



Shark Class Art Workshop

On Tuesday morning, Shark Class had an art workshop through West of England Music and Arts and had great fun being creative with paint. They used their hands, paper plates, a salad spinner and slinkies to make their works of art.



Years 3 and 5 Field to Food

The children in Years 3 and 5 had a very informative and interesting day at the Royal Bath and West showground on Wednesday at the annual Field to Food Day. They learnt about different farm animals, enjoyed watching a sheep being sheared and looking at various farm machinery. The highlight for many was getting to stroke the sheep and lambs at the end of the day!



Year 4 Residential

What an amazing few days our Year 4 children have had at the Mendip Activity Centre on their residential trip! They have taken part in various activities such as abseiling, orienteering and low ropes and have had a great time working as a team. Mrs Mathieson and Mrs Huckman are immensely proud of how all the children have been over the last few days. We have always seen the importance of residential trips in developing the children at Farrington Gurney and are so pleased with the success of both our trips this year. Photos of these trips are on the News and Events tab on our website.



Mrs Haskins

We end this newsletter with sad news as having worked over 15 years at the school, Mrs Haskins has decided it is time to retire. She has worked throughout the school in her role as a teaching assistant and higher level teaching assistant and has taught well over two hundred pupils. She has always given 100% to all the children and their families and will be greatly missed by everyone in our school community. Mrs Haskins will finish with us at the end of May and we will make sure you all have a chance to say a proper goodbye before she leaves,

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

A place where all can flourish, find fulfilment and experience life in all its fullness

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VE80 Day
SCARECROW TRAIL
PARTICIPATION INFORMATION
 Theme: "VE Day"

Scarecrows are welcome to be displayed around the village from Friday 2nd May judging will take place on Saturday 10th May during the VE80 Day celebrations.

Only Scarecrows that are brought down to the Memorial Hall will be judged as the vote will be by public ballot, not by selected judges.

VE80
FARRINGTON GURNEY
VILLAGE DAY
SATURDAY
10TH MAY

DAYTIME - from 12:00PM
 Fun day with Scarecrow Competition, Fahrenheit Performances, Penalty Shoot Out, Face Painting, Raffle, Tombola, Crafts, History Display, Golf Darts, Play Your Cards Right, Bouncy Castles, Tractor Rides, Cider Shack, BBQ & Afternoon Tea... and MORE!

EVENING - from 7:00PM
 The Terry Hill Big Band - an evening of music and dancing - £12.50 per person

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!
 WITH THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS & HELPERS:

IF YOU CAN HELP BY VOLUNTEERING OR WISH TO SPONSOR THE EVENT PLEASE CONTACT
 TREASURER@FARRINGTONGURNEYVILLAGEHALL.ORG



Kids Fest is BACK and tickets are available now!



See the link here: [Kids Fest at Farringtons](#)

SCHOOLWEAR PRICE LIST 2025

FARRINGTON GURNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Garment	Sizes	Price (£)
SWEATSHIRT Navy	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	14.00 (L)
CARDIGAN Navy	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	16.00 (L)
POLOSHIRT Navy, White	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	10.00 (L)
PE HOODY Navy	XS, S, M, L, XL	15.00 (L)
	Small Adult	19.00 (L)
PE T-SHIRT Various	3/4 yrs - 14/15 yrs	4.95 (L)
SHORT TROUSERS Boys - Grey	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	12.50
TROUSERS Boys - Grey Standard or Sturdy Fit	3/4 yrs - 11/12 yrs	14.00
TROUSERS Girls - Grey (Heart)	3/4 yrs - 13 yrs	17.50
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"	5.75
GYM BAG Navy		8.00 (L)
BOOK BAG Navy		7.00 (L)

(L) = Items bear the school logo

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Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - you may have heard in the news this week of the government initiative to run free breakfast clubs throughout England. We were not chosen to be an early adopter of the scheme but it will be rolled out gradually and we will keep you advised of any developments for our school. In the meantime, if you require breakfast club provision we can help you with our paid provision from 7:30am (please contact the office for more information) and the following may be a helpful read (click here): [Free Breakfast Club Rollout](#)
- **Clubs** - All clubs start back on Monday 28th April. Movement, Dance & Yoga Club has been cancelled as has singing club due to lack of uptake.
- **Dance Umbrella Photo Deadline** - is Saturday 26th April. Newsletter 26 contains all the ordering details.
- **School Uniform Prices** - please see the 2025 school uniform price list which comes into effect on 1st June. Some prices have reduced to that of last year, however inevitably some have increased with main lines being kept the same.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Sunny Weather Conditions** - Please remember to apply suncream to your child/ren before school and send them with a hat and filled water bottle when the warmer weather arrives.

Diary Dates

April

Mon 28th	Clubs start back this week
	Football Match at Norton Hill 3:45-5:00pm (letter has been sent out)
Wed 30th	Year 5 Parents' Evening
	Local Governing Body meeting

May

Fri 2nd	Celebration Assembly
Mon 5th	Bank Holiday
Tue 6th	Year 3 & 4 Gymnastic Competition (details to follow)
Thu 8th	Football match at Farmborough
Mon 12th-Thu 15th	Year 6 SATs week (timetable and email to follow)
Mon 19th-Fri 23rd	Wellness Week

Musicals Singing Workshops **Midsomer Norton** **Sunday 27th April**

Time: Juniors 9.30am-12.30pm
Secondary 1.00pm - 4.00pm

What: Learn and perform short excerpts from musicals

Bring: Snacks, drinks, wear comfy clothes

Cost: £20 or free for pupil premium

Venue: Orchard Hall, Orchard Vale,
Longvornal, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2RA



Book a space: <https://wema.org.uk/musicals>

WEEKEND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES.

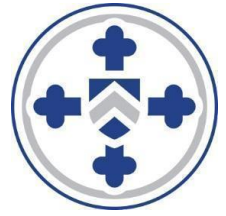
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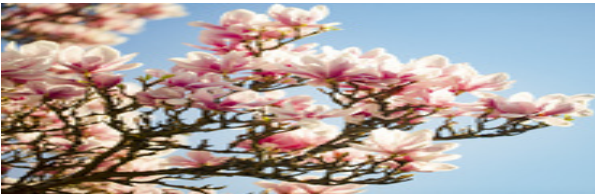
PAULINE QUIRKE ACADEMY
OF PERFORMING ARTS

FREE OPEN DAY SAT 26TH APRIL!

BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING.



Thought for the Week



'Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"' (John 11:25-26 NIV)

So Easter is over, all the hunts have finished and all the chocolate has been eaten (or most of it at least). Is that it then?

Recently, someone I know shared a video of their children tucking into some Easter eggs. It was first thing in the morning, but it was also Easter Sunday, so it's understandable. When someone commented with 'not too much chocolate though!', the response was 'Ah, but that's what it's all about!'. It wasn't until much later that I wished I'd replied with 'If chocolate Easter eggs is what Easter is all about, it makes it rather *hollow*!' 🙄

Is Easter just a long Bank Holiday with extra chocolate? To an outsider, it might appear like that. They would see people enjoying time away from school and work and spending time with family and friends. Maybe they'd see people sharing meals together and having Easter egg hunts. Or maybe they'd see people catching up on some DIY or even sitting in traffic jams. But after those four days are over, is there anything left?

In today's verse, Jesus' claim is very bold and many would say contentious. But he makes the claim anyway. And John's Gospel was written by one of his disciples, so it's likely that he was in earshot. Interestingly, Jesus says this to Mary, the sister of Lazarus who had recently died and had now been buried for four days. When he asks her the question, 'Do you believe this?', she responds with a definite 'Yes, Lord'. This was while she was mourning the death of her own brother. You can read on in [John 11](#), to find out what happens next.

'I AM the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?'

John 11:25-26 NIV



What does it mean for us though? As someone once said, Jesus was either a lunatic, a liar or LORD. There is no middle ground. We can't just say he was a good teacher, who said some amazing things that can help us to navigate our way through life. There are many people from many different religions and backgrounds who said (and still say) wise things, but unlike Jesus, none of them claimed (or claim) to be God. But this was Jesus' claim and he was also saying he was the one way to heaven. Was he mad? Was he lying? Or is he really LORD?

So the next time you go for some chocolate, maybe take a moment to think about this. If Easter is just about chocolate eggs, that's all well and good. But is there more to this celebration? Did someone really die on a cross in our place? Were they really buried in a tomb that was empty two days later - on the third day? Did they really show that they had power over life and death? Maybe? Maybe not? It's still a bold claim that's worth investigating. Otherwise, it makes Easter rather hollow!