



House Captains and Playleader training

We are delighted to announce that all of our Year 6 pupils have been awarded the role of House Captains this year. Their letters to the Heads of Houses were full of details about how they will lead their teams over the year, and we look forward to seeing them in action. On Wednesday this week, they also undertook play leader training and are planning to set up weekly lunchtime clubs to practise their new skills with the other children in the school.



Egyptology Workshop

On Tuesday this week, Seal Class enjoyed an Egyptology Experience. Throughout the day they had the opportunity to explore Egyptian artefacts as well as learning about mummification and hieroglyphs. The children in Seal Class said, 'In the afternoon it got really disgusting. We set up a fake body, Arlo was blindfolded and George had a hook to pull out fake organs like the liver, the heart, lungs, the brain, and intestines - wiggly thing!'. Miltiadis said that he thought the best part was learning the Egyptian numbers. They were taught great ways to remember the hieroglyphs with ten looking like a rainbow, and for the symbol for 10,000 their trick was to say, 'Did you not know I was 10,000 years old!'



Harvest Celebrations

It was lovely to see so many families in church on Thursday as we did our own Harvest Celebration. Many thanks for all the generous donations to Food Cycle. These are going to be delivered to the charity this weekend where they will be used to provide healthy, free meals to people in need in the community.

Throughout the week all the classes have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Methodist Church where they have been learning about different types of Harvest, from Harvest of the Garden to Harvest of the Sea and how these connect to stories from the Bible and Christian teachings. We were particularly impressed by the Harvest Loaf and are hoping to get a chance to make one of these ourselves!



Friends of Farrington Gurney School AGM - Wednesday 14th November 6:30pm

Please do come along and join us in school on Wednesday evening for our PTA AGM. We would love to see as many people as possible - it is a great chance to meet other parents and find out about plans for the year.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Snell

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News from the Classes



TURTLE CLASS

Turtle Class have been thinking all about Harvest this week. We have enjoyed the story of the Little Red Hen, explored farms and various fruits and vegetables. We were all extremely proud of Turtle Class when they sang Big Red Combine Harvester brilliantly at Church yesterday - well done Turtles!



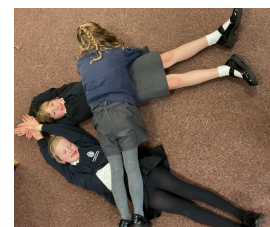
SHARK CLASS

This week Shark Class have been working really hard on developing writing skills ready to create our innovated versions of Mrs Armitage on Wheels. In Maths, Year 1 have been using Gattengo charts to count within 100, and Year 2 have placed numbers to 100 on a number line. We are very proud of Shark Class, as they attended a Harvest experience at the Methodist Church on Tuesday with Turtle class, and were brilliant throughout our service at St John's Church on Thursday. Well done Sharks!



SEAL CLASS

It's been another busy week for Seals! In PSHE, we have been working on decision making in groups. We really enjoyed our warm up game where we had to use our bodies to make letters of the alphabet. We have been really impressed this week as we have started our assessments. Seal class have approached them with positivity and resilience.



DOLPHIN CLASS

We have been really impressed by the attitude of Dolphin Class towards their assessments this week. Well done to them all for their hard work. Today they have been thinking about how to support play through using the different playground zones at lunchtime, which has required empathy and teamwork as well as initiative and good ideas.



Diary Dates

October

Tue 13th	Parents' Evening (Seal, Dolphin) - please sign up on Arbor
Wed 14th	Parents' Evening (All classes) - please sign up on Arbor
Wed 14th	Friends of Farrington Gurney School AGM 6:30 - Please come and join us in school
Fri 16th	Inclusive Cross Country Event 1:15-2:30 (invite only)
Tues 20th	Flu/Nasal Spray Vaccination - please see notices
Thur 22nd-Fri 23rd	INSET Days 3 & 4
Mon 26th-Sun 1st	Half Term Break

November

Mon 2nd	Start of Term
Tue 3rd	STEM Club begins
Tue 10th	Girls' Football Tournament 3:45-6, Norton Hill School (details to follow)
Tue 17th	Small Schools Football Tournament (Y5&6) 3:45-6 Norton Hill School (details to follow)
Mon 23rd	MSN Cross Country Event (Y4&5) 2:30-3:45 Downside School (details to follow)
Tue 24th	Sports Hall Athletics 4-5:45 (Y5&6) Wellsway School (details to follow)
Fri 13th	Dolphin Class Trip to Bath Taps into Science - please sign up on Arbor
Thur 26th	Benefice Christmas Sing 4:30-5:30 (details to follow)



Notices

- **Arbor Pupil File Update** - If you have not done so already please remember to check & update Arbor with any changes.
- **B&NES Child and Family Health** - The School Aged Health Service are pleased to offer another FREE webinar on **Healthy Bladder and Bowels** to support parents and carers of primary aged children. The session will take place on the 10th November at 10:00am. If you would like to attend, please click this [link](#) to sign up.
- **B&NES Child and Family Health** - The School Aged Health Service are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on **Picky Eating** to support parents and carers of primary aged children. The session will take place on the 4th November 10:30-11:30. If you would like to attend, please click the [link](#) to sign up.
- **Clubs** - There will be no singing club or netball club next week due to Parents' Evening. All other clubs are running as usual.
- **Clubs for Term 2** - Please remember to sign up for **Belford Art Workshop** [here](#) and on Arbor. On a Thursday for all years Michelle Rochester will also be running her Dance & Disco Moves to children's choice of music. If there are not enough who sign up to both of these clubs they will have to be cancelled due to lack of interest.
- **Dolphin Class - Bath Taps into Science Trip** has been added to Arbor for your information and action. Thank you.
- **Flu Vaccination (Nasal Spray)** - Please consent [here](#) if you have not done so already.
- **Open Mornings** - the next open morning is 19th November (9:30am). Registration via email/telephone to the school office.
- **Libraries** - please see the Library post below for more information & events in our libraries!
- **Road works** - On A37 have now started and due to end in mid-February. Work will be paused over the Christmas period. For more details please click [here](#).
- **School Photos** - Photo proofs have been sent home. Please place your orders on line by Monday 19th October to qualify for free postage to the office. Any problems please contact the office.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Term dates 2027/28** - These are now available [here](#).
- **Year 4 & Year 6 Residential Trip** - The 2nd installments deadline was today and the 3rd is due 4th Dec. Thank you.
- **Whole School Trip to Panto in Bath** - Please see the email sent home on Wednesday which needs you to please respond.
- **Head lice** - We have been made aware of head lice. Please check your child's hair and treat as necessary.

APPLE FEST SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Get half term off to a great start! With the Green Team There will be lots for kids and adults alike:

- Apple bobbing
- Apple dessert contest: Bake or make an apple dessert and enter it into a tasting contest—and/or buy a £1 ticket to try some! All funds go to the village hall solar appeal!
- Homemade sausage lunch, by Steffan Chivers
- Talk on plant-based beauty products (which will also be for sale!)
- Halloween mask making
- DIY: Bird and butterfly feeders & seed bomb
- Free seed giveaway

It should be a lovely community lunch with lots to see, do, make and eat! Activities start at 1100am & the social club will open at noon to provide drinks to go with the lunch.

AND THEN THERE'S THE APPLE PRESSING!

We have hired an electric press so please bring along your apples for pressing into juice or making into cider. This will start after lunch. Please also bring bottles to take juice away in! We will have some on hand but we could run out, so please don't forget!

Come and join our
Rhythmic Gymnastics Experience Camps

Mon 26th, Tues 27th & Wed 28th October | **9am - 12pm** | **University of Bath STV**

Discover the exciting world of rhythmic gymnastics!
Combining music, movement, flexibility and coordination, our camps give children the chance to learn new skills, try exciting apparatus and build confidence in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

LEARN
New skills, rolls, jumps and leaps

TRY
Hand apparatus of ribbon, hoop, ball, rope and more - all with music!

ENJOY
Fun, supportive coaching and make new friends

For reception age and above | **Non-members welcome** | **All abilities welcome** | **Also open to current RDP, mini squad and pre-espole group gymnasts too**

£21 per session | £60 if you book all 3

Online booking via www.TeamBathRhythmic.com
Questions to bath.rhythmic.info@gmail.com

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Webinar Event



Sleep support

Practical advice and support to help your child sleep well and feel rested.



Free to attend

The School Aged Health Service will be hosting a webinar for parents and carers of primary aged children for sleep support. Providing information, support and practical strategies to implement

The webinar will cover:



Understanding your child's sleep



Practical tips and strategies



Where to get help and support



Date: 14th October 2026
Time: 10.00



Join by scanning the QR code or clicking the link below

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/09a091b8-528d-4019-b105-1a5154027f84@2c2b1ee0-a8a1-49e6-a820-5ce4890cf466?source=copyLinkLegacyShareEventDialog>



Half-Term Holiday Activities: Taking Time

27-29 October, 10.30am-3.30pm

Have fun exploring the time-themed installations from Wells Art Contemporary, and join us to fashion your own creations!

Discover optical illusions, learn about the Cathedral's incredible Astronomical Clock, and make your own spinning seasons wheel. Suitable for children and families.

Admission included with entry to Wells Cathedral.
No need to book – simply drop in on the day! More info at: wells cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

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Capture the Cathedral in a Drawing

Saturday 10 October, 10.30am-3.30pm

Pick up free art materials and sketch whatever inspires you – windows, carvings, tiny details, or your own unique view, with the option to have your sketch displayed in an online exhibition! All ages and abilities welcome.

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Beavers - what have they done for us?



Did you know beavers are amazing animal builders? Join Dr Richard Young from Beaver Trust to discover how these clever creatures are helping nature across Britain.

In this FREE, fun and fascinating talk, you'll learn how beavers are making a big difference to our environment and how they could help protect nature as our climate changes.

Perfect for curious young nature lovers aged 5+ and their families who want to learn more about one of Britain's most remarkable animals!

Bath Central Library
Thursday 29 October
11:00am to 12:00pm

Please book a place on our Eventbrite page or ask a member of staff.





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)

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.



Thanksgiving - Janet Weight-Reed

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!