



Year 4 Residential

We have been in regular contact with our campers this week and it would appear our first Year 4 residential has been a great success. It has been reported back that they have all had a brilliant experience and that they should sleep well this weekend after having been so active. Mr Marvin also reported back that our quiz teams did exceptionally well last night.



Energy Sparks - Eco Team

Last week in Celebration Assembly, the Eco Team fed back the results of their work since Christmas in raising awareness of energy use and their attempts to help us improve our green credentials.

The progress made so far is that we have used 38% fewer units of electricity this year compared to last and that we are currently the top school in the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership with Energy Sparks, which is a charity encouraging reducing wasteful consumption and raising awareness around green issues.

The team have also filmed a summary of their efforts and entered this into the Atkins 'Net Zero: Superhero' competition.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel to School



We have embraced the Big Walk and Wheel initiative and are currently seeing that almost half of the children are participating. This initiative continues next week and our aim is to catch some of the local schools who are slightly

ahead of us - so keep walking/scooting/cycling as every single journey matters!

Dance Umbrella

An amazing evening and an amazing performance. Well done to all of those children who took part. You can find a video of our dance [here](#). For those who took part, a flier has come home with details on how to order a professional photo of the group. A deadline of April 21st which includes free delivery to school.



Mr Dix and Mr Turull

Class 1

Class 1 had a lovely trip to Westonbirt on Wednesday. The sun shone all day and the children had lots of fun going on a nature walk and ladybird hunt. They also made a large ladybird out of natural materials. After lunch the children hunted for minibeasts that live in mud and enjoyed exploring the mud and making mud pies.

They were very tired on the way back and most of them fell asleep. Must have been all the fresh air!! All were very well behaved and a credit to the school!! Well done Class 1!





Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs except Archery have now finished. Term 5 & 6 clubs are bookable via the following Google form <https://forms.gle/U1WX4y3QyLJHFc8M7>
- **Dinners for Term 5 & 6** - there will be a new menu for next term. Booking will be available from the 3rd April.
- **Downside School** - would like to invite you to join the Downside Choral Society for their first concert in the Abbey Church on Thursday 30th March 2023 7-8pm. The Society will be performing Mozart's Requiem alongside Downside's own Schola Cantorum and a professional orchestra. All are very welcome! [To book tickets please click here](#) (£7).
- **HAF Holiday Club** - There are many different types of clubs available to those children who qualify for FSM. Please see the emails sent home to you or contact the office.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

March 2023

Mon 20th	Start of Sustran Big Walk and wheel to school - see above
Mon 27th - Fri 31st	Year 6 Residential Trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
Fri 31st	Easter Service 9:15am at St John's Church
	Term 4 ends

April 2023

Mon 17th	INSET Day
Tue 18th	First day of Term 5 Class 3 Swimming starts
Wed 19th	Farm to Food Learning Day at the Royal Bath & West Showground (C3/4)
Thu 20th	Year 6 Cross Country Event at Somervale School

Friends of Farrington Gurney

We hope to see lots of people at the disco tonight, 6pm - 7.30pm. Hot dogs will be available and please remember cash for the tuck shop / glitter face art etc. See last week's newsletter for full details.

Please follow the Friends of Farrington Gurney School Facebook page to keep up to date on events. The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday (29th March) at 8pm in the Farrington Inn. Please come along to share ideas. **All very welcome.**

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 27 March



Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 28 March

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 29 March

Sensory Space Open Day
Saturday 10.00 - 3.00pm 1 April

Art in the Library - Murmurs from Nature, Reflections in Print
Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 29 March

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

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

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 28 March
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 30 March

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 27 March

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 29 March

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

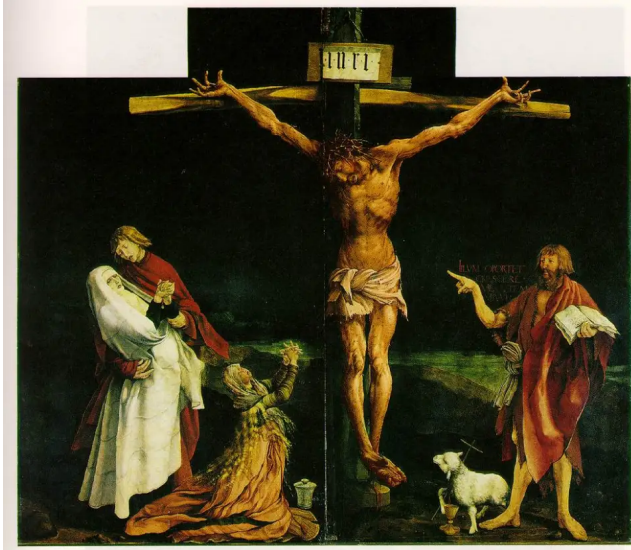
11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library



Thought of the Week

**'But he was wounded for the wrong we did;
he was crushed for the evil we did.
The punishment, which made us well, was given
to him,
and we are healed because of his wounds.'**
(Isaiah 53:5)



'The Crucifixion' from the Isenheim Altarpiece –
Matthias Grünewald (1512)

If Isaiah had been there on that first Good Friday, at the crucifixion scene, this may have been what he might have said to sum up what he experienced. If he had been an eye witness of what Jesus went through, he may well have said these words. He may have if he had still been alive that is.

These words from Isaiah were written over 700 years before Jesus was even born. Christians believe that Isaiah was inspired by God to write these words. In fact the whole of [Isaiah 53](#) has several references to Jesus' experiences during Holy Week.

Easter happens at a time of year that we associate with new life and growth, when the days are getting longer and everything is blooming. Yet we start the holiday weekend remembering this horrific death. It is clear that when the Romans came up with the idea of crucifixion that they had devised one of the cruellest methods of death imaginable. I'm not going to go into all the details, but it would

have left the victim in incredible pain and struggling to breathe.

Christians see Jesus' death as the way that God chose to make everything all right again. We were meant to be in relationship with a loving God, but God is also holy and therefore cannot cope with the wrong things we do. If people have been hurt by sin, then there needs to be punishment which results in separation from God or death. It's all rather sad!

But God didn't leave it like this. Although he is holy, he is also loving and he came up with the idea of sending his son to earth to die in our place - to be punished in our place. This is why Jesus died on the cross. Being God himself, he could have escaped this terrible death, but he chose not to, because he knew that by dying he was able to fix our relationship with him.

It's like a criminal being put before a judge and being found guilty. As the judge sentences him to death, he steps down from his chair and goes off to die in his place. This is why Christians call the day 'Good' Friday.

Maybe take a moment over the next few weeks to consider this claim. If Jesus was just a man, then Easter's really nothing special. But if he really was God incarnate, then surely his death has special significance for us all.

