



Year 6

It's that time of year again where we say a fond farewell to another group of fantastic Year 6 children as they move on to their secondary schools - most of them having spent seven years with us at Farrington Gurney. A few have come and gone along the way but our fifteen leavers have all given so much to the school during their time here. Their fondest memories include the Year 6 residential, the many school trips they have been on, the time they have spent with their friends and buddies with



even a few mentions of Bow the Bear!

We know that each and every one of them will be successful as they move on through life and we all wish them the very best. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank their families, especially those for whom this is their youngest child going through the school. We are really appreciative of all the help and support you have given along the way and how you have worked with us through the years. As we have said many times, we are one big family and when we all work together, our children flourish and grow.



Dolphin Class Production

Last night the children in Dolphin Class put on a magnificent performance to an audience of nearly 100 family and friends. They have all been working hard for the last seven weeks, learning lines and songs. This culminated in a spectacular performance where so many of their talents were showcased. We must thank all the staff that have been involved behind the scenes with a special mention to Michelle Rochester who has put in all the hard work of choreographing the whole show. This was a great way for the children to finish the academic year.



September 2025

We return back to school for the children on Wednesday 3rd September after two INSET Days. We have noticed that uniform has slipped slightly in the last couple of weeks and of course we wouldn't expect you to be buying new clothes/shoes at this time of year when children grow so quickly, but please can all the children return to school in the correct uniform in September. We do have a great deal of used uniform that can be passed on for free, if you do need some items. These will be put on the playground at the end of today before anything left over is recycled over the summer.

One final goodbye is to Otto and Alana who are heading off to Thailand in a few weeks. We wish them both the very best and look forward to hearing about their adventures!

That just leaves us to say that we both wish you a very enjoyable and relaxing summer break. We're sure you deserve it just as much as your children! We look forward to welcoming the children back to school in a few weeks from now.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

A place where all can flourish, find fulfilment and experience life in all its fullness

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Notices

- **Arbor** - Please check your emails, as we sent to you last week full instructions about how to download the Parent App as well as username. Thank you to those who have set this up.
- **Clubs** - All clubs start back on 8th September and the allocation list can be found by clicking [here](#).
- **Dinners** - We have been advised by Catering that you can now book your dinners for Term 1. Those moving from year 2 to 3 will now pay for meals or alternatively send your child with a pack lunch. Any questions please contact the office.
- **Free bus travel** - Please see [here](#) the link to the West of England's website detailing free bus travel for children under the age of 16 across our region during the summer holidays.
- **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

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

Message from Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Firstly thank you to everyone who brought sponsorships money in for the **Colour Run**, we raised a massive £645.07!!!

We hope you all enjoyed the summer party! Also a huge thank you to Noah's Ark zoo farm for donating the sausages, I'm sure you'll all agree they were delicious!

We would also like to say a big thank you to Rosie Greenwood, who has done so much for the Friends group over the last few years. We will all miss you!

Also everyone from Friends would like to say a massive thank you all for your support this year! If anyone is interested in joining us in September we would love to welcome some new members!

**FRIENDS OF
Farrington Gurney School**

FUNDRAISING

DONATIONS **VOLUNTEERING**

Spending...

School Year 24/25

- New Starter Book Bags
- Storybooks, candy cones & crackers for Christmas Dinner
- Super Pirates Day
- School Break-time & Lunch-time Play Items
- Easter Eggs
- Sports Day Refreshments
- Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
- School Coach Subsidy
- 4 Classroom iPads

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED AND DONATED - NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!

FOFGS

Bath Royal
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**FAMILY
ACTIVITIES**

JULY - OCTOBER

Did you know about the Academy of Imagination's fantastic summer activities?

- Design a T-shirt Competition
All summer
- Storytelling with Objects
7th AUGUST
- Gaming!
26th AUGUST
- Drawing from Fossils
28th AUGUST
- Playing with Printing
12th-14th/19th-21st AUGUST
- Children's Exhibition Tours
16 Queen Square, Bath
www.bris.org

Academy of Imagination
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**SCALES & TAILS
ENCOUNTERS
SUMMER TOUR**

Monday 18th August
Saltford
Keynsham
Oldland Common

Friday 22nd August
Frome
Midsomer Norton + SEN Session

Tuesday 26th August
Lyde Green + SEN Session
Bradley Stoke

TICKET RELEASE DATE: 1st JULY
PRE-RELEASE RESERVE - VIA EMAIL BELOW
TICKETBOOKINGSTE@OUTLOOK.COM

All Locations, Times and Details will be released alongside tickets on 1st July. If you wish to reserve tickets for the events please email us.
Adult tickets will be £2 each and Child tickets will be £10 each.

**SCALES AND TAILS
ENCOUNTERS**



Thought for the Week

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:" (Ecclesiastes 3:1 - NIV)

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at what it means to be 'made in the image of God'.

First, we looked at the idea that we were made on 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.

Next, we looked at what being 'made in the image of God' actually means. There are several interpretations of this phrase, but most importantly, it means that we all have inherent value and dignity. This understanding underpins arguments for human rights, equality and justice, asserting that all people deserve respect and care. If society doesn't recognise and understand this concept, we could be in danger of disrespecting and dehumanising each other.

Last week we suggested that the concept of being 'made in the image of God' is interweaved within our values and our moral framework. If this is the case, then surely we should be treating others with respect and dignity, remembering 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 treat you similarly.

To finish then, what does this mean for us today? Well for some of us, this is our last week in primary school. In September, some of us will have moved to a new school and become the youngest in the school again. Quite daunting really! 😊

This week's verse is all about there being a time for everything. There is a time for work, there is a time for rest, there is a time for stability and there is a time for change. Things can't always stay the same, that's not how life works? If they did, we'd still be in nappies, being spoon fed!

So, be ready to embrace the change, while at the same time not forgetting that you have been made in the image of God. You have been uniquely created by an almighty, loving Father and there is no one other person like you. Remember to be who you are already, to discover who you are becoming and to love who you are and will become. You were designed with all your strengths, skills and passions alongside all your quirks and oddities. Don't ever forget it and don't ever feel the need to conform to anyone else's way of thinking.

I wish you all a great summer and the best for the new academic year!

God bless!

Mr Marvin

To everything
there is a season,
A time for every
purpose under heaven.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1



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