

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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

Newsletter 29 - May 1st 2026



Wraparound Care

Following the survey that we sent and a discussion at our Governor meeting, it is clear that many parents would value after-school provision to take place on the school site as happened in the past. We are going to look at the options for this with a view to having provision up and running for September 2026. We will update you once we have more information.

Padel Assembly



On Tuesday we had a visit from Stephen, a padel coach from Mad Swans, to give us a demonstration of padel. He talked us through the sport and we have some great demonstrations from children and staff! More information about junior padel coaching with Stephen can be found below.

Governors' Cup

In Celebration Assembly this morning, the Spring Term Governors' Cups were presented to Freya and Arabella. Freya was praised for her care and understanding of the younger children as well as always being willing to give new things a try. Arabella's enthusiasm and excitement for learning was acknowledged, along with the excitement with which she shares her ideas. Very well done to both of the worthy winners.



Walking Bus Reminder

The Walking Bus is continuing this term, every Thursday morning at 8:20am from Farrington's. It is a great way to start the day, as well as helping to manage traffic in the village. If you would like to drop your child off to join us, please email turtle@farrington.mnsp.org.uk.

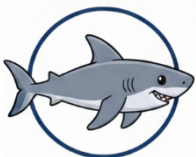
Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Classes



TURTLE CLASS

Turtle Class loved visiting the mobile library on Monday afternoon and chose lots of wonderful new books to share together. We have also introduced new morning tasks for Reception and Year One where children have to use their phonics knowledge to write the words of the pictures they see. Some children have even extended this and have been using their words in sentences using a full-stop!



SHARK CLASS

We've been enjoying our new book, 'A Lion in Paris.' We have thought about the lion's experiences visiting the Eiffel Tower and also explored the smell, texture and taste of baguettes. We loved it!



SEAL CLASS

In science we have started our new topic, light. We have been learning about light sources and how we need light to see. We created special boxes to see if we could identify the mystery objects without light and then with light. It was great fun!



DOLPHIN CLASS

We have been busy recapping maths and English skills this week in the mornings using various techniques to help with our sticky knowledge. We have planned a device to hold a simple circuit with a switch and looked at the artist David Hockney in Art.



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Notices

- **Clubs** - There are no cancelled clubs next week.
- **Dinners** - Please remember to book by Thursday midnight for the following week.
- **Music for Schools** - There will be no lessons during SATs week (14th May).
- **Pollinator Party** - on Sunday 17th May 10am-2pm. Save the date for a guided foraging walk, hedgehog protection, willow craft, cordials, herbs and heating: something for everyone, together with free teas, coffees, biscuits—and lunch!
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Turtle & Shark Class Trip** - details have been added to Arbor, please consent/pay. With thanks.
- **Year 4, 5 & 6 Bristol Beacon Trip** - details have been added to Arbor, please consent/pay. With thanks.
- **Year 6 Moving Up Celebration Trip** - details have been added to Arbor, please consent/pay. With thanks.
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Diary Dates

May

Fri 1st May	Celebration Assembly
Mon 4th	Bank Holiday Monday
Mon 11th - Thu 14th	SATs Week
Wed 13th	Reception, Year 1 & 2 on Chew Valley Animal Farm Trip (See Arbor)
Fri 15th May	Celebration Assembly
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd	Wellness Week
Fri 22nd	End of Term 5

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Walking Bus

Walk Wheel and Wheel
16 - 27 March 2026

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust
Schwalbe

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 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

MAD SWANS

FUN JUNIOR PADEL COACHING

£8 FOR A 1 HOUR GROUP LESSON
— Pay & Play —
BAT HIRE INCLUDED!

WEEKLY SESSIONS:

- MONDAY - 4-5pm (Ages 7-11)
- THURSDAY - 5-6.30pm (Ages 7-10)
- THURSDAY - 5-6.30pm (Ages 11+)

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VENUE POST CODE: BS39 6TS

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

'When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.' (1 Corinthians 2:1-2)



Lots of people are inspired by the legend of King Arthur and his knights. Glastonbury is visited by thousands of people every year in search of evidence of this legendary king.

One of the reasons I believe the story is loved so much is because of the image of the round table. Kings and leaders have often put themselves above their subjects and seen themselves as better than them. But in the story of King Arthur, he sits with his knights at a table where no one is the head. The king sees himself as an equal with the rest of his people and the table means that no one is seen as being better than anyone else. The table becomes a leveller.

From a manuscript of Lancelot and the Holy Grail (c. 1406)

In today's verse, Paul is writing to the church in Corinth. This was a difficult church at the time and there was confusion over truth and conflict between its members. There was jealousy in the church and those who were in leadership or seemed to know more were behaving arrogantly towards others. Not a good advert for the church - then or now!

Paul focuses instead on the Good News of Jesus. Unlike the world that often focuses on wealth, popularity, education or appearance, Jesus lived and died for all, regardless of their status in society.

Like King Arthur's table, Jesus is the great leveller. It doesn't matter how the world views you, the Bible says that all have missed the mark and everyone needs God's forgiveness. No amount of money, likes, followers, botox or post-nominal letters will get you any nearer to being accepted by God. The wonderful news is that everyone can be accepted and valued equally in God's eyes because of Jesus' sacrificial love and death on the cross.

When I look at the image of the round table, I like to imagine that it is Jesus sitting there, surrounded by his followers. None of their wisdom, wealth or popularity matters, all that counts is that they are loved and accepted by him. All of us are equal at the foot of the cross.



The Last Supper by Leandro Bassano (c.1578)

