

# Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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## VE Day

VE Day was marked in school with the two minute silence and classes learning about the events of the first Victory in Europe day 80 years ago. All classes have created a string of bunting for a competition at tomorrow's village day and everyone is looking forward to the celebrations..



## Playleader training

Yesterday we had a visit from Brendan Rouse through the School Sports Partnership to deliver play leader training for our Year 5 pupils in preparation for play and zone leader roles in Year 6. There was lots of enthusiasm for the activities as they shared their learning with younger children in the afternoon, and games have continued at lunchtime today in the field.



## Gymnastics Competition

Some children from Seal class took part in the Year 3/4 gymnastics competition at Writhlington on Tuesday. Our level 1 team were the overall winners with Adalyn 2nd and Scarlett 3rd overall. Level 2 gymnasts came 6th out of the 12 schools represented. They all were amazing and Mrs Mathieson was very proud of their team work and enthusiasm as well as skills shown.



## Wellness Week

The staff have been very busy preparing for our Wellness Week which is running from the 19th to the 23rd May. We will be having themed days based on different aspects of well-being and promoting positive mental health with some special and returning visitors! As the school did last year, we will also be doing a whole school walk on the Friday afternoon finishing in the park at Farrington's. If you are a parent volunteer with a current DBS at school and available (and willing!) to assist with the walk , please could you email the school office.

**Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull**

## Diary Dates

### May

Mon 12th-Thu 15th	Year 6 SATs week (timetable and email to follow on Tuesday 6th May)
Thu 15th	Friends of Farrington Gurney School movie night (see poster)
Fri 16th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am)
Mon 19th-Fri 23rd	Wellness Week

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**VE80**  
**FARRINGTON GURNEY**  
**VILLAGE DAY**  
**SATURDAY**  
**10TH MAY**  
**FROM 12:00PM**  
**PERFORMANCES**

12:30pm - Opening Ceremony - Fahrenheit  
1:00pm - Phantom Live on Field Stage  
2:00pm - Memorial Garden Ceremony  
2:30pm & 4:00pm - Robinette's Live on Field Stage

**ACTIVITIES**

2:00PM-4:00pm - Face Painting & Temp Tattoos  
4:00pm - WORLD WATER WAR III.  
4:20pm - THE BIG RAFFLE DRAW!

12:00-4:00pm  
Penalty Shoot Out, Meet the Sheep,  
Play Your Cards Right, Bouncy Castle & Course,  
Tractor Rides, Tombola, Teddy Tombola,  
Scarecrow Show... AND MORE!

Bar Open All Day  
as well as a Cider Shack, BBQ,  
Afternoon Tea & other refreshments...

**EVENING - from 7:00PM**  
The Terry Hill Big Band  
An evening of music and dancing  
Tickets £10 per adult

**VE80 FARRINGTON GURNEY VILLAGE DAY**  
**SATURDAY 10TH MAY**  
**from 12pm**  
**JUNIOR RATION BOOKLET - JUST £10!**

GET READY FOR A FUN-FILLED ADVENTURE AT  
VE80 DAY WITH OUR JUNIOR RATION BOOKLET,  
DESIGNED TO KEEP KIDS (AND THE YOUNG AT  
HEART!) ENTERTAINED ALL DAY LONG.

FOR JUST £10, EACH BOOKLET INCLUDES 10  
EXCITING ACTIVITIES TO COMPLETE:

**Tombola**  
Bouncy Castle & Inflatable  
Assault Course (All-Day Pass)  
Play Your Cards Right Game  
Golf Darts  
Teddy Tombola  
Temporary Tattoo or Face Painting  
Tractor Ride  
Penalty Shoot Out  
VE Day Colouring In  
Scarecrow Vote Casting

As you visit each stall and complete an activity,  
get your booklet stamped. Once you've collected  
all 10 stamps, return your completed booklet to  
the VE Day Ticket Desk and claim your Ministry of  
Dina Ration Pack - bursting with sweets,  
chocolate, crisps and more!

And remember - grown-ups are welcome to join in  
too. After all, you're never too old for a bit of VE  
Day fun!

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

## 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** - Hope you are all looking forward to movie night if anyone hasn't managed to get a ticket you can email [fogfs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fogfs@hotmail.co.uk) closing date will be 11th May.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

## Community News

**EcoWild**  
You are Nature

**Holiday Adventure Club**  
Greyfield Wood, High Littleton  
27.05.25 & 28.05.25

A fun-filled Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds run by experienced  
outdoor practitioners. Expect activities such as den building,  
nature art & crafts, imaginative play, cooking snacks on the  
fire, treasure hunts, games & lots of nature connection!

10am - 3pm  
£35 p/child p/day & £25 p/sibling p/day

To book: [www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now](http://www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now) Email us: [hello@ecowild.org.uk](mailto:hello@ecowild.org.uk)

**LTA BIG TENNIS WEEKENDS** **BISHOP SUTTON Tennis Club**

**BISHOP SUTTON TENNIS CLUB**  
**ANNUAL OPEN DAY**  
**SUNDAY 18 MAY 2025**  
**11AM - 2PM**

**LTA YOUTH START**  
FUN SESSIONS FOR TOTS, MINIS AND 8-11

**MIXED TENNIS**  
CHALLENGES & GAMES FOR TEENS & ADULTS

**CARDIO TENNIS**  
HIGH IMPACT TENNIS DRILLS

**BEAT THE SPEEDGUN**  
HOW FAST CAN YOU SERVE?

**PLUS PICKLEBALL**  
TRY THE US'S FASTEST GROWING SPORT!

**PLUS REFRESHMENTS, BBQ  
AND CAKE STALL**

**MASSIVE 50% DISCOUNT ON ALL MEMBERSHIP  
PACKAGES UP TO AND INCLUDING THE OPEN DAY**

**FREE ENTRY - BISHOP SUTTON TENNIS CLUB BS39 5TW**

**SEND OUT!**  
**Spring Events**

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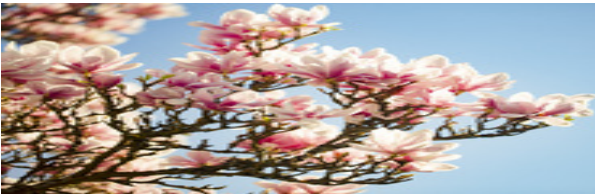
Welcome to the latest edition of our children and young people newsletter.  
We wanted to get in touch to let you know about the events that we have  
coming up soon.

All our events are free, some are in-person and others are held online. To book  
your place follow the links provided or visit the 'Events page' of our  
website: [www.sendiasbathnes.org.uk/events](http://www.sendiasbathnes.org.uk/events).

Happy reading!



## **Thought for the Week**



***'Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.'* (John 12:3 NIV)**

I consider this week's verse and passage one of the most beautiful moments in the whole of scripture. A version of the event is included in all four Gospels, but it is only in [John's Gospel](#) that the woman is named as Mary, the sister of Lazarus.



Whichever version you read, the woman who anoints Jesus is criticized by those in the room with them. Often this was Jesus' disciples, complaining because the perfume could have been sold and the money given to the poor. Although what they say might be noble and true, would they have actually carried this out? One of the disciples there was Judas, who may well have had other ideas of how to spend the money.

What makes this moment so special is that the woman isn't at all concerned with what the other people think. All she wants to do is demonstrate her love for Jesus. Whether this was out of gratitude for bringing her brother back to life, or in response to being forgiven, she doesn't mind if she looks foolish or is jeered at by others, she carries on regardless.

If we really love someone, we may go to great lengths to show it. We might buy them an expensive gift, or treat them to a holiday or a day trip. We might tell them in a card or share a song that says what we are finding difficult to say. Some of us might create something to show them how much we love them. But often if we really mean it, we won't stop to consider what others might think of us.

This is often the case for Christians. They love God and they want to tell him. And sometimes they want to tell others about it as well. And yes, often they can look a bit silly. Singing songs to God, raising their hands, praying and willing to get immersed under water to show that they want to follow Jesus' example in life. Often, it's a lack of understanding that makes people want to smile or laugh, but surely we can all understand what it means to do something out of love for someone. Unlike people, God is spirit and so we can't see him and so this makes it more difficult. But this is why Christians look to Jesus as the image of the invisible God. He came so we could understand better what God was like.

This week, take a moment to think about those people that you love and consider how you could demonstrate your love for them. And the next time you see someone looking foolish doing something for God, just remember Mary in today's passage. Remember...it's a demonstration of love!

*Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.*



*John 12:3*