

# Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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

Newsletter 6 - October 13th 2023



## Farrington Forum Member 2023-24

We are pleased to announce this year's Farrington Forum members.

The children will be meeting with Miss Rowlinson-Baker to plan which local, national and international charities to support, as well as discussing their ideas to improve the school.

Dolphin Class: Isla and Bailey  
Seal Class: Esme and Bea  
Shark Class: Albie-Blu and Sebastian  
Turtle Class: Imogen & George C

We wish our new Forum good luck and look forward to them coming up with plenty of exciting thinking in the weeks ahead.



## Harvest Celebration

It was really uplifting to see a church full of our school community coming together to celebrate harvest.

Our recent focus on singing shone through as the children sang with great enthusiasm and even managed to overcome some technical issues.



Very generous donations from parents and staff led to the Somer Foodbank van leaving Farrington with plenty of food that enables the charity to continue its work with individuals and families who find themselves in need. Please note as a school, we are registered to issue foodbank vouchers should the need arise. See Mr Dix or Mrs Hazard should you need more information.



*We have just heard between ourselves and Clutton, we donated 184kg of food!*

## New Club Opportunity for Term 2

We are offering a new club for the children in Term 2 on a Tuesday - Skittles Club with Mrs Wellman and Mrs Gray. It will run from 3:15 - 4:15 with collection from the hall. The club is limited to 16 children from Years 2-6. To sign up please email the office on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull



## Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - please book your sessions for next term via ParentPay.
- **Clubs** - Lego club is cancelled due to parent evening.
- **Library events** - did you know that October is Libraries "Sign up month!" There's always something going on in our libraries, and it's all free. Sign up for a library card today and start exploring. You can sign up in person, in any B&NES core or community run library or online. Visit <https://baneslibraries.co.uk/> to see all the wonderful things the library offers!
- **On-line keeping children safe talk** - email sent home. Androulla Nicolau (Andri) who works on the child protection team in Avon & Somerset Police has agreed to do a keeping children safe on-line talk for parents which should last approximately 1 hr and will be via Teams on Thurs 19th October 7:30-8:30pm. She has done this many times before for other schools. [Click here to join the meeting](#) (Meeting ID: 392 679 919 333 / Passcode: XaNbiL).
- **Photograph** - proofs have been sent home for you to place your orders. The deadline for free delivery to the school is next Wednesday.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 6 Height & Weight Screening** - please see the email sent on Mon 2nd Oct relating to the programme. You have a 2 week opt out period if you wish.

## Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Our AGM will be held at 8pm next Wednesday 18th October at School. There will be drinks and nibbles! Please 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.

## Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

### October 2023

Mon 16th	Road closure to Church Lane (all week)
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

### November 2023

Fri 10th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
Fri 17th	FoFGS Disco Village Hall 6-8pm
Fri 24th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm

### December 2023

Fri 8th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 11th	Carols by Candlelight 6pm start
Tue 12th	KS1 Nativity in the hall 2pm start
Thu 14th	KS1 Nativity in the hall 6pm start
Tue 19th	Christmas Carol Service in St John's Church (9:15am)

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IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

*Baby & Toddler  
group*

TERM TIME ONLY,  
PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

COME AND RELAX WITH FREE SNACKS,  
TOYS AND CRAFTS EVERY SESSION

**TUESDAYS**  
**9AM - 10.30**

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### **Thought of the Week**

**'And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.'**

**(Romans 8:28)**



Today is Friday the 13th. Cue the spooky music. Friday the 13th has long been considered an unlucky day. But why? There are a few different theories.

According to History.com, many Western cultures associate the number 12 with completeness. There are 12 months in a year, 12 zodiac signs, 12 gods of Olympus, 12 tribes of Israel, and 12 disciples of Jesus. Because 12 is so complete, it only makes sense that 13 would be considered unlucky. The ancient Code of Hammurabi even skips the 13th law (though experts say this was probably a clerical error).

There are also two famous stories of an unlucky 13th guest: in the Bible, Judas Iscariot is the 13th person at the Last Supper, and he goes on to betray Jesus. In Norse mythology, Loki is the uninvited 13th guest at a feast for the gods, and he causes plenty of chaos.

So that's why 13 is considered unlucky. But what about Friday?

In Christianity, Jesus is believed to have been crucified on a Friday. There are other, less well-known, instances of Friday being seen as unlucky in Christian tradition: Eve is said to have given Adam the apple on a Friday, and Cain is said to have killed Abel on that day, too. It's not just Christianity, either. In the Norse myth, the goddess Frigga gathered the devil

and 11 witches (so 13 altogether) together every Friday, which was known as the "Witch's Sabbath." Thirteen is also the number of the Death card in Tarot.

Well for some of us, when it is Friday 13th, we may feel happier not leaving the house and tucking ourselves away in bed for the day with a good book. Some of us may prefer to do this anyway, regardless of which day it is!

But for Christians, today's verse bears special significance. If God loves us, then surely he will cause everything to work together for our good. But only in regards to his *plans* for us.

This may mean that things don't go the way we want them to. If we have plans that differ from God's plans, then surely our day, week or even month may not go the way we hoped it would. The difference is knowing that our lives are in the hands of someone who knows us better than we know ourselves and will work things out in our lives for our ultimate benefit.

So whatever your thoughts about Friday 13th, surely it is just a day like any other day. Does it really hold some inherent unluckiness or is it just a number and a day that have been put together for all the reasons already mentioned.

Instead of getting upset about a specific day in the calendar, surely there's more value in making the most of each day we are given and remembering to count our blessings.

