



Year 6

Our oldest children enjoyed receiving their new leavers' hoodies this week and also had a very informative and interesting trip to Lifeskills in Bristol. The centre works through a whole different set of scenarios that children may face over the next few years focused on staying safe. Our pupils all participated really well and learnt a lot.

Lunchtime Zones

Many thanks to Friends of Farrington for purchasing new equipment for our playtimes. Our helpful Year 6 monitors have been setting up zones around the playground and the children have been having fun with a variety of activities including cars, building, Jenga, role play and long skipping rope. The new blankets for the Lodge have also been popular!



Dolphin Science

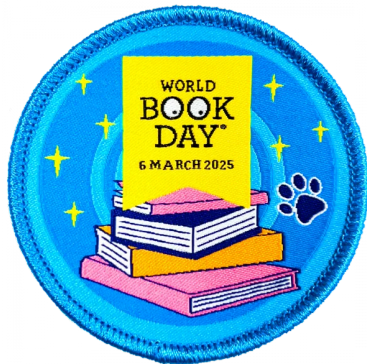
Dolphin Class started their new topic on the Circulatory System this week. The pig's heart that we used to see what a real-life heart looks like had varying responses from the children! We will be continuing this topic over the coming weeks learning more about blood vessels, the structure of the heart and how to keep our hearts healthy.



Book Fair News

Finally, an enormous thank you to everyone that attended the book fair and helped to make it such a success. We are so grateful for the generosity of our community and because of this amazing support, we now have £458.28 to spend on free books! A massive thank you again - this is incredible!

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



World Book Week

World Book Week is just around the corner and we have lots of exciting things planned! We will be writing a whole school poem, having an online author visit, sharing our favourite books, and much, much more! We are also asking the children to dress up (if they would like to!) as their favourite book, book character or something linked to their favourite book on Thursday 6th March. If your child has PE on this day, they can bring their PE kit in a named carrier bag and change at lunchtime. Your child will also come home today with a World Book Day Token today, which they can use to buy any World Book Day book (more details are on the back of the vouchers).

Notices

- **Clubs** - all clubs are on next week.
- **Dance Umbrella Tickets** - KS1 Dance Club & Dolphin Class - Please remember to pay for your tickets so the office can allocate tickets to families. Thank you to those who have done this.
- **Music for Schools Lesson change** - No lesson on 27th March: this will be rescheduled.
- **Seedy Saturday** - the link is [here](#) for this amateur annual gardener's fair in Timsbury on Sat 8th March.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Village Pollinator Party** - 16th March 11am-3pm in the Village Hall. Please see poster in newsletter 20.

School Website

The teachers are updating the class pages for this term so you will have information on what your child will be learning. Mrs Frampton has also worked hard to put together a fabulous new page for EYFS - take a look [here](#)

Diary Dates

March

Tue 4th	Year 1 Phonics Workshop 3:30-4:30pm
Wed 5th	Local Governing Body meeting
Thur 6th	World Book Day (Children can dress up)
Fri 7th	Celebration Assembly
Mon 10th	Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament (Norton Hill 4:00pm - 6:00pm)
Wed 19th	Parents' Evening (most year groups - details to follow next week)
	Year 6 Cross Country Event (Somervale 4:00pm - 5:00pm)
Fri 21st	Celebration Assembly
Tue 25th	Dance Umbrella in Bath
Mon 31st	Year 6 Residential Trip

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

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Friends of Farrington Gurney School and Community News

FOFGS DISCO
Saturday 8th March
6:00 pm — 7:30 pm
Farrington Gurney Hall
£3 Per Child

Bar Will Be Open
 Hot Dogs* Available £2
 Tuck Shop
 Glitter Face Art

Card Machine will be available at door for entry & Hot Dogs. Please bring change for Tuck Shop etc.
 * Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk

Rules
 All children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Children should remain in the hall, no re-entry.

FREE BRILLIANTLY ENGINEERED FESTIVAL
1ST-4TH MARCH 2025

AMAZING TECHNOLOGY
 HANDS-ON STEM EXPERIMENTS
 MEET YOUNG ENGINEERS & LOCAL COMPANIES

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HENRY Healthy Families Programme

Even during this uncertain time, we're still here to help you give your little ones a great start in life.

The HENRY programme is completely FREE to join for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old.

The programme provides everything you need to help your little one get off to a great start.

We cover the 5 following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Each week there is either an online or in-person session. See below for dates. You'll also receive a free toolkit with lots of fantastic resources. The programme is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other families in a safe environment!

Bath Children's centre - Starting 27 Feb
 From 9.30 - 12

MEET TWEEDY THE CLOWN
1 MARCH | BATH CENTRAL LIBRARY

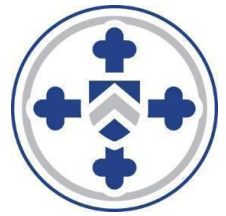
FREE EVENT - NO TICKET NEEDED

Get ready for laughter, chaos, and clowning around because Tweedy the Clown is coming to Bath Central Library this Saturday from 11am - 1pm. This event is free and there is no need to book!

Tweedy will be signing copies of his debut book, *Tweedy: The Clown Who Lost His Nose* – follow him as he chases after his elusive nose and causes chaos for the other performers. In this interactive picture book, children can help him spot the culprit...a little intruder who has come into the circus and is hiding in the background!



Bookings on HENRY courses are essential. Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub on 0300 247 0050 or email BATHNES.thehub@hrcgcaregroup.com



Thought for the Week

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NIV)

For the next few weeks, we’re going to look at The Gospel of John.

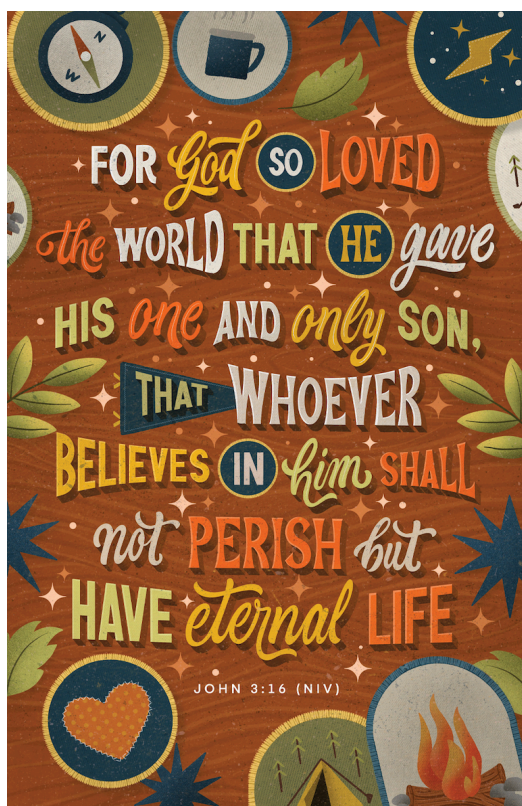
This is possibly the most well known verse from the New Testament and can be found on so many posters, banners, mugs and badges. I even found it on a belt buckle!



This verse is taken from a conversation that Jesus was having with Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He was very much in charge of everything to do with the Jewish religion at the time, but unlike many of the Jewish leaders at this point in Jesus ministry, he sought Jesus out. He came at night though, which meant he didn’t want people to know about it. It would have been a dangerous and difficult time for the leaders. They were trying to figure Jesus out. Many chose to reject him because some of what he said and did was controversial. Others could see that God was working through him and wanted to find out more - hence Nicodemus’ visit.

Jesus says a lot in this encounter. He talks about being ‘born again’, a phrase that can be used quite negatively. It is often ok to be a Christian, but to be a ‘born again’ Christian? That means you’re really serious about it and probably a bit unusual. Jesus states though that you can’t be part of God’s Kingdom unless you are born again. See, controversial.

He also talks about light and darkness, how many people prefer the darkness, because if they come into the light all the things they have done wrong will be exposed. Again, controversial.



This is why this verse is so important. None of us get it right all the time. Born again or not born again. In the light or in darkness. Jesus is saying that we all need saving. Jesus goes on to tell Nicodemus that he was not sent into the world to condemn people, but to save people. Many of us have a distorted view of God - that he is like a terrible old headteacher who wants to tell us off for all the things we have done wrong - to condemn us. Jesus is making it clear here that this is not the case. Although people can often be judgmental, he isn't.

Yes we get things wrong and God is aware of this, but he was willing to see his son die in our place so that all these wrong things could be dealt with and to wipe the slate clean. And it wasn't just for a few people or a special select group. God so loved the world. The whole world. Everyone!

Jesus finishes by saying that if someone chooses to believe that Jesus died for them in their place and chooses to follow him, they won't perish. They will receive eternal life. Controversial?