

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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Dance Umbrella

It was a fabulous night at the Forum in Bath on Tuesday as many local schools once again took to the stage to perform for a large and enthusiastic audience. Our Key Stage 1 Dance Club performed a creative jungle-themed dance, and Dolphin Class did a very engaging and impactful dance to the song, 'Ordinary'. The children were so supportive of one another and well-behaved throughout. A huge thank you to all the staff involved in putting these dances together, their rehearsals and costumes as well as managing the logistics of the event on the night.



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Easter Party



We thoroughly enjoyed our Easter Party yesterday with singing in the hall followed by craft activities in our Houses back at school. It was lovely to meet and get to know people from a different generation in our community, as well as having their invaluable help with some of the more fiddly parts of our crafting! We look forward to hosting another similar event in the summer term.

Uniform

As we head into the summer term, we are reminding children and families about our uniform policy. Either a white shirt, white blouse or white polo shirt (with or without a school logo) can be worn. A dark blue polo shirt is also acceptable. Navy blue school jumper or cardigan with the school logo on. Grey or black trousers, skirt, or shorts (knee-length) or blue gingham summer dress / grey pinafore dress. Black, grey, navy or white socks or black, navy or grey tights. Black shoes - no trainers please unless there are medical needs and this has been agreed with the school. On PE days, children should wear t-shirts with a school logo in their house colours. We encourage the use of the school hoodies (or leavers' hoodies for Year 6 only), but other plain blue hoodies are acceptable. Navy or black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms with trainers.



Other than stud earrings, no jewellery (necklaces, bracelets etc) is allowed to be worn. No make up is to be worn including nail varnish. All long hair must be tied up. Watches to help children learn to tell the time are encouraged, however these must not be 'smart watches'. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Consistency with uniform helps to provide an equitable and safe learning environment as well as keeping everyone looking smart in the school and community.

Eco-Warriors - Plant Sale



Yesterday, some of our Eco-Warriors were in the playground at the end of the school day selling plants for a small donation with proceeds going towards the school garden. They will be running the stall again at the end of the day today, so please come along and see if there is anything that catches your eye. Thank you also to Friends of Farrington who have agreed a generous donation towards resources for the garden, as well as buying the leavers' hoodies!



Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

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Classes



TURTLE CLASS

On Wellness Day Turtle Class decorated biscuits to give to their friends in Shark class, luckily they made enough so that they could all enjoy them together! We thought about how doing kind things for others can make us feel good and other ways that we could share our kindness with those around us.



SHARK CLASS

In maths this week, we have been learning about polygons and starting to use the word 'vertex' or 'vertices' when describing 2D shapes. In our spellings, we have been looking words up in dictionaries. We also enjoyed our Circle Time games during Wellness Day.



SEAL CLASS

We had a lovely day on Wellness Day. We enjoyed making Easter crafts, learning about a growth mindset and planted sunflowers which we are looking forward to seeing grow over the next few months.



DOLPHIN CLASS

This week in Dolphin we have been finalising our entries to the Primary Engineer competition which involved identifying a real world problem and thinking of an invention that could help to solve it. Within our PSHE topic, Healthy Me, we all learnt how to do the recovery position and what to do in an emergency.



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PHOTOGRAPHY

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Online Photo ordering

Dance Umbrella

To order your Dance Umbrella photo's online, follow the instructions below:

1. Go to www.nigelcolesphotography.com then follow instructions below:
2. **Phone:** Click Icon '=' & select **DANCE UMBRELLA** or **PC:** Click **DANCE UMBRELLA**
Next click on your School Logo then Enter to login with your Password:
3. Click on 'Buy' choose size required & click Buy Image. Click View Cart & go to Checkout.
4. Add your childs name & school in Additional Dance Umbrella Information

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For FREE delivery to school make your order online by 25th April
Photos will be delivered after this date.

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Diary Dates

March

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 via email on the 18th March.
- **Chew Valley 10K** - This year's Chew Valley 10k will take place on Sunday 7th June at 9.30am! Come and join in our fun, community event on this beautiful, rural route from Bishop Sutton Village Hall, with plenty of friendly marshals to support you and a bespoke event medal for all finishers! Our aim is to encourage activity in our community, whilst raising as much money as possible for our good causes and having fun! All details and how to enter can be found at www.chewvalley10k.co.uk - we hope you can join us! If you would like to help us as a marshal, please do get in touch on email@chewvalley10k.co.uk - thank you for your support!
- **Club Cancellations for this term** - there will be no staff run clubs next week. Thank you to all our staff who provide these clubs.
- **Clubs Offerings for Term 5 & 6** - please see the link [here](#) and action by Wednesday 1st April.
- **Music for Schools** - There are no lessons next week due to the Easter Service. Lessons will commence during the first week back in term 5. There will be no lessons during SATs week (14th May).
- **School Meals** - The menu will remain the same for Term 5; please book all meals in advance and by Thursday 16th April. It is envisaged that a new menu will be implemented following the May half-term.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Swimming** - It is the Reception, Year 1 & Year 2's turn to swim in Terms 5 & 6. Please see the email sent yesterday and consent/pay via Arbor also set up yesterday. Thank you.

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Community News

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C of E Primary School

Walking Bus

BIG WALK AND WHEEL
16 - 27 March 2026

Walk-Wheel Cycle Trust ambition partner SCHWILBE

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 if you would like to drop your child and we will walk them to school without you.

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

Launch Thursday 19th March 8:20

FARRINGTON'S



Specialist Autism Support Service

TRANSITION SUPPORT TELEPHONE HELPLINES

Tuesday 16th June (2:30pm - 4:30pm) & Thursday 9th July (9:30am - 11:30am)

for more information:
<https://padlet.com/SASSBathnes/Updates>

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

- ✓ Member of the team always available
- ✓ Advice and Support for Professionals
- ✓ for Families
- ✓ Child or Young Person must be living in B&NES, with a confirmed diagnosis of Autism, between the ages of 0-18, or 0-25 for those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

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KIDS KINGDOM

HOLIDAY CAMP

LETTING KIDS BE KIDS - DAYS BURSTING WITH PLAY

INFLATABLES, DISCO PARTIES, CRAFTS, AWESOME TOYS, DEN BUILDING, WACKY GAMES, TALENT SHOWS, CIRCUS SKILLS, TREASURE HUNTS, PARK VISITS, MESSY PLAY, FUN SPORTS, LEGO CHALLENGES, WATER FIGHTS & MUCH MORE - A CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-ADVENTURE!

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
w/c March 30 2026

Bath Central Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

BookTrust Storytime
Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years. Vote for your favourite story. Each session includes craft and play activities.

Keynsham Library

Author talk - Cathy Faulkner
Join us at Keynsham Library for an author event with local children's author Cathy Faulkner. Cathy will be discussing her latest novel, The Treasure Seekers and you can make a stain-glass window bookmark afterwards.

Midsomer Norton Library

BookTrust Storytime
Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years. Vote for your favourite story. Each session includes craft and play activities.

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

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>

The National Year of Reading 2026

10.00 - 10.30 & 11.00 - 11.30am
Wednesday (term-time only)

10.30 - 11.00am
Tuesday (term-time only)

Friday 17 April 2 - 3pm
(Aged 7+)

National Year of Reading
2026 Lets Go All In with the National Year of Reading. If you're into it, read it:

- Yasmin Bandara: Levels Up! - Ramesh Ranganathan
- Double Felix - Sally Harris
- My Big book of Questions about the World - Moria Butterfield

All these books can be borrowed from your local libraries and many more.

Easter Craft & Trail
Look out for Easter Crafts and an Easter trail in all our Libraries over the Easter holidays.

TAG RUGBY

After School Club

22 April - 20 May
Wednesday 3:15-4:15pm
Farrington Gurney Primary School
Year 3 - 6
£6 per session

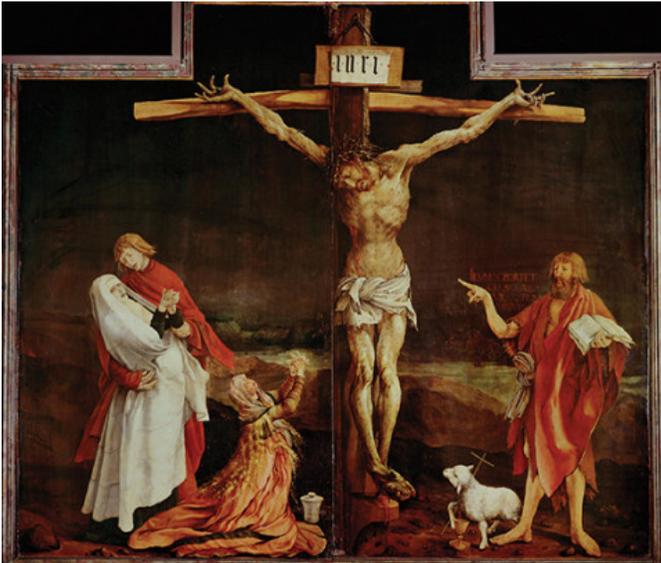
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A Bath Rugby keyring for each participant at the end of the programme!



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 NCV)



'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 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 always start our holiday weekend remembering this horrific death. It is clear that when the Romans came up with the idea of

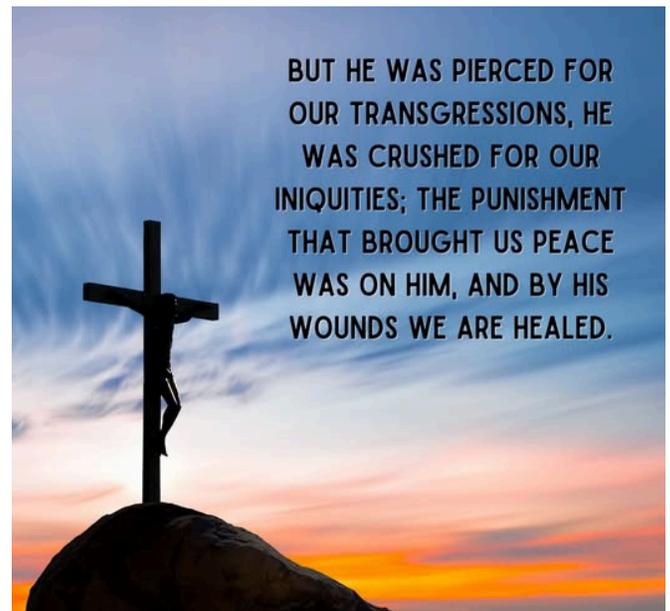
crucifixion that they had devised one of the cruellest methods of death imaginable. I'm not going to go into all the details, but it would have left the victim in incredible pain and struggling to breathe.

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 sentences himself 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 as a man, then surely his death has special significance for us all.



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