



## Big Walk and Wheel

On Tuesday morning our Eco Warriors led our assembly introducing the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge, 'Big Walk and Wheel', which will be running from Monday 16th March to Friday 27th March. During this period, our Eco Warriors will be recording and inputting how many active journeys to school we are all doing and our best five days will decide our final position nationally. We know that several of our families need to use the car in order to get safely to school on time, and the Farm Shop have kindly agreed to allow us to use their car park so that children can walk with their parents and carers for the last part of the commute and therefore record an active journey. On Thursday next week, and every Thursday moving forward there will be a Walking Bus leaving Farrington's Farm Shop at 8.20. Children can be dropped off with staff for this, but we do also welcome parents and carers to join us. Please see the poster below for more information. We are really excited about the health and environmental benefits of the Big Walk and Wheel, but please do remember to travel safely and always wear a helmet if cycling or scooting.



## Year 5/6 Football League Match vs St Benedict's

In an exciting match on Tuesday after school, our football team won against St Benedict's with an impressive score of 13-0. Noah from Year 4 who went along to support reported that there was really good passing and lots of on target shooting. Many thanks to Mr Frampton who stepped in at the last minute to referee the game. The team are looking forward to their next match.



## Farrington Gurney does Comic Relief

Due to the Seal Class and Singing Club trip to Wells Cathedral on Friday 20th March, Farrington Forum are organising fundraising activities for Comic Relief on Thursday 19th March. Children can wear their own clothes for a voluntary donation of £1. It would be great if part of their clothing could be red! Each class will be telling each other jokes throughout the day. In addition, Farrington Forum are also excited to announce a Bake Off competition. Children are invited to bake and decorate an entry, it could be Comic Relief themed, for judging. They can even team up with a friend! There will be a small prize for the winning entry for each class. Farrington Forum will then sell them at break time and after school for a suggested donation of 50p each. Any left over cakes will be sold on Friday during break time. Please see the flier below for more information.

## Senior Citizens' Easter Party

Following the cancellation of our Christmas event for Senior Citizens, we are pleased to be able to invite members of the community who are elderly or retired to join us for some spring-inspired songs at the hall on Thursday 26th March at 9:30, and then back to school for some Easter crafts from 10-10:30. Please let older relatives and grandparents know, and if they would like to join us to please advise them to contact the school office by phone or email to keep us up to date with numbers.

**Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull**

Farrington Gurney  
C of E Primary School  
invite you to their  
**SENIOR CITIZENS' EASTER PARTY**

We welcome those who are retired to join us on  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
9:30 - 10:00 in the village hall for some Spring time songs  
and then back to school from 10:00 - 10:30 for Easter  
activities.

Please contact the school office on 01761452419 or  
office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk if you would like to join us.

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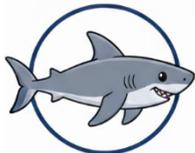


## Classes



TURTLE CLASS

In DT, Turtle Class have been learning about levers and pivots. They made their own scissors using a split pin as the pivot. In music, they have been listening to Holst's Planet Suite and identifying high and low pitched notes and working in groups using a glockenspiel to make a 'pitch picture.'



SHARK CLASS

For science week, we have been exploring what happens when celery is put into food dye, and finding out how changes we make affect what happens to the celery. We have also done more learning about Malala Yousafzai and in maths have started to look at division equations. We have also worked on cards for Mothers' Day - something to look forward to on Sunday!



SEAL CLASS

Seal class have had a brilliant week this week. We have been playing team games in PE to build our communication skills which has been really fun. We are doing well with our singing workshops in preparation for our trip to Wells Cathedral next week. Finally, we've had some more mystery readers this week which we have really enjoyed!



This week in Dolphin, we took part in an online Step into the NHS Careers day where we found out about some of the 350 careers available. We then picked up to 3 careers to advertise in a poster. This was part of science week and careers week.



## Diary Dates

### March

Mon 16th	Start of Big Walk and Wheel
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 <b>Comic Relief Bake Off Fundraiser (see poster)</b> Launch of the Walking Bus (see poster)
Fri 20th	Celebration Assembly (9am in the Memorial Hall) Seal Class & Singing Club Wells Singing Celebration (information on Arbor)
Thurs 26th	Wellness Day and Easter Event for Senior Citizens
Mon 30th	Year 6 residential

### April

Thurs 2nd	Easter Service at St John's Church, 9am End of Term
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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.

## Notices

- **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 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** - All tickets will be distributed Monday 23rd March. Thank you.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 4 Residential Trip** - Please return consent and medical form if you have not already.

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FARRINGTON GURNEY PRIMARY FORUM PRESENTS

## BAKE OFF FUNDRAISER FOR COMIC RELIEF

All proceeds will go Comic Relief.

**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**ENTRIES OPEN FOR EACH CLASS.**

Help us raise money for Comic Relief by entering your home made creation in our bake off competition. After judging, we will sell the cakes for you to enjoy.!



Scan to donate

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## Walking Bus

**BIG WALK AND WHEEL**  
16 - 27 March 2026

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust

A healthy start to the day and a healthier village for us all. Walk with your parents or drop at the Farm Shop and we will walk to school together. Please email [turtle@farrington.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:turtle@farrington.mnsp.org.uk) if you would like to drop your child and we walk them to school without you.

Join us every Thursday and walk to school together from Farrington's Farm Shop.

Launch Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 8:20

**FARRINGTON'S**

## Community News

MAD SWANS

## FUN JUNIOR PADEL COACHING

**£8 FOR A 1 HOUR GROUP LESSON**  
— Pay & Play —  
**BAT HIRE INCLUDED!**

**WEEKLY SESSIONS:**

- MONDAY - 4-5pm** (Ages 7-11)
- WEDNESDAYS - 4-5pm** (Ages 11+)
- THURSDAY - 4-5pm** (Ages 7-10)
- THURSDAY - 5-6pm** (Ages 11+)

CONTACT **STEPHEN PEARCE**  
LTA PADEL COACH  
**07904 061301**

VENUE POST CODE: **BS39 6TS**



**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**  
w/c March 16 2026

The National Year of Reading 2026

**Bath Central Library**  
Zine & Comic Fair  
Meet local zine and comic book creators. Hosted by Bath Mini Con  
Saturday 21 March 10.30 - 3.00pm

**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**  
Baby Bounce & Rhyme  
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.  
9.30 - 10.00 & 10.30 - 11.00am Tuesday (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 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)

**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 Wednesday (term-time only)

**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.  
10.30 - 11.00am Wednesday (term-time only)

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

**National Year of Reading**  
2026 Lets Go All In with the National Year of Reading.  
If you're into it, read it: Just like me - Louise Gooding  
Tintin in America - Herge  
Adia Kelbara and the High Queen's curse - Isi Hendrix  
All these books can be borrowed from your local libraries and many more.

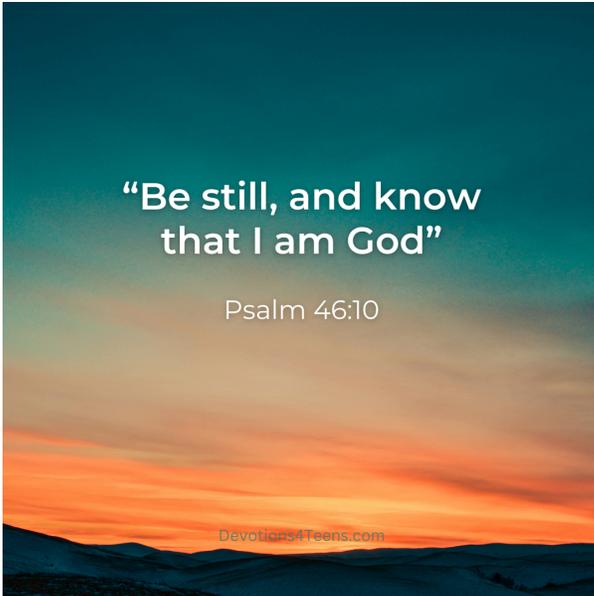
**GO ALL IN!**

Bath & North East Somerset Council



## **Thought of the Week**

### **‘...“Be still, and know that I am God.”...’ (Psalm 46:10)**



I wonder how often during the day you are still. Not stopping work to check your messages or to look at your Instagram feed. Just being still.

It's something that many of us in society struggle with. We almost don't know how to be still. We always feel we need to check something or keep updated with our online "friends" or respond to a notification.

Having smart phones and watches that constantly inform us about what's happening or what we're missing out on stops us from being still and from resting. For a lot of us, we have grown up having 24/7 access to the internet and to a constant flood of news, information and gossip.

Because our brains change due to neuroplasticity, they are adapting to the constant internet access, which is

changing how we remember, focus, read, and process information.

Rather than memorising facts, we instead remember where we can retrieve those facts (which isn't very helpful for those Year 11 students who need to memorise around 1000 facts for the combined science GCSE, for example). Rather than reading with deep understanding, we are more likely to scan and skim read. And many studies suggest that constant online environments are encouraging rapid task-switching, which leads to shorter sustained attention spans and difficulty focusing.

Maybe it's time to switch our phones and/or watches off or leave them in a drawer. For a few moments at first or maybe even an hour. Maybe we need to practice just being still and spending time away from the constant distractions. For many of us this might mean going outside and spending some time in nature - in a park or woodland, somewhere away from the noise. As we enter the season of spring, it's a perfect opportunity to go out and do this. Take some time to notice what we can see, what we can smell, what we can hear. Rather than just hearing the birdsong, take some time to listen!

For Christians, this is a call from God - to be still, and know that he is God. "Whatever is worrying you or bothering you, you can put it aside and know that I am in control. I will sort it, you only need to be still in my presence and leave it with me."

This can be so life giving and life affirming. It really is worth taking the time to experience it. So if necessary, grab your phone and add it to your calendar!

