



## Lunar New Year

This week, classes and groups in the school have been learning about Lunar New Year.

Turtle Class have done lots of art activities making lanterns, collages and dragons, conducted a science investigation to find out which sauce flavour they like best with noodles (the calmest time of the whole week!). They also had a go at using chopsticks to eat their noodles and watched some traditional dance followed by their own parade to traditional music.



## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week we will be marking the start of Children's Mental Health Week with a school wellbeing day. We are encouraging the children to bring in fluffy socks, or slippers to wear in class during the day while they are doing their wellbeing activities. Our House Captains have also planned a series of lunchtime wellbeing activities across the week for all the children to look forward to, starting with biscuit decorating in the outdoor classroom on Monday.



## Parent - Governor Feedback

A reminder that our Chair of Governors, Mr Olly Lynn, will be available on the playground at drop off on Tuesday 4th February, should you have any concerns, questions or ideas. He can also be contacted at [oliver.lynn@msnpartnership.com](mailto:oliver.lynn@msnpartnership.com)

**Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull**

## Diary Dates

### February

Mon 3rd	Term 3 Wellbeing Day (children can bring in fluffy socks or slippers)
Tue 4th	'Meet the Governor' feedback on the playground (8:35am)
Wed 12th	Shark Class Trip to Radstock Museum (AM - Packed lunch required)
Fri 14th	Celebration Assembly
	End of Term 3
Mon 24th	Term 4 begins



*We are really excited to have a Scholastic Book Fair coming to us in the last week of term, from Monday 10th-Friday 14th February. Please save the date and come along to see the amazing books that will be on offer! There are fantastic bargains to be had and every book sold helps fill our classrooms with free books!*

*The book fair will take place after school from 3.15 - 3.45 everyday. The children will have opportunities during the school day to browse books too. This will be a cashless event so all books can be purchased using a QR code on the day or you can purchase gift vouchers before the event (see link below). If you are unable to attend, your child can write books on a 'wishlist form' and take it home to you where books can purchase online:*

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents?nt=t>

### Notices

- **Bath Royal Literacy & Scientific Institution, 16 Queens Square** - Free for everyone 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February Creative Family Fun exploring collecting & collaborating! 10-4. There will be a Lego colour coded challenge, paper craft animals, Angelica Sprocket's Pockets themed activity, and one lucky family will win FREE theatre tickets.
- **Clubs** - all clubs are on next week and there is still availability at Times Table Rockstar (Mon) and Board Games (Thurs). Years 3 - 6. Please contact the office.
- **Dance Umbrella Tickets** - KS1 Dance Club & Dolphin Class - Please see [here](#) the google form sent home yesterday to be actioned by Sunday midnight to reserve your tickets from school prior to public sale later next week at the box office. Thank you to those who have already completed this. We will be sending an email home confirming the tickets which have been reserved for you by Tuesday which you can then pay for via ParentPay at £9.90 each and will then be able to purchase more if you require direct from the Box Office.
- **Medication & Asthma Plans** - Please remember to update the school on any Asthma Healthcare Plans which have been updated/revised with your GP. Similarly, can you ensure inhalers or medication you have requested school to hold is in-date.
- **Reception Year National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) and Vision & Hearing Screening** - Parents of Reception pupils please see the email correspondence sent via school from the Nursing Team yesterday.
- **Road Closure** - there will be a road closure from February 11-14th on Main Street to complete gas works. Please visit <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/traffic-order/main-street-farrington-gurney> for more details.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 6 Lifeskills Trip** - Please see ParentPay for communication and to consent for the year 6 Lifeskills Trip after half term on Wednesday 26th February.
- **Year 4 & Year 6 Residential Trips** - the final instalment is due by Friday 7th February for the both trips. We will not be able to take children on these trips if the full payment has not been received. Thank you to those who have already actioned this matter.



**News from Friends of Farrington Gurney/PTA**

Please click [here](#) for more detailed information for those interested in Volunteering for Glastonbury 2025.



**Applications for Volunteer Stewards  
open now!**

Please apply to [fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fofgs@hotmail.co.uk) by  
9am Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Community News**

**SEND Advice**

[Live Well B&NES](#) is the home to Bath and North East Somerset's [SEND Local Offer](#), providing information, signposting and support to young people with SEND and their families. Please click on the link for details.

We also offer lots of information for families and young people including registered childcare providers, parenting support, benefit advice, food support, managing money, mental and emotional health, social activities and cost of living information.

[livewell.bathnes.gov.uk](http://livewell.bathnes.gov.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/livewellbathnes](https://www.facebook.com/livewellbathnes)

To all families, students, young adults .... everyone in Bath and beyond!  
Are **YOU** missing the rewarding company of elders?  
Then we *warmly* invite you to



**THE GRANDFRIENDS'  
SUNDAY SOCIAL TEA PARTY**

on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 from 3.30 to 5.30pm  
at St Alphege's Church Hall Oldfield Lane, Bath BA2 3NR

Our monthly Sunday Socials welcome people of every generation from all over Bath and NE Somerset to enjoy a traditional tea together with our wonderful 'GrandFriend' volunteers. Join us to share delicious treats, games and conversation.

Suggested contribution: £5 per guest.

**RSVP** Everyone welcome but please let us know if you can join us in advance.

Phone: 01225 967 680 Email: [hello@grandfriends.uk](mailto:hello@grandfriends.uk)  
[www.grandfriends.uk](http://www.grandfriends.uk)



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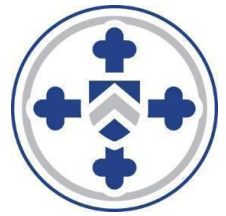
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Museum &  
Gardens

**Myths and  
Memories**  
RENAISSANCE MAPS

15 FEBRUARY - 22 JUNE 2025  
[americanmuseum.org](http://americanmuseum.org)



Click [here](#) for more information about half term fun at the American Museum

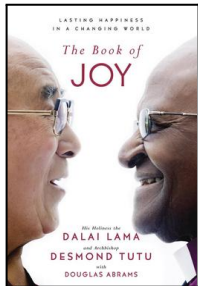


## Thought for the Week

**'Live in harmony with each other.'** (Romans 12:16 NLT)



Recently I read 'The Book of Joy'. It is a book about a special visit that Archbishop Tutu made to Dharamshala in India to meet with the Dalai Lama. As well as wanting to meet up because they are very good friends, they also wanted to look into the concept of joy and why so many of us struggle with it in our lives. Without spoiling the book, here are a few ideas that the book raises.



Even though both Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama have both faced oppression and exile, they have both been able to maintain compassion and forgiveness.

The more time you spend thinking about yourself, the more suffering you will experience.

The three factors that seem to have the greatest influence on increasing our happiness is our ability to reframe our situation more positively, our ability to experience gratitude, and our choice to be kind and generous.

The last thought is what I wanted to focus on today and links most closely with this week's verse. It is important to look at our present situation more positively, whatever we may be struggling with. There are plenty of people going through worse things and more often than not we have things that are good in our lives. In terms of gratitude, it is so important to remember to say thank you for all we have. A wise man once told me to 'count my blessings'. These two ideas seem to work in tandem with each other.

The final idea is all around practicing kindness and generosity. And this can only happen when we remember how much we have in common with people. If we focus on our shared humanity rather than on our differences, we will have that connection which will enable us to be more kind and more generous.

Desmond Tutu put it this way - "You show your humanity by how you see yourself not as apart from others but from your connection to others."

One of the reasons I love teaching religious education is because it shows children that even though people have different beliefs, practices and ways of life, we have so much more in common. We are all trying to live a happy and good life that is free of sadness, stress and suffering. We share so much, so why can't we try and get along. As today's verse reminds us, 'Live in harmony with one another.'

Let's try and put it into practice this week.

