



### Welcome back

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. The children have come back to school with real enthusiasm for the final two terms of the year. As we start the summer term, it has been great to see the sunshine which means we are able to spend more time outside learning.

### Dogs

Please can we remind you that dogs are not allowed on school premises. If you are walking your dog to pick up your child after school, they will either need to be tied up outside or you can wait on the other side of the road and we will ensure your child gets to you safely.

### New Starters

We would like to say a huge welcome to Kaiden (Dolphin Class) and Laike (Shark Class) who have both joined us this week, having moved from other schools. They have settled in really well and our children and staff have made them feel at home. We would also like to welcome Mrs Jenny Straffon who has started working with us as teaching assistant on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Finally, we will shortly be adding another member of staff to our team as Miss Rosie Baker will be embarking on a teaching assistant apprenticeship here at Farrington Gurney in the next couple of weeks.

### Mendip Activity Centre

Our Year 4 children have had a fantastic time this week in glorious weather. Please see the photos below; there are many more on the gallery page of our school website.

*Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull*

### Mendip Activity Centre Year 4 Residential Trip



**Mendip Activity  
Centre  
Year 4  
Residential**





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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) 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: **FPQJ6H**
3. Click on 'Buy' choose size required & click Buy Image. Click View Cart & go to Checkout.
4. Add your child's name & school in Additional Dance Umbrella Information

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

### Diary Dates

#### April

Mon 27th Local Governing Body Meeting  
Tue 28th Year 1 Phonics Parent Meeting

#### May

Fri 1st May Celebration Assembly  
Mon 4th Bank Holiday Monday  
Mon 11th - Thu 14th SATs Week  
Fri 15th May Celebration Assembly  
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Wellness Week  
Fri 22nd End of Term 5

### Notices

- **Clubs** - There are no cancelled clubs next week.  
Art Workshop Club and TAG Rugby club still have available spaces so please contact the office if you would like your child to join.  
Musical Theatre Club has been cancelled for this term due to low uptake but we would like it to run in Term 6 so please let the office know if your child would like to join.  
IT Rockstars Club still has available spaces, please register via Arbor if your child would like to be included.
- **Dinners** - The Catering Department has made the decision to keep the current menu until the end of the school year pending the outcome from the start of a nine week government consultation regarding healthy school meals. Please remember to book by Thursday midnight for the following week.
- **Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation 2026/27** - for your calendar this has been booked for the 20th October and further information will be sent to you in Term 1.
- **Music for Schools** - There will be no lessons during SATs week (14th May).
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.



**Community News**

SAVE THE DATE: The next Pollinator Party will be held on Sunday 17 May.

**A guided foraging walk, hedgehog protection, willow craft, cordials, herbs and heating: something for everyone, together with free teas, coffees, biscuits—and lunch!  
10am – 2pm.**

SEE YOU THERE!



**Are you parenting a child with a disability/special need?**

Join our **Parents Plus 'Special Needs Programme'** and meet other parents in a supportive group to help your child reach their full potential.

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| <b>Support your child to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Learn social skills and build friendships</li><li>→ Gain confidence and self-esteem</li><li>→ Be more independent</li><li>→ Deal with puberty and sexuality</li></ul> | <b>As a parent, learn how to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Personally cope and manage stress</li><li>→ Deal with the challenges</li><li>→ Support the needs of your other children</li><li>→ Manage challenging behaviour</li></ul> |
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Weekly from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
(excluding school holidays or Bank holidays)

at Radstock Children and Family Centre, Hope House Centre, 10 Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP from 10.00am to 12:00pm

For more information or to reserve your place, please contact:  
[DCT\\_parentingprogramme@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:DCT_parentingprogramme@bathnes.gov.uk)



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FRIENDS OF FARRINGTON GURNEY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

# AFTER SCHOOL AT THE MOVIES

**PARENTS!**  
IF YOU BUY A TICKET FOR YOUR CHILD, NO NEED TO ATTEND 3:15 PICK UP!

PICK UP FROM HALL AT 5:15PM

**SNACK BOX INCLUDED WITH TICKET**

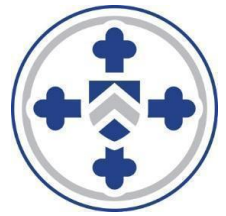
**£5 ENTRY**

**FILM DETAILS COMING SOON! FOLLOW US ON**



**THURSDAY 14TH MAY**  
MOVIE STARTS 3:45PM

VENUE: FARRINGTON GURNEY VILLAGE HALL



### Thought of the Week

**“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13 NIV)**



‘Project Hail Mary’, written by Andy Weir in 2021, is now a massive box-office hit at the cinema and is one of the highest-grossing films of the year. It made over \$573 million worldwide in its first five weeks and people are still going to see it. Sales of the original book have also increased significantly since the release of the film. Why is this?

Well, first and foremost it is a great story. The film follows the life of an unassuming school teacher whose life is turned upside down when he is recruited to save the world from the dying sun. Ryland Grace wakes aboard the spaceship ‘Hail Mary’ not knowing who he is and why he is there. Over time he remembers and we learn that although a modest man, Grace is an expert microbiologist. And with the help of the leader of the Petrova Task Force, Eva Stratt, he is pushed into greatness because of his unconventional beliefs that water may not be essential to life.

Whilst on his mission to save the world, Grace encounters an alien species. Both travellers are initially alone and through diligence and patience, they are able to communicate with each other and form a genuine bond, endeavouring to work together to save both their planets.

A second reason I believe this story is so popular is because of the friendship forged between these two characters. There is no real villain and in fact the “alien” who would have evoked fear actually brings comfort, and gives Grace the courage he needs to fulfill his mission - “anyone can be brave, by finding someone to be brave for!” The film reminds us that there is an opportunity for connection everywhere - in unlikely, scary places, perhaps even with those whose lives are very different from our own. Our souls and our stories are often not so different after all.

But one of the reasons I also think this film is so popular is due to the message of sacrifice. Regardless of your belief and background, we are drawn to stories of sacrifice, where people willingly lay down their lives for others. In the film, Grace is an unwilling hero and when he finally remembers everything, we see that he was petrified about the mission and outrightly refuses to board the Hail Mary. Although sent out unwillingly, later on he chooses to sacrifice his own life to save his friend. Grace’s fear, cowardice and frailty disintegrate in the presence of love when, suddenly he has something worth dying for.

Whether it was deliberate or not, I think it is quite poignant that the film was released over the Easter period. With the messages of love, courage and sacrifice reverberating through every moment, I believe that it clearly reminds us of Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice on the cross. As the verse reminds us...

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

