



Bikeability

It has been a fantastic opportunity for many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in this scheme over the last three weeks. They have all been given experience riding their bikes on the roads around our village, learning how to stay safe and negotiate traffic. Not only were all of our riders very sensible and well behaved but we must also pass on our thanks to Mark, who was a great instructor.



Term Dates 2025/26

We appreciate that for many of you it is really important to know dates as early as possible. As such, please see [here](#) terms dates for 2025/26 which can also be found on the school website. This helps you plan ahead especially in terms of holidays.



Farrington Gurney
C of E Primary School



Open Morning – Wednesday 20th November 2024
9:15am – 11:45am

We are holding an Open Morning for all prospective parents who may be interested in sending their children to our school. Our Year 6 pupils would love to show you around the classrooms where you will get a chance to see all our pupils at work.

Our school is proud to offer:

- enthusiastic children who are keen to learn
- extensive outside learning opportunities
- a highly skilled and dedicated staff team
- a friendly, purposeful learning environment
- excellent outcomes across the school
- high participation in sporting events
- specialised instrumental tuition
- close links with the village churches
- daily breakfast club from 7:30am
- after-school provision on site until 6:00pm

If you are unable to visit but would like to come at a different time, please contact us:

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Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School, Church Lane, Farrington Gurney, BS39 6TY

Open Morning

Due to popular demand we are having a second Open Morning - on Wednesday 20th November - again starting at 9:15am. Please feel free to pass on the details to anyone you know with a child who will be starting school in September 2025. Our Year 6 pupils are once again geared up to show around all of our visitors during that morning.

Remembrance

On Monday 11th November at 10:50am we will be holding a short time of reflection on the playground. This will consist of a minute's silence along with a reading of the names of the villagers who went before us and gave their lives for our freedom. As always, parents are welcome to join us. We will open the gate at 10:45am. On Monday 4th we will start selling poppy products on behalf of the Royal British Legion (please see the prices in the notices below).

Wellbeing Day

Yesterday saw our first wellbeing day of the year when we focussed on our school value of 'Compassion'. Dolphin Class produced this lovely display of how they show compassion, Seal Class made cards for compassion, Shark Class talked about how to be a 'Bucket Filler' to make each other feel good and Turtle Class carved pumpkins to share with their families.



Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



Notices

- **Children In Need** - there will be a cake sale and non-uniform (spotty where possible) - more details in the next newsletter!
- **Clubs Term 2** -
Welly Walking & Nature Club has now finished.
Singing Club (Thursday) has been extended from KS1 children to any children who would like to join. It will be Christmas themed. If you would like your child to be added please email the office. Mrs Frampton hopes to venture out to sing and will contact you for permission for this when details have been confirmed.
- **Dinners** - The new updated menu for Term 2 has now been added to ParentPay. We are advised that you are able to make your bookings however would leave it as close to the Thursday 31st October deadline as possible to avoid any other complication or inconvenience. Thank you for your patience. The new menu for Term 2 can be found on the school website should you need it.
- **Dolphin Class Bikeability** - thank you to those who have paid via ParentPay; for those who have not please can you action this over the half term break.
- **Free School Meal Half Term Vouchers** - B&NES are providing supermarket vouchers again this holiday and letters were emailed home on Wednesday.
- **Library Events** - take a look on the next page for events taking place at our local libraries. There is also a brilliant Children's writing competition from the BBC called 500 words - submit your stories by Thursday 7th November. You can find out more about this competition from the link [here](#).
- **Remembrance Day** - Suggested donations are as follows: poppies, zip-pulls and reflectors 50p; wristbands £1 and slap bands (can be purchased by a parent from the office and taken home straightaway) £1.50.
- **School Photos** - For those who placed orders, we can expect delivery to be during the first week of Term 2.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 6 Secondary School applications** - deadline is 31st October & reminder letters have been sent home.
- **Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Screening 2024-25** - Please see letter emailed to you on Wednesday 16th October relating to this. It also gives details should you wish to opt out.

Diary Dates

November

Mon 4th	Start of Term 2
Tue 19th	Dolphin Class Swimming Session
Wed 20th	Open Morning 9:15-11:30am
Tue 26th	Dolphin Class Trip to Downside (letter on ParentPay to follow)
Wed 27th	INSET Day
Sat 30th	Friends Disco (see Friends poster)

Christmas Dates - December

Mon 2nd	Christmas Arts Day in House Groups
Wed 11th	<i>Provisional Date</i> Morning Performance of Nativity 9:30am
Thur 12th	<i>Provisional Date</i> Evening Performance of Nativity 5pm
Mon 16th	Carols by Candlelight Village Event 6pm
Fri 20th	Christmas Service 9:15-10:15am - all welcome to attend

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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Friends of Farrington Gurney School

This Certificate has been awarded to
Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

in recognition of their participation in the design-your-own
School Christmas Card Project 2024.

The school raised a total of
£96.50

Well done to all the children for their fantastic and creative work!

Signed on behalf of School Christmas Card Project

www.schoolprintworld.co.uk

SCHOOL Christmas Card PROJECT

FOFGS DISCO
Saturday 30th Nov
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.

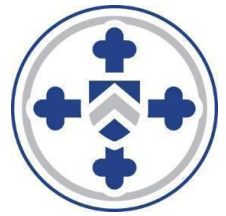
Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 23rd Nov
7pm Start
Paulton Scout Hut

£15 per person
BYO Drinks
Nibbles provided

Reserve your ticket by contacting the PTA:
Email: fofgs@hotmail.com or comment on the Facebook Post.

Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis.



Community News

Car Park

During the upcoming half-term break, the Village Hall Committee will be making some important changes to the overflow car park to help prevent any further damage to the wall along Church Lane. Railway sleepers will be placed approximately 2 metres in front of the railings to keep vehicles from parking near the wall. This adjustment will reduce the number of parking spaces available in the overflow area.

The committee would like to kindly encourage everyone to make use of the main car park in front of the village hall, which is just a short distance away. If you do need to use the overflow car park, please take care to drive slowly to help maintain the surface, as if it continues to deteriorate, the Committee will need to close the overflow car park completely until repairs can be made.

Additionally, the Committee would like to gently remind everyone that parking on the curved drive-way to the hall is not permitted, as it can block access for others, including delivery vehicles as well as cause blind spots for pedestrians.

The Committee thanks you so much for your cooperation and understanding. We appreciate your support in keeping the parking areas safe and accessible for all.

Event for parents and carers

Coffee mornings for parents and carers of those diagnosed with autism



Wednesday 11th September, 2024
Wednesday, 13th November, 2024
Wednesday 15th January, 2025
Wednesday 5th March, 2025
Wednesday 30th April, 2025
Wednesday 11th June 2025

Longfellows Café,
Fosse Way
School,
Longfellow Road,
Radstock
BA3 3AL



Fosse Way School
The Partnership Trust
Bath & North East Somerset Council

Beasts, Fangs, Spooky Craft, Touchy Feely Challenge, Science lab, Dino Lego competition, and fairies! We would love to see you at BRLSI over half term Mon, Tues & Weds 10-4 Everyone welcome - come and play!



HALF TERM FUN AT BRLSI
28, 29, 30 OCTOBER
10-4PM. BRLSI.ORG
16 QUEEN SQUARE, BA1 2HN



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Thought for the Week

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' (John 1:5 - NIV)



Okay, so you've probably noticed the change in the season by now. Although we still get some sun, it's not usually very warm. We're waking up while it's at least partially dark and we're putting the heating on - if for no other reason than to dry the towels! We find the darkness closing in much quicker in the evenings and now this weekend, the clocks go back. Although this means we might wake up with the sun for a week or two, it generally means that in the evenings, it will be darker earlier than the previous week.

Like me, you probably try and adjust as best you can, but as the years have gone by, I'm finding the transition from summer to winter more and more difficult. I do prefer a warmer temperature (although more than 25°C is definitely too hot) and I enjoy the wildlife and the flowers, but the main reason I struggle is because of the lack of light.

Most of us aren't very keen on the dark. We recognise that going out in the evenings can be exciting and that we need it to be at least mostly dark to sleep well. But many of us prefer it when the days are longer and that's because we associate light with hope and joy.

The analogy of light in a dark place is often used in the Bible and not for the first time, Jesus is associated with light. Much like a candle can light up a dark room, for Christians Jesus brings hope and comfort into a dark place.

During these darker months, one of the things we love doing, whatever culture or background, is to light it up. Diwali for many who have a Sikhi or Hindu worldview is a time when the streets and houses are full of lights. Hanukkah for many with a Jewish worldview is a reminder of light representing God's presence. Bonfire night is a time when we light up the dark night with hundreds of fireworks, bringing hope and joy to so many people. When it is dark, we love to bring light.

Light not only brings hope, joy and comfort, it takes away any fear. Sometimes darkness can frighten us, but as soon as the light is turned on or the candle is lit, it takes away that fear.

John, in his Gospel starts off by reminding us that light shining in the darkness is not overcome by the darkness. This is Jesus' message to the world. That he can shine into our lives, into every situation without ever being overcome by the surrounding darkness.

