



## Somer Valley Foodbank

After a successful Harvest Festival in church, the children in Year 6 got to see the onward journey of our donations when they delivered them to the Radstock collection point.



The children were given a brief 'behind the scenes' look at how the donations are sorted ready for picking up by individuals or families in crisis.

It was an interesting visit, which gave our children a wider appreciation of the problems faced by people in the local area. The Radstock branch alone fed 23 people last week in need of emergency food packages.

With the crisis around household budgets being a pressing concern for many this autumn, as a school we have registered with Somer Valley Foodbank to be able to issue vouchers for any of our families who find themselves in a genuine crisis situation. The vouchers provide for 3 days of emergency food assistance. Should you need to access this help, please contact Mr Dix or Mrs Hazard on a strictly confidential basis.



## Parents' Evening Reminder

Don't forget to book your 10 minute slot with your child's teacher for this Wednesday 19th October from 1:30pm onwards.

Children on the SEN register will have the opportunity to book time with Mr Dix (Senco) in the first 2 weeks back after the half term break. Again, please see the sign-up sheet in the main office.

Mr Dix & Mr Turull

## Diary Dates

New or amended dates in blue

### October 2022

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| Wed 19th   | Parents Evening 1:30-3pm (Hall)<br>3.30pm-7:00pm (School) |
| Thurs 20th | Wellness Day (wear PE Kit)<br>PTA Cake Sale at brektime   |
| Thurs 20th | Football away at Trinity 3:45 k.o.                        |
| Fri 21st   | INSET Day   |
| Mon 31st   | Term 2 begins   |

### November 2022

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| Thu 3rd  | Football away at Clutton 3:45 k.o                              |
| Fri 11th | Celebration & Bible Giving Assembly<br>2:30pm                  |
| Mon 14th | Girls Football Tournament (Norton Hill)                        |
| Thu 17th | Family Service at St John's Church<br>2:30pm (Cafe afterwards) |
| Wed 23rd | Open Morning 9:30-11:30am                                      |

### December 2022

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| Tue 13th | Nativity - Classes 1 and 2 (afternoon) |
| Wed 14th | Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day        |
| Thu 15th | Nativity - Classes 1 and 2 (evening)   |

## Friends of Farrington Gurney School

*Don't forget our AGM is next Wednesday 19th October in the school. Everyone welcome, we'll review the previous year and make nominations for roles for the coming academic year.*

*Year 6 are running a bake sale next Thursday (20th) during break time. 20p for biscuits, 50p for cakes, so please send in some change with your child to choose a yummy treat to enjoy on their Wellness Day!*





*If you are able to donate any cakes or biscuits for them to sell, they'd be gratefully appreciated! Please leave them in the outside classroom on Thursday morning, along with a list of ingredients (to ensure we adhere to Natasha's Law around food allergies).  
Thank you!*

*Don't forget to complete your Christmas card orders by the 24th October 🎄*



**Notices**

- **Bible Giving Assembly** - on November 11th Bibles will be given to all the new pupils to our school, both Reception and further up the school. This will take place in our Friday celebration assembly.
- **Breakfast Club** - Please make Term 2 bookings.
- **Christmas Cards, Mugs & Tag Orders** - The children created their own Christmas design to personalise cards, mugs & tags. Order sheets have been sent home to place your orders via the on-line shop ([www.sforders.co.uk](http://www.sforders.co.uk)) by the **24th October** using your child's unique code from the proof. If you have any queries please email friends; [fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fofgs@hotmail.co.uk).
- **Clubs** - Mr Marvin's Computing club will not be running next week - all other clubs will run as normal.
- **Dinner Menu Changes** - Please see [here](#) the menu of Term 2 as the Catering Team have made some changes. Please bear this in mind when making next terms' options on ParentPay.
- **Music for Schools** - will be visiting Class 3 & 4 on Monday 31st October present the instruments which they could learn to play in school if they would like. If you have any questions please contact the office.
- **Nasal Flu Immunisation 7th November** - Please see the email sent last week which included this [link](#), requesting you to consent/decline the nasal flu immunisation for your child (closes on 1st November).
- **Open Morning** - for prospective parents has been set for Wednesday 23rd November from 9:30am to 11:30am. If you have a child who will be starting school next year, or know someone who does, please share the date and ask them to contact the office to register.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Uniform 'Pre-Loved'** - Friends will put any pre-loved uniform they have on sale in the hall before Parent Evening next week.

This Week's Ace Learners		
		
Agile Ashley	Compassionate Courtney	Engaged Eddie
Olivia C Josh H Rheya W Lotte G Holly G Freya F Heidi M	Arlo D Ava M Adalyn G Ralph P Evelyn P Xander J Arran J	Henry B Sid C Finn D William C Arran J Ruby D
 Lunchtime Superstars	Josh H Alfie B Paris C	



## FOFGS Cake Sale!

Thursday 20th October

Year 6 will be selling cakes and cookies at break time, so send in some change with your child to buy a yummy treat on wellness day!

Donated bakes can be left in the outdoor classroom Thursday morning - please leave a list of ingredients with them

All bakes  
20p or  
50p



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 17 October

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

### Bath Central Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 18 October

Art in the Library - Sarah Targett, Charlotte Farmer, Jude McGuire, Kate Bernstein:

Monday - Saturday 3 - 29 October

### Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 18 October  
10.30 - 11.00 am

### Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 17 October

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 19 October

### Digital All Social Media

Black History Month, October

Family Learning Festival, 15 - 30 October

Get Online Week, 17 - 23 October

Children's Book Review 22 October  
Bathnes Libraries Blog



## 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

Covid-19 vaccinations

## grab-a-jab at a local walk-in clinic



Bath & North East Somerset Council  
Improving People's Lives

Thursday 6 October  
Salvation Army  
11-5pm

Thursday 20 October  
Bath City Football Club  
11-5.30pm

Saturday 29 October  
Bath City Football Club  
12:30-5pm (match day)

Covid-19 vaccination is free  
\* You do not need proof of address  
\* You do not need an NHS number  
\* Your details will not be shared for immigration purposes

Open to 12-year-olds in year 8 and above

First, second and seasonal booster dose available, no invite required - check your eligibility:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/how-to-get-a-coronavirus-vaccine/how-to-get-a-boosted-dose](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/how-to-get-a-coronavirus-vaccine/how-to-get-a-boosted-dose)

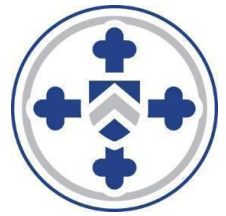
If you have questions about vaccines, come and chat with a clinician

Check NHS website for date/time changes here: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/)

First, second, additional primary doses and booster doses, including the new autumn booster (subject to eligibility). Check what you're eligible for on the NHS website or phone 119. These clinics are open to those 12 years old and over in Year 8 and above. Those aged 12 in year 7 and below, can book an appointment at their nearest clinic on the [www.nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) website.

make a booking, or check latest clinic dates, times and locations here





## Thought of the Week

***'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'* (Joshua 1:9)**

*Have you ever had to follow in someone else's footsteps? Well this is what Joshua had to do.*

*Moses had been leading the Jewish nation from Egypt, through the wilderness and to the edge of the promised land for 40 years and he was a tough act to follow. When Moses died, Joshua took over as leader. Now after such a long time leading the people relatively successfully, I'm sure it would have been a bit daunting for Joshua to take over.*

*Today's verse is taken from the book of Joshua and it comes at the very start of the book, just after Joshua had been commissioned. It says in the Bible that God spoke to him and told him to be strong and courageous. He also told him not to be afraid or discouraged.*

*I'm not sure about you, but when I am told not to be worried or anxious about something, it can often have the opposite effect - it can often make me feel worse.*

*There's nothing like a word of "encouragement" from someone, telling you to stand up straight, to stop worrying and face whatever's coming head on. These people may not struggle with fear or anxiety, but just telling someone to "sort themselves out" isn't often very helpful.*

*What's better is knowing that someone's got your back - that they are with you. While you're going through your difficult challenge or situation, they are thinking about you, maybe praying for you. They will be the person who will ask you how things are and also be*

*the person on the other end of the phone when you need someone to sound off to.*

*These people make the real difference and often just knowing that they are there and that you can confide in them gives you the courage and strength you need.*

*Well fortunately for Joshua, God didn't just tell him to stop worrying and get on with things. God told him that he would be with him wherever he went. Joshua knew that God had his back covered. He knew that he could come and talk to God about anything - the troubles and the joys, the struggles and the successes.*

*Knowing someone has got your back means a lot. For many people like Joshua, knowing God's got them means a whole lot more!*

