



Year 6 Leavers

We are saying goodbye today to 14 children who are leaving to go to their next schools, having given so much to Farrington Gurney in their time with us. From academic abilities and sporting successes through to their wonderful performance in the school production last week, these children have shown us so many talents and will be greatly missed by all of us. We held a really lovely leavers' service in St John's Church this morning, heard some wonderful memories from the children and ended, as we always do, with the leavers' all placing a candle each on the altar. The children will all have left for their next schools, but they will always be a part of Farrington Gurney Primary School.



Farewell

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone I have had the pleasure of working with in my 11 years at Farrington Gurney. There have been so many highlights along the way from productions and trips, to sporting and music events. Throughout my time here we have had dedicated staff who want to give the very best education to the children, as well as amazing pupils who are eager to learn, enthusiastic to try new things and always excel at a challenge.

The school and everyone in it will always be a very special place for me - it was my first Headship and it has taught me so much about school leadership. It has been an absolute pleasure each year to see children who started in Reception grow into confident and kind Year 6 leavers, ready to take on the world. Together we have built a nurturing, family school where every child is valued and is able to flourish.

To our pupils I would like to say thank you for your energy, your curiosity, and your kindness to everyone. I will miss you but know you are in very safe hands.

To our parents and carers I would like to say thank you for your support, partnership, and warmth. I have often said how important the links are between parents and staff in order to make the school community successful and you have all played your part in making ours so strong.

And finally, to our staff I would like to praise you for your tireless dedication, your passion to ignite learning, and also, for your friendship. I have been surrounded by so many enthusiastic and supportive people and I know the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

I wish everyone the very best for the months and years ahead.

Mr Turull



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More goodbyes

Goodbye and good luck also to Charlotte, Edward and Karmann as they move on to new places and new schools. It has been wonderful having you all as part of our school community - please stay in touch and keep us up to date with your adventures!



Final Events

This week, we have also enjoyed a visit from Little Stars for a morning of games and fun races. Our current Reception Turtles were joined by Year 5 who had their first opportunity to work as Buddies with some of the children who will be joining us in September. On Wednesday afternoon the whole school joined together as book buddies on the field. It was the first opportunity for many of our children to see some of the new wonderful books that we have been gifted from the Libraries for Primaries initiative. Book Buddies has continued to be a really positive experience for all our children - a big thank you to Mrs Frampton for organising this. Also on Wednesday morning, Year 6s enjoyed a pilgrimage across the fields to Holy Trinity Church in Paulton for a service with High Littleton School.



Fahrenheit News

Many members of the Fahrenheit Baton Twirlers attend our school and competed at the National Association of Majorettes Baton Twirling Championships last weekend. We are happy to announce that all members are "National Champions". Well done to them all. If you would like to find out more about this please speak with Mrs Swatton on the playground.



Congratulations

Well done to Ralph and Elodie who won the Governors' Cups for this term. They both exemplify our school values, showing kindness and respect for all in all they do. A big well done as well to our Year 6 musicians who were awarded certificates of achievement for all their hard work.



Finally, thank you very much to all our families for your support this year. Thank you also for all the gifts, thanks and cards that we have received over the past few days.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs start in week 2 except for Martin Phillips Football Club which will be running from the first week back for those who have signed up and paid.
- **Clubs for Terms 1 & 2 need to be booked now on Arbor or the low uptake will cause them to be cancelled**
 Mondays: Martin Phillips Football Club Y3-6 T1&2 Gardening Lunchtime Club Y1-6 T1
 Gina Belford Art Workshop Y2-6 T1&2 (terms can be booked separately)
 Tuesdays: STEM Y3-6 T2 FizzPop Science Y1-6 T1
 Singing Y1-6 T1 & Christmas Singing Club T2 (terms can be booked separately)
 Thursdays: Netball Y3-6 T1
 Children's Choice of Dance/Disco Moves Y1-4 & Y3-6 T2
- **Dinners** - 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.*
- **Free Bus Travel for Kids!** - Great news, once again children aged 5 -15 years including those in Secondary School travel for free on almost all local buses across the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority of B&NES, Bristol, and South Glos over the summer between the 18th of July to the 6th of September! There is no need for them to travel with a fare paying adult, so older children can travel independently or with friends. For more information, please visit: travelwest.info
- **Free School Meal Vouchers during the Summer Holidays** - for those who qualify an email was sent to you yesterday.
- **Music for School** - due to start back week beginning 14th September.
- **School Uniform** - Please ensure that ALL uniform is clearly labelled to avoid it getting lost next year.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Swimming** - next term it is the turn of Dolphin Class to swim. Please consent/pay via Arbor as soon as possible and no later than the 1st September - there is a small charge of £4/week purely for the transport which remains unchanged.
- **Year 6 School Grid dinner CREDIT REFUNDS** - the office emailed parents who have credits which needed refunding to your child's account. Contact details to arrange a refund by the end of the holiday is email: support@schoolgrid.co.uk Tel: 01506 300310. If your credit is older than 6 months old the office will need to arrange the refund.

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YOUR TICKET TO...

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

READ to the BEAT

Join FREE at your library and earn rewards for reading!

Does your child love making new friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship. We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who are sociable and enjoy making new friends. If your child is interested (with no pressure to take part) please apply at:

makingfriends.tv

READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

Diary Dates

August

Friday 14th School meals can be booked for Term 1 from this date
Breakfast Club sessions can be booked for Term 1 from this date

September

Mon 7th All children return to school
New reception intake start at 9:00am and finish at 11:50am
Tue 8th Dolphin Class to swim (please consent/pay via Arbor)
Mon 14th New reception intake start at 8:35am and finish at 12:45am
Clubs start this week (Martin Phillips football starts on the 7th)
Mon 21st New reception intake attend all day finishing at 3:15pm
Tue 29th Individual & Sibling Photos with Nigel Coles (AM)

After school art club

Term 1 - Mondays for 5 weeks

GINA BELFORD ART

Art club helps children build confidence with painting, collage and drawing in an expressive way.

After school art club is available to children from year 2 to year 6. Each term we create one main project to bring home. We spend most of the session painting where I encourage expressive mark making to help the children find their own artistic voice. We also make time to draw and colour so there's something for everyone.

£35 per term, all materials provided.

To book: www.ginabelfordart.co.uk/after-school-art-club

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Take on a different challenge each week

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- Easy to try
- Good for your mental health

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Create unique art together

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during school holidays

Friday 14th August
Wednesday 19th August
10am - 12:30pm

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BS39

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Thought of the Week

'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.' (Hebrews 13:8)

Image taken from 'The Chosen' Series 1 (2017)



If you've not come across the series 'The Chosen' on Amazon, then I thoroughly recommend you take a look. And what better time than over the summer holidays!

It's a series about the life of Jesus, created, written, directed and produced by Dallas Jenkins and Angel Studios.

The series focuses around the people that were chosen to live and work with Jesus, the twelve disciples. But the series also includes some of the women that may well have travelled with him - some of which are mentioned in the Bible but are not included as being among his disciples. A Jewish rabbi in those days wouldn't have included women

in their group of followers and this is commented on in the series, so it is very revolutionary that some of Jesus' followers were female.

What's interesting about this series is the way that Jesus' and the disciples' humanity is portrayed. Jesus, played by Jonathan Roumie, often makes little jokes and comments that are genuinely funny and the disciples are shown in all their true colours.

Included in the group is Matthew, beautifully performed by Paras Patel. Matthew was a former tax collector and in the series he is portrayed as being neurodiverse, which provides a really valid explanation as to why a Jewish person might think it would be okay to work for the Romans collecting taxes, while not necessarily understanding how other Jewish people may respond.

Whether you are a Bible scholar or someone who has very little Bible knowledge at all, it is a real treat to watch an historical drama which focuses on a diverse group of mixed up individuals and the way they become a unit.

Angel Studios are presently filming the sixth series and although Amazon is showing the five seasons that are available, there is a Chosen app which means you can also watch it all for free if you don't have an Amazon subscription.

After watching one particular episode where Jesus was teaching The Sermon on the Mount, it reminded me of today's verse from Hebrews 13, that tells us that Jesus is the same - yesterday, today and forever. It doesn't matter how he is portrayed in films or in television series, or which translation of the Bible you read, it is still the same man.

For Christians all over the world, this is a real encouragement, especially in a world where everything is constantly changing. To know there is one person who can be relied upon and who will never leave or forsake you whatever happens, makes a tangible difference.

My recommendation is to [take a look at this series](#) and don't give up after episode one as Jesus only appears in the last two minutes!

I wish you all a peaceful and blessed summer and all the best for the new year.

