



Year 3/4 Football Tournament

We had a fantastic evening at the small schools' tournament on Tuesday. After a narrow defeat to Longvernal, we beat St Benedict's and then drew against eventual winners Farmborough. Our final group game saw us beat Shoscombe and put us into the semifinals. We were up against our local rivals Clutton and although they took the lead early on, our team kept battling and scored an equaliser. It could have gone either way but finished 1-1 which took us into extra time. After no more goals, it was the dreaded penalties, which unfortunately we lost 3-2. Nonetheless a great performance from all of the team; a special mention to those who volunteered to go in goal for one or more of the matches. Also, a special thanks to Olly Lynn who coached the team and well done to all the players - Ted, Finn, Albie, Noah, Albie-Blu, Arthur, Henry, Miltiadis and Eddy.

Author Visit - Pete Bailey

On Tuesday, we had a visit from local author, Pete Bailey. He shared with us extracts from his book 'Keeper of the Earth: Light in the Shadows' and demonstrated some of his drawing techniques across all the classes. The children said that they enjoyed learning to show movement by using shadows, and said it was 'brilliant!' If you would like to purchase a copy, please click [here](#) for a link to Pete's website. He is happy to sign any books ordered and deliver them into school next week.



Book Week and World Book Day

It has been a week of book celebration and engagement across the school as we have enjoyed the many activities coordinated by Mrs Frampton as well as our author visit. We kicked the week off with the Book in a Box competition and these have been on display all over the school throughout the week. A huge well done and thank you to the children who participated: Jago, Lucy, Lamorna, Mollie, Martha, Neah, Ivy, Finn, Sebastian, Frankie and Scarlett. Their designs were all imaginative, clever and creative and have inspired us all for future events. It has been another successful year for the Scholastic Book Fair, with some of the profits raised coming straight back to books for our school. On World Book Day we had a parade, games and book-inspired activities across the school. The costumes worn and created by the children and their families really reflected the enthusiasm that they have for their chosen characters. Below are some of the photos from the day, with more available to look at on our [school website](#).





Mother's & Others
DAY SALE!
at SCHOOL!

Gifts for Mums, Grandmas,
Aunts & Special Friends!

NEXT TUESDAY,
the **10th** of March

DURING SCHOOL HOURS

#1 Mom

ALL GIFTS £1 EACH
CHILDREN MAY PURCHASE MULTIPLE GIFTS

Arranged by Friends of Farrington Gurney School PTA

The poster is set against a dark wood-grain background. It features several colorful gift boxes (one blue and red, one green and pink), a white mug with "#1 Mom" written on it, and a paper shopping bag with a large red heart. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout with various fonts and colors. The overall theme is celebratory and focused on Mother's Day gifts.

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Classes



TURTLE CLASS

Turtle and Shark Class have been thinking about Spring this week and what signs there are to let us know that Spring is coming. We have also thought about how this can indicate that Easter is near in Religion and Worldviews.



SHARK CLASS

On Wednesday we enjoyed a short walk to see the signs of Spring and feel how the weather is beginning to change! In PSHE, Shark Class have continued to learn about 'Healthy Me' by thinking about what stress can feel like and how to use breathing to help relaxation.



SEAL CLASS

We've had a wonderful, busy week! We loved celebrating World Book Day. Our class text was 'The Dot'. We created our own dot inspired artwork. It was so interesting to see how far a dot could take you! We have really enjoyed our mystery readers, thank you!



DOLPHIN CLASS

Dolphin class have started to create photo-realistic self portraits in art. We have continued to imagine some creative paragraphs based on a short video of 'Luna' who is dreaming of becoming an astronaut. The use of similes and use of empathy has made these paragraphs completely absorbing.



Diary Dates

March

Mon 9th	Friends of Farrington Meeting 8pm at Farrington Inn
Tues 10th	Year 5/6 Football League Match vs St Benedict's
Wed 11th	Year 4 Residential Trip Meeting 3:15-3:45pm
Tues 17th	Parents' Evening 3:30-7:00pm
Wed 18th	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:00pm
Thurs 19th	Year 6 Cross Country Event at Somervale
Fri 20th	Celebration Assembly (9am in the Memorial Hall)
	Wells Singing Celebration (information to follow early next week)
Thurs 26th	Wellness Day and Easter Event for Senior Citizens (details to follow)
Mon 30th	Year 6 residential

April

Thurs 2nd	Easter Service at St John's Church, 9am
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Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Vacancy

We are advertising a vacancy for an Apprentice Teaching Assistant. Please share this [link](#) with anyone who would be interested. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 18th March.

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Notices

- **BANES Public Health & Prevention Team** - have asked that we share that Norovirus and other seasonal infections are circulating and are impacting our local health services. Read the UK Health Security Agency's blog post [here](#) on how to manage symptoms and stop the spread.
- **Club Cancellations for this term** - Unfortunately due to training, parents evenings and events, we have had to cancel several of our staff-led clubs this term. Details as follows: no Singing Club on 17th or 24th March; no Drawing Club on 10th March or 17th March; no maths games club on 30th March. All other clubs will be running as usual. Thank you for your understanding.
- **Dance Umbrella Tickets** - **We still have extra tickets available for the performances. Please remember to contact the office (if you haven't already) if you would like more by Thursday 12th March.** All tickets will be distributed Monday 23rd March. Thank you.
- **Safe use of technology webinar** - RM is hosting two free webinars on Monday 9 March to help parents better engage with their children on safe use of technology. Please register with the following links here [primary parents](#) (at 17:00) / [secondary parents](#) (at 18:30).
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Message from Friends of Farrington Gurney Primary School

Thank you to everyone who came to the disco on Saturday night, we really hope you enjoyed it, Once again Dj Andrew was great !! We raised over £200 so thank you again for your on going support,

Big thank you to Winnie's Bakery for donating all the rolls for the hot dogs!

Our next Friends meeting will be Monday 9th March at the Farrington Inn at 8pm.

It would be lovely to see some new faces.

Have a wonderful weekend

Community News

VENUE FUNDRAISER

Spring YOUTH AMPLIFIED
A NIGHT OF LIVE UNDER 18 BANDS

SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL
FARRINGTON GURNEY HALL

Entry fee:
Adults - £5
Under 18s - £2

DOORS 7PM
MUSIC 7:30-11PM

ALL UNDER 18S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
w/c March 09 2026

The National Year of Reading 2026

GO ALL IN.

Library	Activity	Time	Day
Bath Central Library	Baby Bounce & Rhyme Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.	10.00 - 10.30 & 11.00 - 11.30am	Wednesday (term-time only)
BookTrust Storytime	Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years. Vote for your favourite story. Each session includes craft and play activities.	10.30 - 11.00am	Tuesday (term-time only)
Keynsham Library	Jigsaw Club Drop in. Whether you're a puzzle pro, need a quiet moment, or just enjoy a friendly chat, join us to enjoy a variety of puzzles.	10 - 12.00 noon	14 March Saturday
BookTrust Storytime	Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years. Vote for your favourite story. Each session includes craft and play activities.	10.30 - 11.00am	Thursday (term-time only)
Midsomer Norton Library	Baby Bounce & Rhyme Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.	10.30 - 11.00am	Monday (term-time only)
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Mobile Library
The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

National Year of Reading
2026 Lets Go All In with the National Year of Reading.
If you're into it, read it: Unbelievable Football 5-minute true stories - Mike Oldfield
Little People, Big Dream: Vivienne Westwood - Isabel Vegara
Women in Science - 50 fearless pioneers - Rachel Ignotofsky
All these books can be borrowed from your local libraries and many more.



Thought of the Week

'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. Whoever puts his trust in God's Son will not be lost but will have life that lasts forever.' (John 3:16)

"If you had the cure for cancer, surely you would want to tell the world?"



Pietà – Michelangelo Buonarroti (1499)

We are bombarded by so much information everyday and with so much going on, the Christian message can seem completely insignificant and irrelevant. Many church buildings are several hundreds of years old, some are now closed and church attendance overall is on the decline. Religion is surely outdated, outmoded and has nothing to offer. It's only for people who feel they 'need' something like that in their lives.

Censuses and opinion polls show clearly that our world has moved on from faith. There's no need for it now, we have science and that tells us everything we need to know. We understand **how** things work, we can also explain **what** our world needs to survive.

But what about the **why**? Science has nothing to say about why we are here and our purpose in life. If we are complex beings, with a desire to live, explore and experience things, surely we need to have a purpose. Christians would say that Jesus gives this purpose and meaning.

Although Christianity may be on the decline in this country, there are Christians all over the world now. This is no longer a Western religion (in fact it never was). It is a faith that transcends background, country and culture. Every year, it reaches thousands of people who previously had no belief in God and there are literally tens of thousands of people all over the globe who every year change their faith and start following Christ. This change is not only life changing but can also be life threatening, as their belief in Jesus often puts them in danger of attack from the majority religion or belief in their country, which can sometimes include their own families. But it is a risk they are willing to take. The question again is **why**?

Many people in our country may ask why should I learn about Christianity, or why should I become a Christian? What's in it for me? Put simply the Christian message is all about what Jesus did over 2000 years ago. For millions of people all over the world, this is significant to their lives today - significant, relevant and life changing.

Christians believe that none of us are worthy of eternal life and that it is only because Jesus died in our place that we can be in heaven with God.

This is something that many of us choose to believe as nonsense. That is until we reach a time in our lives where the concept of life after death does become significant to us.

