



## Red Nose Round Up and QR Code Donation



We were blown away yesterday at the quality and amount of children who entered our Bake Off Competition for Comic Relief. The standard was very high and I was grateful to Mr Burnett, Mrs Stott and Mrs Ford for volunteering to judge. The criteria for the judges was a score out of 5 for appearance and a score out of 5 for effort. Our Star Baker for 2026 was Tristan in Dolphin for an impressive cheesecake. The overall runner up was Ralph for baking a vegan friendly bake so that children with allergies could buy an appropriate cake. Winning jokes can be seen below.

**Mrs Mathieson**



## Big Walk and Wheel - Walking Bus



Thank you to everyone who supported our first Walking Bus on Thursday. This has really helped our active journeys tally for the Big Walk and Wheel and was a lovely way to start the day. Remember the Walking Bus will be running every Thursday from now on from the Farm Shop.

## Year 6 Cross Country

Well done to Ralph, Tabby and Toby who represented Farrington Gurney in the Year 6 Cross Country event at Somervale School on Thursday. Cross country is an event that always pushes people out of their comfort zone and we are very proud of the determination, resilience and commitment shown by these three throughout the whole race.



## Wells Cathedral Performance - Winter to Spring

Wells Cathedral - Mr Jenkins has joined us for four weeks this term working with Seal Class and Singing Club for the Primary School Musical Outreach from Wells Cathedral. On Friday we had a wonderful day singing at Wells Cathedral and the children really did us proud. If you were lucky enough to join us for the Performance, I am sure you will agree that the children sang beautifully alongside the Wells Cathedral Junior Choristers. Well done all and thank you to those of you who could join us.



## Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



### Red Nose Day Winning Jokes:

*Turtle Class - Why did the vampire brush his teeth? So he didn't have bat breath (Edward)*

*Shark Class - What is a pirate's favourite musical instrument? A guitarrrrgh! (Billy)*

*Seal Class - What is a cow's favourite drink? A s'moo'thie! (Albie L)*

*Dolphin Class - If two vegetables have an argument, is it still called 'beef'? (Ella)*

### Classes



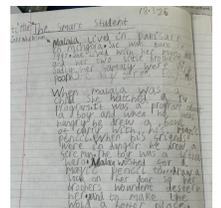
TURTLE CLASS

This week Turtle Class have been thinking about the world and where we are in it. We have been singing our favourite song about the Continents and learning about the Oceans that go between the continents. Why not ask your child to sing you the song?



SHARK CLASS

We have continued to develop our understanding of division as grouping and sharing this week and started linking this to our knowledge of multiplication. We have also been writing our Malala biographies with some very impressive vocabulary and ideas.



SEAL CLASS

In Science, we are learning about plants! We conducted an experiment to see how water was transported through celery. Unfortunately, it didn't go to plan but we will try again next week! We had our final singing workshop this week ready for our performance at Wells Cathedral. We've really enjoyed learning a variety of songs in different languages too!



DOLPHIN CLASS

This week, we have been thinking like engineers and finding a solution to a real life problem. We have designed an invention to tackle this and drawn a diagram explaining the features and other key information.





## Diary Dates

### March

Thu 26th Wellness Day and Easter Event for Senior Citizens  
Mon 30th - Thu 2nd Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL Barton Hall

### April

Thu 2nd Easter Service at St John's Church, 9am  
End of Term 4  
Mon 20th Term 5 begins  
Wed 22nd - Fri 24th Year 4 Residential Trip to Mendip Activity Centre

## Notices

- **After School Provision** - In order to ascertain what provision would be best suited parents for after school wraparound care please could you complete the google form forwarded home this week.
- **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 the 24th 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.

### **Senior Citizens' Easter Party - Reminder**

Next Thursday on the 26th March, we would love to see as many of the older members of our community as possible at our Easter Party. It starts at 9:30 in the Memorial Hall, and then our guests will be invited back to school for some Easter crafts from 10-10:30. We would really like to share our Easter songs and activities with as many members of the community as possible, so 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.

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](mailto:office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk) if you would like to join us.

The card features a white background with a green border. At the top left is a colorful Easter egg. At the top right is a white dove with a red and green tail. In the center, the school logo is above the text 'Farrington Gurney C of E Primary School'. Below this, it says 'invite you to their SENIOR CITIZENS' EASTER PARTY'. The bottom section contains the event details in orange and black text. At the bottom, there is a colorful illustration of a white rabbit sitting among several decorated Easter eggs and green foliage.



**Community News**

**Message from the Parish Council...**

The draft Neighbourhood Plan for Farrington Gurney is now online here:

<https://farringtongurneyparish.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

This plan, if adopted, helps the village translate community wishes into enforceable planning policy, ensuring that future development aligns with the character, needs, and priorities of its local area.

We are now entering a mandatory 6-week Consultation period and need your comments, which can be posted on the PC website. Hard copies can be borrowed from the Social Club. Comments can be entered on the Parish Council website (as above) or by emailing [farrington.np@gmail.com](mailto:farrington.np@gmail.com) or by writing to the Parish Council, The Old Parsonage, Main Street, BS39 6UB.

Please read the plan and feel free to send questions to any Parish Councillor (they're on the website too.) And please come to the drop-in meeting on March 29 2 – 5pm when the councillors and their advisors will be available to answer questions.

With thanks from your Parish Council.



### Thought of the Week

**'As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road...the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice...saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"' (Luke 19: 36-38)**

It's a very familiar scene from the Bible and many of us know that we remember this event on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter - March 29th 2026.

But did you realise the significance of Jesus arriving on a donkey. This was the steed of choice for Israel's Old Testament kings (see 1 Kings 1:32-35). As Jesus mounts the donkey and rides into the capital, he's not claiming to be gentle and meek so much as to be royal and ruling.

At this point, things were looking good. Jesus' disciples were probably feeling like he was at the top of his game, that he was entering Jerusalem to reign and rule as the promised Messiah.

Some people believe that Judas Iscariot may have belonged to the Sicarii which is where he could have got his "second name" from. The Sicarii were a very radical Jewish group. It is likely that Judas was expecting Jesus to rule as a warrior king, like King David before him, and that he was going to lead his followers into battle against the Romans. The Bible doesn't give us any details, but it would explain why after a week of



healing, preaching and no fighting, he chose to betray him.

At this point in the Easter story, it may surprise us how easily the people change their minds. Here they are praising Jesus and referring to him as the king who comes in the Lord's name and less than a week later they are baying for his blood!

But isn't this true of all of us? One moment we can feel on top of the world and then later on, after we've had some bad news or a dreadful day at work, we can feel like our world is crashing down around us.

We often live our lives by our emotions, but unfortunately, we can't trust them. As we've seen, they change so often and so rapidly that they aren't a reliable way of gauging things.

As we approach this time of Easter and the weather is generally becoming more springlike, let's try and focus on what we can rely on. For Christians, whether they're having a happy or sad day, they can still experience God's joy in their lives. You may not be beaming from ear to ear, but you still know deep inside that God loves you and has a purpose for your life. Let's ask God to help us to be less fickle and instead to draw on his strength to manage life's ups and downs.

