



Wellness Week 2024

The children (and staff) have thoroughly enjoyed the many, varied activities and experiences on offer during our Wellness Week, which I know many of you have enjoyed 'liking' on our Instagram/X accounts.

From music and dance, through to tennis and crafts and much more besides, the children have really impressed the many visitors who have come into school to prove such rich experiences.

We are also very grateful to the PTA for supporting us on being able to finance this week. Hopefully the children will be taking their Colour Run sponsor form to any family and friends they are meeting up with during half term to top up the PTA funds so we can continue to offer these memorable experiences for the children.



Girls' Football

It was a pleasure to take the girls' football team - resplendent in their brand new Premier League sponsored kit - over to Farmborough for a match. Despite losing 3-1, it was an entertaining game and the team's joy in Isabel scoring our goal was a real highlight.



We hope you have a restful half term and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 3rd June ready for Term 6.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

Diary Dates

New / Changed dates in Blue

June 2024

(Term starts Monday 3rd June)

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| Mon 3rd -
Fri 7th | Year 5 Greece Trip |
| Mon 10th
Fri 14th | Class Photos (and Year 6 leavers)
Celebration Assembly (9:00am)
Colour Run 2.30pm |
| Tue 18th | Year 6 Moving Up Day Wells Cathedral |
| Thu 20th | Cafe Service with Rev Pitt Village Hall |
| Mon 24th | Seal Trip to Roman Baths |
| Wed 26th | Sports Day afternoon |
| Fri 28th | Celebration Assembly (9:00am) |



OFSTED - The Big Listen - want to hear your views!

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is carrying out a short survey on behalf of Ofsted. We want to hear from parents/carers of children who are under 18 years old. It should only take around 10 minutes to complete. We are interested in views of, and any experiences with, Ofsted, including Ofsted's inspection, regulation and reporting practices. We really want to hear from a wide range of parents and carers, even if you don't have strong opinions about Ofsted, or haven't had any experience of Ofsted. The survey findings will be used to help Ofsted improve the way it works in the future. Please click on the following link to find out more or take part in the survey:

survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen

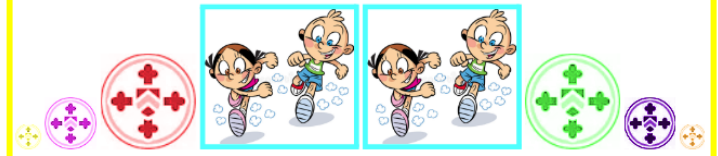
You can look at our [Taking Part webpage](#) for more information about the research, and our [Privacy Notice](#) for what will happen to any information you give. Links to these webpages are also included in the survey.

Friends of Farrington Gurney

Many thanks to all those who came along to our PTA meeting this week and to those who will join us soon. It is lovely to have some new faces which will also bring some new ideas etc! Our next meeting on 26th June will be both in person and online to allow everyone who wants to be involved to join. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

We are really looking forward to the colour run on 14th June. Please ask family and friends to sponsor the children if they can. Along with the paint for the event, we've been supplied 10 litres of gunge powder!!!!!! We will therefore be selling raffle tickets after half term for one very lucky child to gunge Mr Dix!!!! Raffle tickets will be £1 (as many as you like can be bought!!!!). The lucky winner will be drawn after the colour run and Mr Dix will get the gunge!!!

The BIG Farrington Colour Run
Friday 14th June 2:30pm



Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - please reserve places now.
- **Clubs** - All clubs return back in week 1 of term 6 (Skittles Club & Fizz Pop have now finished).
- **Dinners** - please make your options for meals next term now via ParentPay.
- **Knife Crime Awareness Event** - for Parents and Carers. The venue is Hayesfield School on 6th June starting at 6pm. For queries, please email VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk. Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite [here](#).
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Music for Schools** - lessons start back in week 2.
- **Whole school trip to Longleat** - details can be accessed via this [link](#) and consent/payment is due via ParentPay. Thank you to 'Friends' who have helped subsidise the trip keeping costs down.
- **Year 6 Residential Trip** - This trip is to Barton Hall on 31st March and our current year 5 parents have received an email relating to this today.



School Family Camp 2024

Friday 21st June – Sunday 23rd June 2024

Please come and join us for the Farrington Gurney School Family Camp 2024. We always have lots of fun! A chance for kids to be kids for the weekend, and parents to sit back and relax. There are fire pits to hire, so we always enjoy some toasted marshmallows. Good toilet and shower facilities, as well as a pizza van and coffee hut. So you really don't need 'all the gear' to join in. You can also visit for the day.

Don't delay, book now! Details below:

Pitch Availability and charges are all online www.petruhpaddocks.co.uk

- Select the dates: 21st June – 23rd June 2024
- Select **Pre-named family group** from the drop-down
- State our **exact group name 'Farrington Gurney School'** in the Group name field.

If you want to pitch with the main group, please select **GRASS PITCH**.

Powered grass pitches are in a line and will be a short distance away

Powered **Hardstandings** are in a line a 2-minute walk away

Bell tents will be pitched near the group, but other accommodation options are in a separate field, so fine to stay in but will be a 2-3 minute stroll from the rest of the group.

If you have a problem with the booking process, please either

email: webbiz@petruhpaddocks.co.uk or call: 01934 257055

Day visitors are welcome on site from 10am. They will be asked to park in the visitor's car park, register at reception and pop a few shekels into the charity tin. They are welcome to stay till 10pm when gates are then closed.

Please do take a look at their [rules](#) and their [terms and conditions](#).

@FGVILLAGECLUB

COFFEE, TEA, BISCUITS, CAKE & CHAT...

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING AT FARRINGTON GURNEY VILLAGE CLUB

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

10AM - 12PM

CAKE, BISCUIT OR SNACK CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

CONTACT ROSS FOR MORE INFO: 453651

AUTHOR TALK

Timsbury Library

TAM SIN MORI

Join us for our children's author talk and Q&A with Tamsin Mori

As we discuss her latest book: **Gargoyles Guardians of the Source**

Saturday 15th June 11am

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 27 May

Keynsham Library

Creativity Corner
Mon - Sat During opening hours 25 May - 1 June

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Board Game Saturdays
Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 1 June

Midsomer Norton Library

Knit Two, Share One - Drop in. Knitting, Crochet and Fibre Arts group for any age or ability.
Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 30 May

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For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog. Visit baneslibraries.co.uk/events



Thought of the Week

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

(Luke 11:9-10)



The Bible records a lot of what Jesus said, stuff that people still remember and quote 2000 years later. A lot of what Jesus had to say he told through parables

In Luke 11, we are introduced to someone (let's call him Sid) who goes to see a friend (Frank) at midnight, asking him for bread. It appears that all the shops are shut (even Tesco) and he needs not just one loaf, but three loaves of bread, to feed another friend (Barry) who has just turned up whilst on a journey. I'm not entirely sure why Sid needs three loaves for Barry, but then loaves were much smaller in those days - hence the miracle of the five loaves and two fish.

We are then told that Frank tells Sid not to bother him as everyone is now in bed asleep and the house is locked up. Jesus goes on to say that in the end Frank does get up and gives Sid everything he needs, not out of friendship, but because of Sid's 'shameless audacity'.

'Shameless audacity' means 'doing something boldly, expecting results'. Someone with shameless audacity doesn't worry about what they look like while they're doing what they're doing. I can imagine Sid jumping up and down and waving his arms around to get Frank to come outside with the goodies. He wouldn't have worried if he'd woken up the household or even the neighbours, because he was so determined to get what he wanted.

After Jesus shares the parable, he then makes this bold statement about 'asking, seeking and knocking'. Many Christians have interpreted this to mean prayer. If we pray for things, we will receive them. This obviously isn't always the case. I'm sure we might like to pray for things that we know we shouldn't ask for. In fact elsewhere in John's Gospel, Jesus does talk about asking for things 'in his name' ([John 14:13-14](#), [John 16:23](#)). This means 'according to his nature'. We should ask for things that he would want you to ask for and not the latest Aston Martin or SUV.

But 'asking' is something that many of us don't do. Children often won't stop asking for things, but when we become adults, we think we should be independent and stop asking. You may be at a point in time where you need to ask for something. Maybe you need to ask for someone's help. We should never feel ashamed to do this. Often, those that are closest to us will gladly help us if they know we need it. And they may well feel upset if we don't feel we can ask them.

So remember this week, if you need to - **ask, seek and knock!**

