

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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Children in Need

Our Farrington Forum representatives have been busy planning our first fundraising activity of the school year for Children in Need. On Friday 14th November, they are inviting the children to wear yellow or spots for a £1 donation. This can be made via parent pay or via the QR code that will be available on the gate and in next week's newsletter.



At breaktime, there will be a cake sale with all items 50p. Please could any donations be brought to the outdoor classroom on Friday morning- if homemade please could we have allergen information included.

There will also be a colouring competition across KS1 and KS2 with all entries to be submitted by Friday 14th November with a donation of 50p.

Open Morning

We have our final open morning of the year next Thursday starting at 9.30 in the hall, and are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents and their children for a presentation and tour of the school. During our last open morning in October, our Year 5 and 6 pupils did a fantastic job of showing the parents around and we had a lot of positive feedback about how helpful and informative they were.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

On Monday this week the FoFGS PTA held their AGM in school. During the day, all classes talked about the invaluable contribution that the PTA make to their education, opportunities and experiences. We all really appreciate all the hard work that is put into the organisation and events, and you can read some of the comments that the children made [here](#). FoFGS always welcome new volunteers and you can get in touch with them via your class rep, or by visiting their [Facebook page](#). If you are able to volunteer in any capacity at any of the events over the year, the support is always greatly appreciated.

Carols by Candlelight

Plans are well underway for our Carols by Candlelight on Monday 8th December and fliers for this were sent home this week. We are looking forward to welcoming as many people as possible to join us in our celebrations, so please do make a note of the date.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our poppy sale this week. Just a reminder that we will be opening the gate to the playground at 10:45 on Tuesday morning to invite the community to join us for a song, a minute of silence and a reflective time as we listen to the names of the villagers who lost their lives to war.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

FARRINGTON GURNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND THE MSNR SILVER BAND PRESENT:

Carols by Candlelight

Monday 8th December
6:00pm @ Farrington Gurney School

The classes and the Singing Club will be performing Christmas carols and songs. participation from attendees is encouraged!

Please bring a candle or small light/torch with you to use during the performances.

The FoFGS will be serving turkey rolls, hot dogs (veggie too!), tea, coffee, hot chocolate & mulled cider.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR: **OHS**

If you have any dietary requirements please contact FoFGS fofgs@hotmail.co.uk

Please remember to bring your reusable cups!

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Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs will be running next week as usual.
- **Dinners** - Please remember to book your meals by the Thursday midnight deadline for the following week (or ideally the rest of term). The new menu can be found on the website accessed via this [link](#).
- **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.
- **Library News - Gift a Book** We would love your help in spreading some joy by donating a book to someone who might be lonely or without gifts this season. Your donation could make someone's Christmas morning extra special. Books can be new or as new —please donate fiction books for adults and children (please no non-fiction or spoken word titles). Donate by: Saturday 22 November. More info: library_events@bathnes.gov.uk **Gift a Coat** Donate a coat to someone who might like it to keep warm this winter More [info:library_events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:library_events@bathnes.gov.uk)
- **NCMP** - NCMP screening refers to the National Child Measurement Programme, a public health program in England where children in reception and Year 6 are weighed and measured at school. This will take place on 21st November.
- **NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme** - Please see the email sent on Wednesday regarding this programme sent to all parents to be delivered to the children.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Remembrance Day** - Suggested donations are as follows: poppies, zip-pulls and reflectors 50p; wristbands £1 and slap bands (can be purchased by a parent from the office and taken home straightaway) £1.50.

Diary Dates

November

Tue 11th	Remembrance Day - Time for Reflection on playground (10:50am)
	Girls' Football Tournament at Norton Hill School (4pm-6pm)
Thu 13th	School Open Morning (9:30am-11:30am)
Fri 14th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)
Tue 18th	Small Schools' Football Tournament at Norton Hill School (4pm-6pm)
Fri 21st	Yr 6 NCMP Screening AM
Fri 28th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)

December

Tues 2nd	Small Schools Swimming Gala details to follow (No Dolphin Class swim this week)
Thurs 4th	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Mon 8th	Christmas Carols at School with the Silver Band (6:00pm-7:00pm)
Tues 9th	Nativity Morning Performance 9:30am
Thurs 11th	Christmas Jumper Day (suggested £1 donation)
	Nativity Evening Performance 5:00pm
Wed 17th	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 19th	Christmas Service (9:00am-10:00am)

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Friends and Community News

We are excited to bring you the following events this month.

Look out for us selling tickets to both events in the playground next week!!

Also are you following us on Facebook 'friends of Farrington Gurney school' for any future upcoming events,



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c November 8 2025

Bath Central Library

The Bath Indie Book Fair
Come join Peirene Press in Bath to celebrate indie publishing and pick up some Christmas presents

Saturday 8 November
10.30-4.00pm

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Every Wednesday
(term-time only)

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

9.30 - 10.00am &
10.30 - 11.00am
Every Tuesday
(term-time only)

Storytime

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Every Thursday
(term-time only)

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Every Monday
(term-time only)

Storytime

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Board Game Saturday's

Every Saturday

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

Board Game

Saturdays

Board games are available on a Saturday in all our Libraries. So if you're into strategy, storytelling, or classic family favourites, there's something for all ages. No need to book — just drop in and grab a game.



Our Music Centres bring together young musicians to perform in ensembles and groups, build skills, and have fun!

- Improve musical ability
- Take part in concerts
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Make friends

MUSIC CENTRES



Sessions run on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings during term time. Open to all - from beginners to advanced players.

Ensembles include chamber groups, orchestras, bands, choirs, and rock & pop groups.

Centres in: Little Stoke, Bath, Backwell, Keynsham, and Yate.

For more details go to:
wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres



Thought for the Week

'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."' (John 14:6 - NIV)

It's a bold claim. So what do we do with it?

Many people choose to **reject** it. At the time Jesus was around, many of the Jewish leaders did this. When Pilate asked "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?", they all answered, "Crucify him!" (Matthew 27:22). It's likely that they were challenged by what he said and did. His grace and power exposed their lack of both and the truth he spoke exposed their error. And when you don't like the message, you reject the messenger.

Another thing to do is to **avoid** it. That's what Pilate's wife did. 'While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.'" (Matthew 27: 19).

For many people, it can be easier to avoid something that forces you to make a change, particularly a heart change. The chief priests said, "'He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching.'" (Luke 23:5) And they were right. Often what Jesus said and did did disturb the people, but they still chose to listen. 'Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..."' (John 6: 67-68)

Finally, the last option is to **accept** it. In today's society, where many people believe there are no absolute truths and where relativism is widely accepted, someone making a claim to be the truth isn't popular. Pilate tried to wash his hands of the whole thing and avoid making a decision about Jesus, but according to Jesus this can't be done. Jesus said "Whoever is not with me is against me..." (Matthew 12:30).

Many people refer to Jesus as a good man or as a wise teacher, but he claimed to be much more than this. 'The high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.'" (Mark 14:61-62). This claim led the Jewish leaders to condemn Jesus to death on a charge of blasphemy, claiming that he was the Son of God.

So if Jesus claimed to be the Son of God and not just a good man or a wise teacher, that leaves us with three options. He was either lying (making claims that weren't true), mad (wrongly believing himself to be the Messiah) or he was who he said he was.

So Jesus - lunatic, liar or Lord? What do you think?

Paul Marvin

