



## End of Year Reports

You will have received your child's end of year report via email by 4:00pm this afternoon. It is a chance to celebrate their achievements and progress this academic year.

*As always, we invite you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the outcomes of their reports next week should you wish to do so.*

Please contact the teachers directly using their class email addresses to make an appointment.

## Voices for Life

In trying to widen our music offer in school this year, we have welcomed a number of live acts to perform for the children. One such initiative was Voices for Life, a local charity who visited us so we could add our voices to a collaborative song that is being sent to support the British Olympic team. See if you can spot some of our children in the finished video:

▶ 6000 young voices sing good luck to Team GB

## Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who has filled out the Google Form with their views on the school. We are really pleased that the majority of these are very positive, acknowledging the quality of teaching and the variety of opportunities that we provide for the children in our school.

We intentionally keep the form anonymous, but we would like to suggest that any parents/carers who feel their child is not safe in school (we have had one 'strongly disagree' response) come to see us to discuss this. We have always prided ourselves on our Open Door policy and as parents ourselves, we would both want to address this in person with our own children's schools if we felt they were not safe for over 6 hours a day.

It would also be appreciated if more parents and carers could complete the survey as we are only at about half of the amount of responses we usually receive.

We will send out all the results and findings early in September.

## Breakfast Club

Having listened to the views of many parents and carers, Breakfast Club will be starting at the earlier time of 7:30am from September to cater for those parents who need to start their working day earlier. Please book/pay for your place via ParentPay. Initially the charge will remain the same as we trial this new initiative.

## Attendance Matters

We pride ourselves on high attendance at Farrington. We consistently rank within the top couple of schools in the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership in terms of children's attendance. As of last week we were over 96% attendance.

This is also mirrored and modelled by our staff, for instance since September, we have only lost 3 teaching days to sickness, meaning an attendance rate of over 99.5%

## Summer Wellness Day to Longleat

One of the most popular parts of our school offer has been the termly wellness days and weeks. Our Term 6 Wellness Day is our trip to Longleat on Tuesday.

One of the joys of being in such a small and friendly school is the ability for us all to uproot en masse and spend this valuable time together to celebrate the end of another successful year. We are one of the very few schools in the area to embark on a trip like this and also to put on as many opportunities as we do - on top of many sporting and music events, this year alone we have taken children to Stonehenge, Wookey Hole, Downside, the Roman Baths, the East Somerset Railway at Cranmore, Bristol Aquarium, Bath Abbey, Wells Cathedral and Lifeskills as well as residential at the Mendip Outdoor Centre, PGL on the Isle of Wight and of course to Athens! School trips really help to build the cultural capital of our children and are a very valuable part of what we believe our school should provide.

## Next Week

We look forward to welcoming many of you to our leavers' service at St John's Church first thing on Thursday morning.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull



## Diary Dates

New / Changed dates in Blue

### July 2024

Tue 16th	Whole school trip to Longleat
Wed 17th	Year 6 Pilgrimage to Paulton
Thu 18th	Leavers' Service at St. John's Church (9:15am)
Fri 19th	Last day of term Year 6 Parents Only 'Under the Tree' Farewell (2:30pm)

### September 2024

Mon 2nd	INSET Day
Tue 3rd	Children return to school Dolphin Class Swimming Lesson

## Friends of Farrington Gurney

Please see below details relating to the end of term party on 19th July.



# HAWAIIAN SUMMER PARTY

Friday 19th July 2024  
3:30pm — 5:30pm  
Playing Field & Memorial Hall

Bar Will Be Open  
Hot Dogs Available  
Tuck Shop  
Hawaiian Theme Accessories

Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email [fogfs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fogfs@hotmail.co.uk)

## Notices

- **Class Photos** - for those who purchased a class photo, these were sent to class yesterday and hopefully will be home with you now.
- **Clubs** - All clubs have now finished.
- **Clubs** - please see [here](#) the link for the Google form to reserve your spaces for Term 1 & 2's after school clubs.
- **Dinners Sept** - can be booked for next term after 22nd August and before the deadline of 29th August. *Any meals booked before may be lost due to system updates.* Those whose children are moving up from year 2 to year 3 must remember that you will now need to pay for your child's meal £2.60. The new menu can now be viewed on the school website.
- **End of Term Correspondence for Parents from Alun Williams** - Please see [here](#) the link to Alun William's correspondence to you which was emailed to you earlier this week.
- **Keyboard Music Lessons** - Have now finished for this term and will commence again in Term 1.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Swimming** - Dolphin Class will be swimming in Terms 1 & 2 from the first day back.



Opening Hours:  
Jul 26th - 1st Sep 2024  
11:00 - 17:00 Fri - Sun

To find out more and to book, visit  
[livefreeadventures.co.uk](http://livefreeadventures.co.uk)

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## Book our Sensory Spaces

We have Sensory Spaces in Bath, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton Library.



## Use a Sensory Explorer Bag

A sensory and tactile self-led offer. Borrow for use in our libraries and Bath Housing, Welfare and Advice Services.



### The childrens bags contain:

- a guide to the library
- a wiggly worm and some sea creatures
- a fidget toy and sensory scarf
- ear defenders



### The young adults/older persons bags contain:

- a guide to the library
- a fidget toy
- ear defenders

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## Farrington Gurney 5k Fun Run



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

START / FINISH LINE at the Village Hall - Cross Country – Traffic Free Route

Registration Opens 10.00am  
Warm Up Stretches & Music with DJ Sally 10.45am  
Start 11.00am onwards

Open to Everyone – Fast Runners, Average Runners, Slow Runners & Walkers (Primary School Age – Must be accompanied) **STRICTLY NO DOGS**

Food & Drinks Available

Pre & Post Run - Bacon Rolls, Cakes, Tea & Coffee available & BAR OPEN

Bring the whole family and show support for the Runners

Adults £5.00 Under 18's £2.50

Entry Forms

[treasurer@farringtongurneyvillagehall.org](mailto:treasurer@farringtongurneyvillagehall.org)



## Knife crime awareness event returns to Keynsham

Join us at Broadlands Academy on 18th July 2024, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Parents and carers in Keynsham are invited to learn about the devastating impact of knife crime and how they can support young people to steer away from its dangers at an event on July 18 at Broadlands Academy.

You will hear from a guest speaker with lived experience who has been personally affected by knife crime and there will be a presentation about [Street Doctors](#), which trains young people in first aid skills so they can become lifesavers in their communities.

There will also be a panel discussion with an opportunity to ask questions.

Free tickets can be booked in advance via [Eventbrite](#)

The event is organised by the Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership which aims to prevent and reduce violence in our area.

Any questions about the event can be emailed to [VRP\\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk)

Or book your ticket now on [Eventbrite](#)

For more information visit [Bath & North Somerset VRP](#)



## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING



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### FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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### SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

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### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates, fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

### 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.



## Thought of the Week

***'And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'*** (Matthew 28:20)

I don't know about you, but sometimes things happen that I just don't understand. There doesn't seem to be any explanation and nothing anyone says helps to make sense of the situation.

We might not like some of the things we go through, but we can often look back on those experiences and in hindsight, we can see that we have gained some value from them. Maybe we're wiser because of what's happened to us. Maybe we are more understanding towards others who are going through similar situations. Painful experiences can make us stronger and can help us to be more empathetic to others.

Unfortunately, there are some experiences and situations that we just can't explain away. Maybe you're going through a painful time right now and you just can't make sense of it.

Well, if so, you're not alone. And the last thing you need is for someone to tell you what they think and to try and give you some of their own insights and thoughts - even if they are trying to be helpful.

Often when we are going through these times, we just need to know that there is someone who has got our back - someone who is thinking about us and is there if we need them.

For many of us, this will be a friend or family member. Someone we can message if we need to, someone who is ready to talk to us if we need them to. Often, just knowing that they are there can be enough. One guy called Job had three friends who just sat with him for seven days before he started opening up. For those of us who know the story, we might

argue that this was when they were most helpful!

For many Christians, whatever they are going through, it is often enough knowing that Jesus is with them. They may not have an answer from God, they may still be deeply confused and even angry about what's going on, but just knowing and sensing Jesus' presence can make all the difference. No answers but a sense of peace anyway.

I hope that if you are going through a difficult time right now that you have someone who is willing and able to go through it with you. You can even reach out to God in these moments. Maybe you have lots of questions and doubts, maybe you're not even sure that God is there. Well, maybe now is the time to find out. Even if you don't find answers, hopefully you will find a sense of hope, peace and love.

