



## SIAMS Report

As you will be aware, we recently had our church inspection and are really pleased to be able to share the full report with you.

Our new Christian-based vision and values and strong curriculum have come through as real strengths in underpinning all we are trying to achieve for our children, staff and families. Please take time to read it as it starts with a lovely quote that we are:

*a warm, welcoming and inclusive school,*

before pointing out many of our other strengths and some areas for us to work on in the future to further improve our school.

The report can be found [HERE](#)

## Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 children are travelling back from the Isle of Wight this afternoon after what has been a successful trip.

They have thrown

themselves into camp life and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They have demonstrated great manners and friendliness to all the staff on site and have received many compliments from the session leaders, as well as Blue (pictured with the group below) who has been with the children all week.



## New Staff Appointments

We are pleased to announce that, following interviews this week, Mr Edwards is joining us for Terms 5 and 6 as the full time class teacher of Shark Class. He will be meeting the children and having some hand-over time with Miss R-B next week.

We are also welcoming another new member to our staff team after Easter as Mrs Stott will be joining us as a lunchtime supervisor. We are sure you will give both of them a very warm Farrington welcome.

## Bath Abbey Trip

Seal Class have also been on a trip this week, this time to Bath Abbey where they took part in the Easter Celebration, which aimed to ensure children thoroughly understand this important time in the Christian calendar.



Mr Dix and Mr Turull

## Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs are running as usual next week.
- **Clubs Terms 5 & 6** - The Google options form was emailed earlier this week. The deadline for completion is next Wednesday. Clubs include:  
**Athletics** will be offered to ALL by Premier Sport.  
**Book Club Years 3-6** is a fun group, selecting a book/s to share and explore with a reading for pleasure aspect rather than guided reading practice. It will also be mixed up with picture books and poetry. Children will also work towards a **Blue Peter Badge**.



**FizzPop Science** is an exciting science club offered to Years 1-6 run by an

external provider who the children will have the chance to see in school next Tuesday.

**Green Tree Club** is for ALL where through a series of fun tree and environment-oriented activities, young people learn more about the incredible world of trees and the part they play in the battle against climate change. When children have completed enough activities, they will earn their own Green Tree Badge.

- **Dance Umbrella** - Tickets will be sent home on Monday.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Music Lessons** - there are no woodwind lessons next Thursday. Lessons resume after the break.
- **Swimming** - For Terms 5 & 6 Shark Class will be having swimming lessons. Please consent on ParentPay.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.



### Diary Dates

#### March 2024

Tue 26th	Fizz Pop Science Workshop Dance Umbrella (KS1 Dance Club and Dolphin Class 6:30pm)
Wed 27th	<a href="#">Learn a musical instrument assembly Year 1-6</a>
Thu 28th	Friends meeting Farrington Inn 8pm Easter Service (9:15am) End of Term 4

#### April 2024

Wed 17th - Fri 19th	Year 4 Residential Mendip Outdoor
Thu 18th	Year 6 Cross Country at Somervale
Tue 23rd	Football - Farmborough away 3:45pm
Tue 23rd	Reception Children Measures
Fri 26th	Celebration Assembly
Sat 27th	<a href="#">Friends School Disco</a>

### Friends of Farrington Gurney

Our next PTA meeting is this Wednesday (27th) at 8pm at the Farrington Inn. As usual, everyone is very welcome.

Please remember to save the date of Saturday 27th April for our next school disco. As mentioned previously, we are holding this on a Saturday to avoid taking the hall from the majorettes on the Friday, which many of the children attend. Full details will be provided next week.

If you are having a spring clothing clear out then please pop any unwanted items in our clothing bin in the corner of the car-park opposite school. This provides a good regular income for us.

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#### Spring into life

**April 2024**  
Celebrate Easter and Springtime with our family trail (available throughout the holiday) and our themed craft activities!

**Treasure Hunt** Tuesday 2 April  
Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads to make your own cross necklace.

**Easter Gardens** Wednesday 3 April  
Follow our Easter story trail then make your own Easter garden to tell the best part of the story.

**Get Growing** Thursday 4 April  
Decorate a mini pot and get planting!

**Spring into life** Friday 5 April  
Celebrate new life with our spring themed crafts.

Scan to book:



Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)  
£2.15 per child / £2.15 per adult for non school making accompanying adults FREE.  
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## ST JOHN'S CHURCH EASTER CRAFT SESSION

**SUNDAY 24TH MARCH**  
**3PM - 4.30PM**  
CRAFTS, FOOD AND SONGS  
SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN 3 - 11  
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

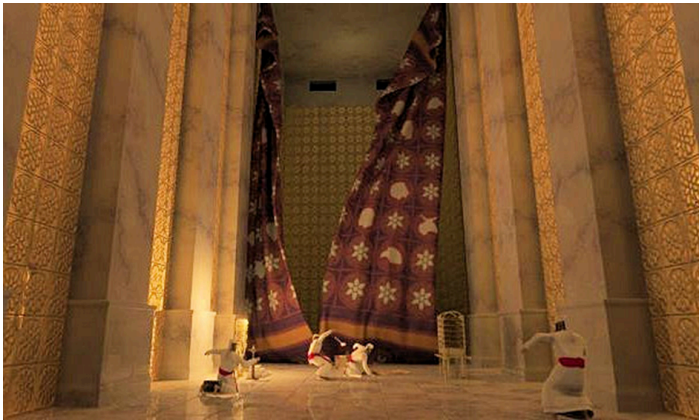
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### **Thought of the Week**

***'At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open.'***  
**(Matthew 27: 51-52)**



After Jesus was arrested, he was put on trial before the Sanhedrin. This was a large group of Jewish leaders and they decided that Jesus was guilty of blasphemy, because he claimed that he was God.

Jesus understood this was how things would turn out. Jerusalem was occupied by the Romans and so the Jewish leaders had to approach Pontius Pilate, who was the Roman governor at that time. He had the power to have Jesus killed or released.

Romans generally didn't have a problem with killing people, especially if their presence was causing trouble. Many of the Jewish leaders were so keen to get rid of Jesus, that they had stirred up the people and there was a vast crowd demanding that Jesus be crucified. Even with all of this, Pilate still wasn't keen to have him killed.

Pilate said he would release a prisoner as a token of goodwill, because it was the Passover festival. Believing that Jesus was totally innocent, he was hoping that the crowds would ask for him to be released. But they called for Barabbas, a known murderer, to be released instead.

It seems preposterous that Jesus would have been killed like he was and that a convicted murderer would be released in his place. Only if this was planned by God himself could it have happened this way.

Christians believe that this was always God's intention. God is a holy God, who cannot cope with all the bad things we do. We have been given a life to live, but we should live it in accordance with God's guidelines. That seems fair, if he created it all in the first place.

Unfortunately none of us have lived our lives perfectly and we have said and done things that have upset others and also God. Like with all situations like this, there needs to be a punishment to make amends. God is a holy God, but he is also a just God, so justice demands we should be punished.

The wonderful thing about Good Friday, is that because God is also a God of love, he agreed to take the punishment in our place. This is why Christians focus on the cross so much - it is a symbol of sacrifice, freedom and love. It means we can be forgiven and don't have to be punished anymore.

So why was the curtain in the temple torn in two? Up until this point, only the high priest had access to God once a year behind that huge curtain. Now, because of Jesus' death, everyone has full access to God whenever and wherever they are. And again, this is something that only God could have done.

