't stop barking. What about the difficult in-law who really gets up your nose? Or that colleague at work who won't stop going on about their holiday, or their family or their problems?

Well, first of all, consider your own position. Are you sometimes the annoying driver or the difficult neighbour? Can you get up other people's noses? Do you sometimes go on a bit about your family, your holiday or your issues? We all have a tendency to do or say things to make our lives easier. We all just want to get by in life as happily and as easily as we can. That will sometimes mean we will get other peoples back up. And guess what, other people will sometimes get our back up too!

Next, we might need to consider the other person. Is there a reason why they were driving badly? Are they in a hurry? Have they had a difficult morning? What about the neighbour's dog? Do they have to work and can't find a dogsitter? Is their dog distressed for some reason?

That in-law might find you equally annoying. Just because you have loads in common with your partner, it doesn't mean you're going to love spending time with all of their family. You just might be too different and have completely different interests and priorities. The same goes for work colleagues I suppose. Just because you have the same line manager, doesn't mean you are going to be best friends.

The important thing is to treat them with respect and dignity and remember that they are a fellow human being, who has purpose, value and meaning. They like you are worthy. And the good thing is, if you acknowledge this and treat others in this way, they will hopefully (maybe not at first) treat you similarly. This is the reason for our verse this week - 'treat others just as you want to be treated'.