



School Family Service

On Monday, we will be attending a school family service at 2.45 at St John's Church. The service will finish at 3.15 and will be followed by a family cafe in the church. All children, other than those attending a school club, will need to be met at the church at 3.15 for collection or to stay for the cafe. Children registered for a Monday club at school will be brought back to school by staff for their activities, including Super Stars, unless a parent or named adult is there to attend the cafe with them. We would love to see as many friends and family as possible for this lovely opportunity to share a service together.



Air Quality

You may have spotted the green light on the external wall next to the school office. This is a pollution monitor which has been installed by the Air Quality Team at B&NES who are working on a project that looks at gathering data on particulate matter concentrations across the authority, investigating how concentrations may be affected by road traffic and domestic burning. Please help improve our air quality by turning your engines off when dropping off and collecting from school. We have been informed of some cars left with engines running in the car park, so we would really appreciate your support with this.



Big Garden Birdwatch

We have signed up to participate in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch next week. Along with hundreds of thousands of people across the country, we will be identifying and counting the number of birds that visit our space over a set time, contributing to the world's largest garden wildlife survey. If you are interested in joining in at home, more information can be found here:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>



Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



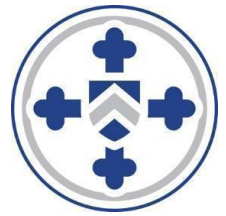
Do you have any board games or card games just collecting dust and taking up space at your house? We would love to take them off your hands. Please share with friends and family. All donations are welcome!

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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

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Notices

- **Clubs** - There is no Board Games or Dance Umbrella Club next week due to staff training.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Diary Dates

January

Mon 20th	Family Service at the Church 2.45pm
Tues 21st	Local Governing Body meeting
Thur 23rd	NO Board Games or Dance Umbrella Club NO Music for Schools Lessons this week
Thur 30th	Year 6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting (3.30-4pm)
Fri 31st	Celebration Assembly

News from Friends of Farrington Gurney/PTA

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. I just wanted to remind you all about the clothes bin in the car park opposite school. If you've had a clear out over the break please utilise it if you can, as this provides the school with a good regular income.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th January at 8pm at the Farrington Inn. If you are available to attend that would be great, all are welcome and it would be lovely to see some new faces.



"Keynsham Cricket Club are running their multi sport holiday club at Keynsham Cricket Club during February half term. Children in reception - year 6 are welcome to join the fun at £20 per day. Full information, dates and online bookings are available at www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching"

Primary School Instrumental Days!
Join with other musicians in the area and play in a large ensemble. Make new friends and learn new skills.

Where: South Glos, North Somerset and B&NES

When: Various dates in January

Who: Primary aged children in Years 3-6

Instruments: Woodwind and Brass,
Strings, Acoustic Guitars

How: Sign up below

More information: ask your child's instrumental teacher or email music@wema.org.uk



Book a space: <https://www.wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres>

Scroll down to Instrumental Days

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Thought for the Week

'But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?' (Psalm 56:3-4 NLT)



As I've gotten older, I've found myself worrying more about things. Sometimes I can't even put my finger on what it is that I'm worrying about, but I find myself feeling anxious and things keep playing over in my mind.

I'm not sure if this is the same for you. It might be that there are things coming up, meetings or phone calls you need to make and you're not sure how they are going to go. Maybe you're nervous about things at work and you're worried that you're not doing well enough - that you're not performing as well as you should be. It's easy for us to compare ourselves to others and notice how well they are doing. This can make us anxious about job security.

Maybe the state of the world worries us. Even though there is little we can do about leadership in other countries or wars between nations, we still worry about it and we're concerned about the outcome.

This week's verse is from another psalm (remember, silent 'p'). This one we know was written by David (you know the one who defeated Goliath). Well, at this point in his life, David was captured by a nation known as the Philistines. If you get a chance to read it ([Psalm 56](#)), the psalm refers to David being pursued by his enemy. David is obviously affected by their actions, because he talks about his sorrows and God collecting his tears in a bottle and recording them in his book. So he is noticeably worried, upset and probably scared.

But the difference comes in today's verse. David has found something to put his trust in...or should I say someone! He even asks himself, "why should I be afraid, when I can put my trust in God."



Now this may not resonate with you, but for many people, knowing that they can turn to God, that they can pray and that they can ask for his help will make a real difference to them during those anxious moments. It doesn't necessarily mean the problem has been solved or has gone away, but at least the anxious feelings have subsided and they know that someone else is on their side, looking out for them.

This week, I hope and pray that your week is calm, peaceful and problem free. But I also hope that if something does turn up that means you start to worry, panic or freeze, that you will be able to take a moment to reflect on this verse. That you will remember David's assurance that someone much bigger than himself was looking out for him and that because of this, he didn't need to worry. That maybe, like David, you are able to put your trust in God.