



## Welcome to Summer Term

It may not have felt like summer on Monday as the rain greeted our return, but as the weather has improved, school has sprung back into life.

It has been a varied and enjoyable first week back: the children are glad to be back over at the field at lunchtime; we hosted a funk and soul band on Monday who played a set of modern and classic tunes, much to the delight of the children and staff; Year 4 have been away on their camp to Mendip Activity Centre; Year 3 have been practising their scooter skills; Year 6 took part in the Cross Country Competition at Somervale and all the clubs have restarted.



Mr Dix and Mr Turull

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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](http://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.**

## Notices

- **Clubs Terms 5 & 6** - Clubs started back this week (however Athletics starts next week with a break on May 22nd).
- **CLUB UPDATE:** Our new teacher, Mr Edwards is running a club on a Monday which was not previously advertised. If there are any KS1 children wanting to join in the mighty Lego get together, please email the office as there are still spaces available.
- **Dance Umbrella Photo** - deadline is 21st April please see order details above.
- **Dinners** - Please remember to book your child/rens meals for the rest of term 5 & 6 on ParentPay.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Music Lessons** - following the Private Instrument Lessons assembly in school last term; if your child would like to learn an instrument please click this [link](#) for details.
- **School Uniform** - Please see the 2024 price list on the next page effective from 1st June. Purchase early to avoid any price rises which have been kept to a minimum.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

## Diary Dates

### April 2024

- |          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| Tue 23rd | Football - Farmborough away 3:45pm |
| Tue 23rd | Reception Children Measures        |
| Fri 26th | Celebration Assembly               |
| Sat 27th | Friends' School Disco              |

# Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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## MIDLIFE WORK REVIEW

Information and advice on work, wealth and wellbeing for 45+

Wednesday 24th April

Apex Hotel, Bath

10am-3pm

FREE

Are you over 45 and looking for support for the next stage of your employment?

Are you looking to support your 45+ workforce?

### THEN THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU

**Keynote Speeches:**

Lucy Standing from Brave Starts

**The Age of Opportunity**

Anthony Davies from 3 ADAPT

**Lifelong Learning**

Simon Jones from Unividual

**Preparing for the Third Act - financial strategies for midlife transition**

**Short talks from:**

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Dorothy House

Royal United Hospital

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## SCHOOLWEAR PRICE LIST 2024

### FARRINGTON GURNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Garment	Sizes	Price (£)
SWEATSHIRT Navy	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	13.50 (L)
CARDIGAN Navy	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	15.00 (L)
POLOSHIRT Navy, White	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	9.75 (L)
PE HOODY Navy	XS, S, M, L, XL	15.00 (L)
	Small Adult	20.00 (L)
PE T-SHIRT Various	3/4 yrs - 14/15 yrs	4.95 (L)
SHORT TROUSERS Boys - Grey	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	13.00
TROUSERS Boys - Grey Standard or Sturdy Fit	3/4 yrs - 11/12 yrs	14.00
TROUSERS (Heart) Girls - Grey	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	17.00
SKIRT Grey	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	13.50
PINAFORE DRESS Grey	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	17.50
PE SHORTS Black	18"/20", 22"/ 24", 26"/ 28"	5.50
GYM BAG Navy		8.00 (L)
BOOK BAG Navy		7.00 (L)

(L) = Items bear the school logo

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FAHRENHEIT BATON TWIRLERS PRESENT.

**Fahrenheit's  
Funday**

SUNDAY 23RD  
JUNE 2024.

FARRINGTON GURNEY MEMORIAL  
HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS.

**Save The Date**



## **Pollinator Party is Sunday 28 APRIL @ 11 am Farrington Gurney Village Hall**

This time the theme is all around repair and reuse, which means

- The Fixy Van is coming to Farrington Gurney. The van will collect all your defunct digital devices, wipe and restore them if they can, and then provide them to those who have none OR strip and recycle every inch of the machine. Their promise: NOTHING goes to landfill. They will take any or all digital devices except for monitors.
- Coming with the Fixy team is High Littleton repair café; they work to repair small electrical devices like kettles. So bring along those things that need repairing and are too good to waste!
- We will have a team of sewing experts on tap who have a ton of projects for kids and adults that include
  - Patching clothes with colourful, hand-designed patches so those jeans, that jacket gets better use. Bring anything along that needs a patch!
  - Making a shoe bag from old t-shirts
  - Making Farrington Gurney bunting – for village celebrations
- 2 sewing machines and machinists will undertake very simple machine repairs that can be completed in 10 minutes. An example would be a side seam on a shirt or skirt that has come undone.
- We will have updates on the collective plant purchasing scheme
- There will be seedling swaps and free seed giveaways
- By popular demand: a talk by George Chan about the links between climate change and biodiversity
- A talk from Avon Wildlife Trust
- A guided walk (early start!!) through Hollow Marsh
- Cookery demo and FREE LUNCH

***So come along for a great time together!***

## **Friends of Farrington Gurney**

We have an opportunity to raise money for FoFGS by supplying a team of at least 8 volunteers to steward at Glastonbury festival.

Volunteers will have to work three 8-hour shifts each, and will need to be prepared for whatever the great British weather throws at us in June. Shifts will be scheduled between 8am on Wednesday 26th June and 8am on Monday 1st July. Ideally, stewards will arrive on site between Sunday 23rd June and Tuesday 25th June – so they can get their camping equipment set up, and orientate themselves around the site. Training will be provided. In return for this you get FREE entry to the whole Glastonbury Festival. It is a big commitment and unfortunately none of the PTA are able to participate due to work etc. If anyone is interested please let us know ASAP via our Facebook page or email [fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fofgs@hotmail.co.uk)

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

**Bar Will Be Open**

**Tuck Shop**

**Hot Dogs\* Available £2**

**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 [fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fofgs@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.



## Thought of the Week

***'The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.'***

**(Lamentations 3:22-23)**

Well we're told that spring has arrived, but apart from the occasional day, the weather doesn't seem to agree. On Monday this week, we had wind, followed by rain, followed by glorious sunshine, followed by more wind and rain and finally hail. To quote Crowded House, it was literally like 'Four Seasons In One Day'.

I don't know about you, but the weather often has an effect on me. The fact that the days are longer has a positive effect, but rain, wind and clouds can really make you feel down. Unless of course if it is like Monday, where the weather was so ridiculous, I couldn't help but laugh.

The writer of Lamentations had lots to feel down about. The city of Jerusalem had been taken over by the Babylonians and most of the people had been deported. A few people were left to stay behind in terrible conditions - a broken and shattered city. One way people expressed their grief and shame over the destruction of their home was to write songs. It is believed that the prophet Jeremiah wrote the songs that make up the book of Lamentations. The writer "laments" over the desperate situation the Jewish people are in. You can see how it got its name.

But in the middle of the book, there are some brief moments where it feels like the sun has broken through. Jeremiah reminds himself of God's great faithfulness. In fact, verse 23 is the verse attributed to the famous hymn 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' by Thomas Chisholm. In the midst of all the terrible things that Jeremiah has observed

and experienced, he reminds himself that there is hope in God.

Sometimes we can find ourselves focusing on the negatives. In fact, it's often the case that something small like bad traffic or terrible weather can start us off in a bad mood that leads us down a rabbit hole of grumpiness and misery. It's at times like this that we, like Jeremiah, need to take our focus from the negative things and try and focus on the positive things.

Whether you believe in God or not, there is often something we can find hope in. Hope literally means 'the joyful anticipation of good'. There is often something that we can find joy in, something that we can be excited about. For many, this can be found in spending time with those we love or maybe by enjoying nature. For those of us who worship God, we might find joy and hope in our relationship with him.

Whatever it is, I hope you can experience some hope and joy in the midst of all the bad stuff in the world. And let's hope and pray that the weather also improves!

