



## Ofsted Inspection

As you will be aware, we had a visit on Tuesday this week from Ofsted. Two inspectors spent the day with us, looking in all the classes, watching lessons, talking to children and staff, meeting with Governors and the Trust and reading the responses from parents. While we were all pleased with how well the day went, which is credit to all of our staff, the most praise must go to our amazing children who really shone all day long. We will get the draft report in a couple of weeks and then should get the full published report to share with you at the beginning of June.

## Football Matches

Mr Wellington took twelve children with him to Norton Hill School on Monday evening for a dual fixture against Clutton and St Mary's Writhlington. The team played really well and showed great teamwork and collaboration in both matches and although they didn't win either, they were both very close (2-1 and 2-0). This was a great opportunity for a range of children with a team comprising Year 6, Year 5, Year 4 and both boys and girls.

## Assembly Times

There may have been some confusion over the start time of Celebration Assembly on Fridays. The aim is to start as close to 9:00am as possible, although the task of walking 92 children over to the hall can take longer on some Fridays than others, especially if there are any children who arrive late to school. We also know that there are some parents/carers who prefer a morning assembly and others who prefer an afternoon, and we do want to be able to accommodate as many parents as possible. However the move to a morning assembly has worked so much better for the majority of children and then they return to school settled and ready to work.



## Mobile Library

This afternoon, all the children visited the mobile library and borrowed a book for the term. These books will stay in school for the children to share and enjoy until the library visits again next term. The children really enjoyed the experience, commenting positively on the number of books and how calm it felt inside.



## Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

**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:

FARRINGTON Bateau-Twirlers, Cam Valley Rotary, Vertu Land Rover Yeovil

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

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

Scarecrows are welcome to be displayed around the village from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May judging will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 15TH MAY**  
 MOVIE STARTS 3:45PM

VENUE: FARRINGTON GURNEY VILLAGE HALL



## Young Carers

At Farrington Gurney CofE Primary School we are committed to understand and nurture every pupil. We want to work with The Carers' Centre to deliver much needed support to young carers within our school.

To ensure we are including all young carers in our school community;

A young carer is a child under 18 who helps to support or is affected by someone who: Has special educational needs (SEN), A physical disability, A mental health condition, A drug or alcohol dependency, A long term condition. They do not necessarily have to be living in the same home as the person needing support.

If you think your child may be a young carer, please let Mrs Geeson know by contacting the office.

With the information provided by you we hope to work with The Carers' Centre going forward to provide our young carers with much needed recognition and support. You can find out more about The Carers' Centre [here](#).

### Free Webinar on **Emotional Health and Well-being for Parents/Carers**

We are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on emotional health and well-being, hosted by the school nursing team. The session will take place on the 14th of May 11:00-12:00 and is specifically designed for parents and carers.

If you would like to attend, please use the link or QR code below to sign up. We encourage you to join us for this valuable session!

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a1aaa71c-8103-45d1-869e-65babb41d90c@2c2b1ee0-a8a1-49e6-a820-5ce4890cf466>

## Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - please remember to book your breakfast club spaces via the ParentPay portal.
- **Clubs** - All clubs will run as normal next week.
- **FOFGS** - Tickets will be on sale again on the 9th May for anyone who didn't manage to buy a ticket tonight alternatively you can email friends [Fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Fofgs@hotmail.co.uk) to reserve
- **Keynsham Cricket Club** - are running their multi-sport holiday club at Keynsham Cricket Club during the May half term holidays. Children in reception - year 6 are welcome to join the fun at £22 per day. Full information, dates and online bookings are available at [www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching](http://www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching)
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

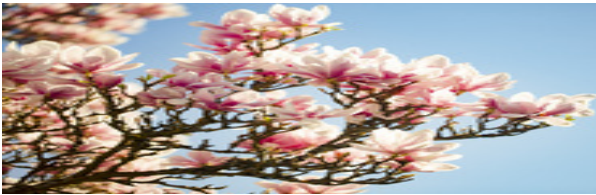
## Diary Dates

### May

Mon 5th	Bank Holiday
Tue 6th	Year 3 & 4 Gymnastic Competition (details to follow)
Mon 12th-Thu 15th	Year 6 SATs week (timetable and email to follow on Tuesday 6th May)
Thu 15th	Freinds of Farrington Gurney School movie night (see poster)
Fri 16th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am)
Mon 19th-Fri 23rd	Wellness Week



## Thought for the Week



***'Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."***  
**(John 11:41-42 NIV)**

Last week we looked at the time when Jesus spoke to Mary just after her brother Lazarus had died. This week, we are looking at what happened just before Jesus spoke to Lazarus asking him to come out of the tomb.

This is one of the difficult stories from the Bible. We can comfortably talk about much of what Jesus said. We can share stories of when he spoke to women or welcomed children who wanted a blessing. We can even get round the feeding of the five thousand or Jesus walking on water. But this story is often a challenge. Did it really happen? Is it true? If we believe it isn't true, can we just discount it? If it is true, what does this actually mean?

It says in the Bible ([John 11: 38-45](#)) that Jesus asked for the stone to be moved away. Martha, Lazarus's other sister, was probably shocked by this request. She felt it was appropriate to remind Jesus that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days and that there would probably be a nasty smell.

We don't know at what point in the story Jesus actually reversed or stopped the dying process. Had he actually been dead for four days? Had he started decaying? Was there a smell? We're not told. We are told that he came out of his own accord and that he was still wrapped in grave clothes. I'm assuming it was difficult for him to know where he was going, which is why Jesus may have called out in a loud voice, so Lazarus could walk towards the sound.

One of the interesting things is what Jesus says just before he tells Lazarus to come out. He prays to God, thanking him for always hearing him. I imagine that he is referring to what he had said in verse 40 about seeing 'the glory of God'. But what is even more interesting is he then goes on to say that he is only thanking God for hearing him for the benefit of those who were there - that it was the power of God that raised this man from the dead, not anyone or anything else.

Although this story is difficult to believe, for Christians this is a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry, because he uses it as proof of his divinity - 'I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

For many people it is easier to discount these events from Jesus' life; that although he was here and said some great things, we can choose to explain away the miracles. Otherwise we may need to take Jesus' claim seriously...that he was actually sent by God...that he actually is God.



Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:  
Father, I thank you  
for hearing my prayer.

I myself knew that you  
hear me always,  
but I speak for the sake of all these  
who are standing around me,  
so that they may believe  
it was you who sent me.

When he had said this,  
he cried in a loud voice,  
'Lazarus, come out!'

(John 11:41-43)