



Farrington Forum Election

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected onto Farrington Forum to represent their peers:

Reception: Henry
 Year 1: Ella
 Year 2: Fletcher
 Year 3: Charlotte
 Year 4: Zeta
 Year 5: Xander
 Year 6: Liv & Isabella

Ms Mason is looking forward to working with these children over the course of this coming year.

Downside Day:

Class 4 had an action-packed day at Downside this week as part of their outreach work, and our SMSC commitment to give the children a wide variety of opportunities beyond the normal curriculum.

They took part in a series of activities including archery, military skills (making a shelter for the night) with Downside's Cadet Force Leader and also a series of active problem solving and teamwork challenges. Alongside the legendary food at lunchtime, the children also completed some nature art in the afternoon using hammers!



Mr Dix & Mr Turull

Diary Dates

New or amended dates in blue

October 2022

Wed 5th	Parent Forum 2:45pm in the Lodge
Thu 6th	Harvest Festival @ Church 2:00pm
Fri 14th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
Wed 19th	Parents Evening 1:30 - 6:30pm
Fri 21st	INSET Day

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - any bookings placed for the Queens funeral Bank Holiday session have been cancelled.
- **Clubs** - all clubs running as normal next week.
- **Dinners** - Please click [here](#) for a letter concerning Parent Pay and school dinners (particularly important for those with health dietary requirements). You can also find ordering guidelines [here](#).
- **Harvest Festival Donations** - Please follow the link here for donations of items needed. We are supporting Somer valley Foodbank and these are the current items needed: <https://somervalley.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **School Photos** - The photo proofs have been sent home for you to view. Please return your orders either on-line or via your teacher. Deadline is Wednesday 12th October.
- **Year 4 & Year 6 Residential Trip Payments** - The second instalment towards the trips are due by 7th October (Year 4-£50 / Year 6-£100)





Thought of the Week

‘Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things..’ (John 1:5)

The verse this week is applicable to all of us, whatever walk of life we come from.

‘The striking word’ in this verse is the word ‘whatever’.

John Ortberg, an author and speaker writes, ‘Our minds are being shaped all the time, but we have great freedom to pursue minds that flourish. As a bee that can find nectar in all kinds of flowers, we are now free - even commanded - to feed our mind on noble thoughts wherever we find them. The Bible itself commands us to look beyond the Bible to feed our minds.’

‘Whatever is lovely.’ Think about something that is “lovely” to you. Maybe a sunset (or sunrise), a favourite novel, a holiday memory, the face of a loved one, or some music that really brings you joy.

‘Let your mind dwell there for a moment,’ John continues. ‘Give it directed mental focus. You just obeyed the Bible. That “counts”.’



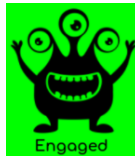

When we experience something of beauty and focus on it, we experience what psychologist Jonathan Haidt called “elevation”. We can feel a slight expansion in our chest, we can feel

lighter on our feet. ‘Our emotions are inspired and we want to become more excellent ourselves...That is spiritual.’

This week, try and take a moment, maybe each day to focus your attention on something that is “lovely” to you, something that brings you joy, someone who lifts your spirits. We all need an “elevated” experience, we all need a moment of spirituality.

Focus and enjoy!

Mr Marvin

This Week's Ace Learners		
		
Agile Ashley	Compassionate Courtney	Engaged Eddie
Albie L Ruben D Ella G Fleur C Jacob H Zakhar M Josh G	Frankie H Florence L Tabby C Fin M Liv T	Martha R Scarlett B Felix S George C Rhys P S Zeta D Esme T Freya R
 Lunchtime Superstars	Frankie H Bea R Ruby D Liv T	



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Harvest Service

WITH FARRINGTON GURNEY
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**THURSDAY 6TH
OCTOBER 2 PM**

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
AND GIVE THANKS TOGETHER

PAULTON-BENEFICE.ORG.UK 

Bath Youth Samba

Sundays 10am - 11:30am
Riverside Youth & Community Centre,
London Road, Bath

October
2nd
9th
16th

Single session - £6 // Full Term - £15

Enquiries and Bookings:
Jazwiththeyellowdrum@gmail.com

FOFGS AGM

Wednesday 19th October, 8pm
at the school

Everyone welcome, come along, review
the past year, share your ideas for the
next, find out how you can help!

Drinks and nibbles
on offer



 **EcoWild**
You are Nature

Autumn Holiday Adventure Club

Greyfield Wood

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th October
10am - 3pm
5-11 year olds

ecowild.org.uk/book-now

Craft Fire Games Fun Friends Nature Connection

