

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 5 - October 3rd 2025



House Captains

This week, our new Year 6 House Captains were agreed. All the staff House leads were thrilled with the letters that they received from each candidate and we know that we are in for a really great year of strong leadership, ideas and support from our Captains. In the words of one of our new House Captains, 'If we work together and have leadership skills we can help [our house] achieve its full potential.'



Ferentone

Ralph, Toby, Freya, Tilly



Azelin

Bea, Tabby, Reuben



Mogg

Olivia



Gournay

George, Charlie, Charlotte

School Pets

This week we have started to get to know our school guinea pigs. The two females have kindly been donated to the school by Twinnies Petting Farm who visited us during Wellness Week in May earlier this year. Whilst they were being collected, Twinnies commented on how gentle and careful all the children had been during their last visit, and they have continued to be really considerate and patient this week as the guinea pigs are settling in. There were so many ideas for names, which we have drawn out of the hat today to officially name them Maple Brownie and Coco Marshmallow. Over the next few weeks they will continue to be visited by the children and visit the classes so that everyone has a chance to get to know them.

Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Tournament



A huge well done to Toby, Ruben, Charlie, Harry, Ralph, Charlotte, Freya, Tabby, Olivia and Esme who were such a credit to the school when they participated in a cross country event this week. All of our runners put a huge amount of effort and energy into their runs. A special mention must go to Charlotte whose shoe was dislodged at the starting line. After stopping to put it back on, she continued to power through the run to gain the ground she had lost and kept her good spirits throughout.

Parents Evenings

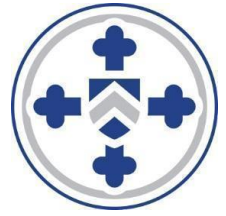
Parents evenings will run from 3:30pm-6:00pm on Monday 20th October and from 3:30pm-7:00pm on Thursday 23rd October. Bookings for these appointments will need to be made via Arbor, which everyone should now have access to. The bookings will open at 5:00pm on Monday 6th October, and you will not be able to book before this time. The bookings window will close at 5:00pm on Thursday 16th October. An email reminder with a link will be sent on Monday.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

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Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs are running next week.
- **Dinners** - Please remember the cut off for dinner bookings is Thursday midnight for the following week.
- **Dolphin Swimming Transport** - Thank you to all who have paid the contribution to swimming transport for the whole term. Please can those paying weekly continue to do so ahead of each session.
- **Year 3 Scooter Training** - Scooter training for Year 3s will be on Thursday 9th October. All Year 3 children will need a scooter and helmet. Please contact your class teacher if you need to borrow anything for this day.
- **SS Great Britain Trip** - KS1 are visiting SS Great Britain on 22nd October. Please see ParentPay to consent/pay.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Diary Dates

October

Wed 8th	Netball Tournament at Downside School (after school)
Thurs 9th	Year 3 Scooter training
Fri 10th	Harvest Festival (9:00am - 10:00am at St John's Church)
Mon 13th	Netball Match at Welton (after school)
Tue 14th	School Open Morning (9:30am - 11:30am)
Fri 17th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)
Mon 20th	Parents' Evening (3:30pm - 6:00pm)
Wed 22nd	KS1 Trip to SS Great Britain (please consent/pay via Parent/Pay)
Thu 23rd	Parents' Evening (3:30pm - 7:00pm)
	Term 1 ends for pupils
Fri 24th	INSET Day

School starts again on Monday 3rd November

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Friday 10th October - 9:00am at St John's Church

Food items:

Vegetarian Meals (Tinned) Custard (Tinned)
Long Life Juice
Milk (UHT)
Rice Pudding (Tinned)
Soup (Tinned)

Non-Food items:

Deodorant
Single Toothbrushes
Shampoo

School Open Mornings

We are holding two Open Mornings on Tuesday 14th October and Thursday 13th November. Please contact the school on 01761 452419 or email office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk to book a place or to arrange a separate viewing.

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Friends and Community News

Farrington Gurney School DISCO

WITH DJ ANDREW

SAT 22ND NOVEMBER
5:30 - 7:00 PM
FG VILLAGE HALL

Hot Dogs **BAR** OPEN

£4 ENTRY (£2 PRE-SCHOOL SIBLINGS)

FREE TASTER SESSION
50% OFF REGISTRATION

AGILITY ALL-STARS!
ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR
18 MONTHS TO 7 YEARS

SATURDAY MORNINGS
THE SOMER CENTRE, MIDSOMER NORTON

9.45AM - 18 MONTH TO 3 YEARS
10.40AM - 3 TO 5 YEARS
11.35AM 5-7 YEARS

POLLINATOR PARTY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025
'WILDLIFE IN YOUR GARDEN'

We'd like your wildlife-themed pictures for a competition.

The bees are busy and there are many butterflies and other insects pollinating plants. Many of you have bird feeders that offer great photo opportunities. And there are still hedgehogs and the odd fox or badger sharing our gardens, so if you're lucky enough you might capture a photo of one of those.

RULES

Up to three entries per person. And we need to know your age

The four categories are:

0 - 8 yrs: 9 - 14 yrs: 15 - 18 yrs: Over 18's

In addition, you may enter one garden wildlife picture with a comic caption.

Judging is open to all attending the pollinator party on October 12th

The winner in each category will be the most popular by the end of the day.

Please send digital entries with your name and age by email to:
green.farrington@gmail.com

Or if you want to enter a print, leave in a clearly marked envelope in the black post box on the Manor House gate.
We can't guarantee you will get them back.
Entries no later than October 5th please.

EcoWild
You are Nature

Children's Half Term Workshops

Greyfield Wood, High Littleton

Fun filled workshops that offer the opportunity for children to explore, learn new skills and get inspired by the natural world, whilst spending lots of time outdoors in the magical Greyfield Wood!

Halloween Forest Crafts - Thursday 30th October

Fairy Tale Survival Skills - Friday 31st October

10am - 3pm
£35 p/child p/day £25 p/sibling p/day

www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now hello@ecowild.org.uk



Thought for the Week

***"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."* (Ephesians 5:15-16 NIV)**

Congratulations to the England Women's Rugby team for winning the Rugby World Cup for the third time in a row. It has also been particularly impressive to see how well they have been supported over the last month, with Union Flags being flown all over the country and St George's crosses being painted on our crossings and roundabouts.



One of centres, Meg Jones, spoke quite honestly just before the final about losing both her parents last year. She spoke about the pain she had felt when she lost her father to cancer last August and her mum then passed away the following December. When she was nominated for world player of the year, Meg broke down in tears, explaining how she would have loved to have shared this with her parents.

Whilst talking about her experience and how sad it had been for her, Meg was able to share something quite hopeful - "I genuinely believe we die only once, but we live every day."

Bad experiences in life can often drag us down and make us focus on the negatives. But what Meg's words remind us is that we don't have to do this. Whatever life throws at us, we can *choose* to focus on the good stuff. We can *choose* to live!

Today's verse reminds us to consider carefully how we live. Will we live wisely or unwisely? Will we make the most of each and every opportunity or not? The verse acknowledges that there is bad stuff going on, that the "days are evil", but that in spite of this, we can still choose to live every day.

A person celebrating their 41st birthday has lived approximately 15,000 days. When you have woken up this many times, it isn't surprising that the "sheen" of each new day might have worn off. Even more so for those of us who are older! But let's not allow waking up each morning to become monotonous. The point is we are waking up to a new day - we are still here, we are still alive. We can still live each and every day as if it counts.

Because each morning is often very similar to the previous few thousand mornings, we can forget just how amazing life is, just how unique we are, just how miraculous it all is. Let's not lose that! Let's choose to focus on what's good. Let's choose to think about and remember our loved ones. Don't let the difficult things take over. There will always be difficult things to deal with, but don't let them affect you living your life.

For some of us, this may mean starting each day in prayer, communicating with God and remembering to count your blessings. But even if you don't pray, that doesn't mean you can't count your blessings and be grateful for all you've been given. Can you start your new day tomorrow like this?

Mr Marvin

