

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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

Newsletter 5 - October 6th 2023



It was lovely to have a walk around school this morning and spend some time with the children engaged in their work.

Amongst some of the busy-ness there were songs being sung, Big Writes being worked on and our new Reception children truly engaged in storytime. What a great end to the week.



Can we please request that children do not use the play equipment at the start/end of the day as they are not being supervised by a member of staff as they would be during the school day.

Please note there is no Celebration Assembly next Friday due to the Harvest Service in the morning - there will be one on the last day of term.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

Church Lane - 2 Week Closure from 9 October

Church Lane will be closed to traffic between the village hall turning and A37. Vehicle access to school will still be available from School Lane and pedestrian access will be unaffected.

Erin at the Farm Shop has kindly said we can use their back car park during this time so parents and children can walk into school and lower the pressure on cars trying to arrive and depart along the same narrow lane during the drop off/pick up window.

Please walk into school if at all possible, and if driving - please use additional caution..

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - there are spaces available. Please book via ParentPay.
- **Clubs** - there will be no running club next week due to teacher training for Mr Dix.
- **Football** - Saturday morning coaching at Ston Easton for YR-2 fliers are in reception.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Museums** - see [here](#) the link for events happening at our local museums.
- **Photograph** - proofs have been sent home for you to place your orders. The deadline for free delivery to the school is Wednesday 18th October.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 6 Height & Weight Screening** - please see the email from Monday relating to the programme. You have a 2 week opt out period if you wish.

Start and End of Day

Many thanks for the prompt drop offs and pick ups either end of the day. Classes are starting on time in the mornings in a calm manner and we are doing our best to have the children back out to you promptly at the end of the day (honestly!).



Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

October 2023

Mon 9th	2 week road closure to Church Lane
Fri 13th	Harvest Festival 9:15-9:45am at St. John's Church (parents welcome)
Wed 18th	Parents Evening 1:30-3pm (Hall) 3.30pm-7:00pm (School) Sign up sheets NOW available Friends AGM in school 8pm
Thu 19th	BYO Year 6 parents Cheese, Wine and Arithmetic Evening 6:30pm in Dolphin Class
Fri 20th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

A reminder that our AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th October at 8pm in School. There will be drinks and nibbles! Please do come along. We do not need to assign any main roles within the PTA this year (unless others are keen to take one!) However, a few more hands on deck would be good for new ideas and running events.

The school disco will be on Friday 17th November in the village hall. Full details will follow soon but please save the date in your diaries.

Free School Meals (Benefit Related) in BANES

Did you know you may qualify your Primary School for £1,385 worth of Pupil Premium Funding whether you are entitled to benefit related free school meals or not? If you think you may be entitled, please ask for further information at school reception, check online at www.bathnes.gov.uk and search free school meals to see eligible benefits. Apply online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or you can contact The Free School Meal Team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or on 01225 394317 to check your entitlement (if you leave a message we will call you back). All that is needed is your National Insurance Number, date of birth and your surname.

You can still apply for benefit related free school meals while receiving universal infant free school meals. It is a very simple, quick and non-instructive process.

★ OCTOBER HALF-TERM ★

MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

AT KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB
BS31 1HU

Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th October
9.00am-3.30pm

- Welcome to all
- School Years 1-7
- Varied multi-sports/activities
- Inclusive & friendly
- Low child:coach Ratios
- Learn new skills
- Meet new friends
- HAVE FUN!

£20
A
DAY

www.keynshamcricket.com/multisports

Contact - tombryan@live.co.uk - 07891918722

museums week

Celebrate local museums with nine days of events and activities in Bath and North East Somerset

Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th October 2023

Click the link to find out more
bathmuseumsweek.co.uk

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Interested in volunteering?

SENDIAS Bathnes offers free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people between the ages of 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers.

We have two exciting volunteering opportunities.

We are looking for an **Administrative Volunteer** to support our friendly and professional team. Tasks will include telephoning our service users for feedback and assisting with marketing and general administrative tasks.

We are also looking to expand our current team of **Parent Champion Volunteers**, who attend events such as support group coffee mornings and school open days to speak to families about what we do and what other services are available locally.

We will provide you with training, on-going support and cover reasonable expenses.

For further information and an application form please visit <https://sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us>



Get In Touch

Call us: 01225 394382

Email us: sendias@bathnes.gov.uk

Text: 07530263401



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SPACE TO BE

"Is vital for any child and family going through LGBTQ+ questioning" -Parent

"My child feels safe" -Parent



Is your child aged 8 - 13?



Are they lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or questioning their identity?



Monthly youth session with parent/carer support group



Email: space@offtherecord-banes.co.uk
Call/ Text Youth Worker: 07487642761
www.offtherecord-banes.co.uk/lgbt-space

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The Big Ambition Survey by the Children's Commissioner of England

The Survey [here](#) is for all children aged 6-18 and for parents/carers can complete on behalf of children aged 0-5.



Book online at wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays



Threads through Creation

October 2023

Creative workshops for children inspired by the stunning 'Threads through Creation' exhibition. Take time to see the wonderful, supersized fabric panels before your craft session; pick up a free family trail leaflet and explore the kaleidoscope of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course many, many different creatures!

Felted Worlds Monday 23 October*

Make a mini felted Earth to hang at home, complete with your message for a better world.

Spectacular Spirals Tuesday 24 October*

Take inspiration from spirals in the exhibition and in nature. Try circular weaving or create a snazzy snake mobile.

Fabric Creations Wednesday 25 October*

Stitch a mini textile panel or use fabric and glue to create a colourful creature collage.

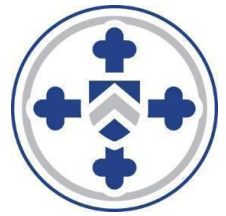
*Sessions at 10.00 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 2.00 p.m.



Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)
£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals. Accompanying adults FREE
Please note that Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and no dogs are allowed at family activities.





Thought of the Week

**'You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.**

**The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.**

**You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its
crops.**

**You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.**

**The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.**

**The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.'**

(Psalm 65: 9-13)



Thanksgiving - Janet Weight-Reed

When Janet Weight-Reed painted this picture of the valley where she lived in Wales, she had Psalm 65 in mind, particularly these verses. She chose to paint the church near the centre of the picture, and wrote "It is as if the spire of the church is trying to reach up to the heavens to give thanks to God. That is why I called the painting 'Thanksgiving'.

Harvest is a time of thanksgiving. It's a time when we remember those who are less fortunate than us and it is traditionally a time of year when food is donated to give to people who don't have enough or who are struggling.

In the last few years, that includes a huge amount of our own population. Most of us at some point or another have been in some sort of need, whether it is financial, physical or emotional and it isn't easy when we are going through those times.

But what about if we are ok financially, physically and emotionally? We're sorted, yes?

Many of us don't give time to consider our spiritual health. We're often so busy providing for all of our day to day needs that we don't think about anything above and beyond the normal.

Spirituality doesn't necessarily mean thinking about God and praying. Often it's to do with how we relate to ourselves, the world and those who we live with. If you have a belief in God or "something greater than ourselves", then how we relate to them can also be connected with spirituality.

One way we can think more spiritually is to think for a moment of what we can be thankful for. It might be a beautiful view that we see on a walk. It might be the sound of birdsong. It could be the pleasure we experience when we spend time with friends and family. It could be sharing a well cooked meal with those we love.

Just think for a moment and I'm sure something will come to mind. If not, read back through today's psalm and hopefully that will spark your imagination.

*'Oh, visit the earth, ask her to join the dance!
Deck her out in spring showers, fill the
God-River with living water.
Paint the wheat fields golden. Creation was
made for this!'*

