



Miss Rowlinson-Baker

We all said a fond farewell to Miss Rowlinson-Baker today as she leaves us to move onto an exciting new role where her professional development will see her working as a SENDCo and teacher of older children with special educational needs. She has been a talented and integral member of our team and we wish her well for the future. We know that she will be missed by the children, especially those in Shark Class.

Report Cards

You should have received your child's report cards that show their current academic progress following our recent round of spring assessments. These cards complement the information shared with you at parents' evening. Hopefully they help plug one weaker area noted by parents in last year's Parent Survey around how your children are progressing - as always, teachers are happy to discuss any areas of school life at any time of the year. Please use the class emails for any communication, or see us at the start or end of the day.

Wellness Day



We went off curriculum on Tuesday for a Wellness Day as all children in school had a session with FizzPop Science and then either had football with Martin Phillips, Swimming, made Easter Cards or went to Bath for the Dance Umbrella.

We are planning a Wellness Week during the week commencing 20th May. There are plenty of exciting things being planned for this week!

Dance Umbrella

Our children did themselves and their families proud at the Forum in Bath on Tuesday night. The infants looked amazing in their costumes as they danced to animal inspired tunes and Dolphin Class had to wait until almost the end to perform their show-stopper.



Well done to all the children who took part.

Easter Service and Governors' Cup

Spring term came to an uplifting end as we held our Easter service in church.

The service was full of song, prayers and reflection. At the end of the service, the Governors' Cup was awarded to Heidi and Alissia - both well-deserved winners.



Mr Dix and Mr Turull

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - Please ensure all breakfast club reservations for the first 2 weeks of term are booked by Thursday 11th April.
- **Clubs Terms 5 & 6** - **Those children who have been added to a club reserve list due to capacity being exceeded have been emailed today.** Clubs start the first week back (however Athletics starts on the 24th with a break on May 22nd). For Fizz-Pop Science to proceed 9 more children need to join; please sign up if this is something your child is interested in, to avoid disappointment. Athletics club is near capacity; please ensure you register and pay via the Premier site to confirm your place.
EXTRA CLUB Our new Teacher, Mr Edwards shall be running a club on a Monday which was not previously available. If there are any KS1 children wanting to join in the mighty Lego get together, please email the office.
- **Club allocation list** - please see link [here](#).
- **Dance Umbrella** - If you would like to order a professional photo please see overleaf.
- **Dinners** - Please ensure all dinner options are booked by Thursday 11th April for next term.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Music Lessons** - following the Private Instrument Lessons assembly in school yesterday; if your child would like to learn an instrument please click this [link](#) for details.
- **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.

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- **Year 4 Residential Trip** - Final Detail letter was sent yesterday (please check your emails)

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Online Photo ordering

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

1. Go to www.nigelcolesphotography.com
2. Ordering on a PC: Click on Dance Login - Top right hand corner, then enter Password
Ordering on a Phone or Tablet: - Click on Shopping Cart then Dance Login & enter Password
3. Choose your photograph, Add to Basket, Select size & go to Checkout
4. Payment options: By Card (requires a Paypal account), by Cheque or Contact (We will call you for payment over the phone by Card)
5. Add your child's name & school in the box on check out

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For FREE delivery to school make your order online by 21st April
Photos will be delivered after this date.

Diary Dates

April 2024

Wed 17th -	Year 4 Residential Mendip Outdoor
Fri 19th	
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	Friends' School Disco

Friends of Farrington Gurney

We all hope you have a lovely Easter break and the children enjoy the Easter Eggs provided by the PTA.

Please see the poster below containing full details of the next school disco. Please note that this will be held on a Saturday to avoid taking the hall from the majorettes on a Friday.

FOFGS DISCO
Saturday 27th April
6:00 pm — 7:30 pm
Farrington Gurney Hall
£3 Per Child

Bar Will Be Open

Hot Dogs* Available £2

Tuck Shop

Glitter Face Art

Card Machine will be available at door for entry & Hot Dogs.
Please bring change for Tuck Shop etc.
* Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email fogfs@hotmail.co.uk

Rules
All children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Children should remain in the hall, no re-entry.

Spring Play
"Life is more fun if you play games."
- Roald Dahl
Bath Area Play Project

Come OUTSIDE & PLAY

All Playdays run from 11am-2pm Outdoor Play for families with children of all ages!

Wednesday, 10th April
Midsomer Norton
Orchard Hall and Park
BA3 2RD

Thursday, 11th April
Alice Park
BA1 6EW
No need to book

Sensory & Messy Play

Marble Run

Spring arts and crafts

Sports and games

Inflatable

Bunny hunt

Woodwork

Football coaches

Obstacle Course

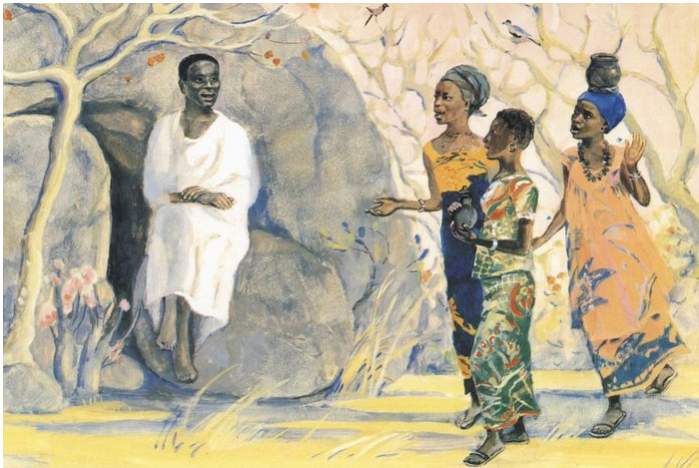
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Thought of the Week

'But the man said, "Don't be afraid. You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, the one who was killed on a cross. He has risen from death. He is not here. Look, here is the place they laid him.'
(Mark 16:6)



'Easter, Empty Tomb' Jesus Mafa (1973)

Mark's Gospel is believed to be the earliest Gospel, written, about 70 AD, about 35-40 years after the Easter story events. This was while some of the people who were involved were still alive. Mark wouldn't have been in a position to make these things up. In fact, he would have been in the privileged position of being able to ask some of the eyewitnesses what they saw.

The earliest examples of Mark's Gospel end at verse 8 of chapter 16 ([Mark 16:1-8](#)) and so it is believed by many that verses 9-20, where Jesus appears to his disciples and others, were added on later. So if the earliest written Gospel doesn't mention Jesus appearing to anyone, was Jesus' resurrection all made up?

These eight verses tell us so much. One thing is that the focus is on the women going to anoint Jesus' body. This still happens today in some poor mideast countries. It is done as a sign of respect, but more importantly to make up for the lack of refrigeration and modern embalming methods. The fragrant spices mask the odour of decay while there are people still visiting.

In ancient times, women were not seen as legitimate witnesses, but Mark states that these were the first people to find the tomb empty. People might want to discount their story, but Mark has put it down in writing, giving it real authority.

What about this man? No shining clothes or wings are mentioned, yet the women were afraid. Why? Jesus' body was gone and there was an unknown man in the tomb in his place, but what caused them to 'shake with fear'.

The verses end with the statement 'They did not tell anyone about what happened, because they were afraid.' Jesus had said on several occasions that he was going to rise from the dead, but like the disciples, these women didn't get it. Well why should they? People don't generally come back to life after being killed and buried.

But even though it says they did not tell anyone, word got around. Whether they told the disciples later, or the disciples visited the tomb themselves, or the soldiers went and spoke to their leaders, word got around. And it's been getting around ever since, for over 2000 years. From Jerusalem, into Israel, Antioch, Alexandria and Rome. From there into Asia, Greece and North Africa until it became the official religion of the Roman Empire.

It's a fantastical story but it still holds so much power. He is not here! He has risen from death!

