



World Book Week

It has been a busy week as we have been celebrating book week with parent readers and poetry projects across the school. Many thanks to all those who came in and shared stories with the classes. Yesterday was World Book Day and as you can see, there was a tremendous effort put into the costumes and ideas for outfits. We really enjoyed seeing them all during our morning parade! We continue to support our children in developing a love for reading and have an online author booked in for next Thursday who will be talking to all of the classes.



Science Week

Although it is not technically until next week, Science week at Farrington Gurney has kicked off today with online live lessons for EYFS and Key Stage 1 about 'Remarkable Reptiles' and 'Reptiles Uncovered' for Key Stage 2, which the children really enjoyed.



We have a lot more exciting science planned for the children over the course of the week including science experiments every day in classes with themes including germs, changing states, surface tension and our main theme of adaptation. We look forward to sharing what the children have learnt with you next week.

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KATHERINE RUNDELL, one of the country's best loved children's writers, is returning to Bath this autumn for a special event to mark the release of her new book *The Poisoned King* - the next book in her epic and best-selling *Impossible Creatures* series.



Notices

- **Clubs** - all clubs are on next week.
- **Dance Umbrella Tickets** - KS1 Dance Club & Dolphin Class - Please remember to pay for your tickets so the office can allocate tickets to families. Thank you to those who have done this.
- **Music for Schools Lesson change** - No lesson on 27th March: this will be rescheduled.
- **Seal Class Bath Abbey Trip (3rd April)** - See details (late back) and consent/pay on parent pay.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Village Hall Playground** - the fence around the playground is being repaired from Sunday for a few days. The park will remain open but the area around the west fence will be taken out of use.

Diary Dates

March

Mon 10th	Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament (Norton Hill 4:00pm - 6:00pm)
Tue 18th	Dolphin Class visit to the Easter Experience at the Methodist Church
Wed 19th	Shark Class visit to the Easter Experience at the Methodist Church Parents' Evening (Year R-4: slots can be booked from Monday afternoon) Year 6 Cross Country Event (Somervale 4:00pm - 5:00pm)
Thur 20th	Turtle Class visit to the Easter Experience at the Methodist Church
Fri 21st	Celebration Assembly
Tue 25th	Dance Umbrella at the Forum, Bath
Mon 31st	Year 6 Residential Trip

April

Thur 3rd	Seal Class Trip to Easter Experience at Bath Abbey (Late back - see Parent Pay)
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Friends of Farrington Gurney School and Community News

We can't wait to see you all break out some moves on the floor at the disco!! This year we are raising money for new iPads for each class, so as ever we need your support!! Also our mothers and others day will be on Wednesday 26th March!

To FGS Mothers and Others Day Sale

Wednesday 26th March

Gifts will be sold during the school day

From £1 per gift

Children will be able to buy multiple gifts

FOFGS DISCO

Saturday 8th March
6:00 pm — 7:30 pm
Farrington Gurney Hall
£3 Per Child

- Bar Will Be Open
- Hot Dogs* Available £2
- Tuck Shop
- Glitter Face Art

Card Machine will be available at door for entry & Hot Dogs. Please bring change for Tuck Shop etc.
* Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk

Rules
All children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Children should remain in the hall, no re-entry.



Easter Holiday Clubs

Let's **Play, Move, Create, Discover & Nourish**

Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted	St Johns Primary School Midsomer Norton BA3 2JN	Mon 7th - Thursday 10th April 9-3pm HHH 9-1pm, extend till 3pm



"All 3 of my children came home full of joy."

Register for our community & **BOOK NOW!**

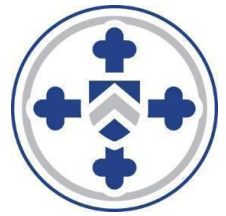
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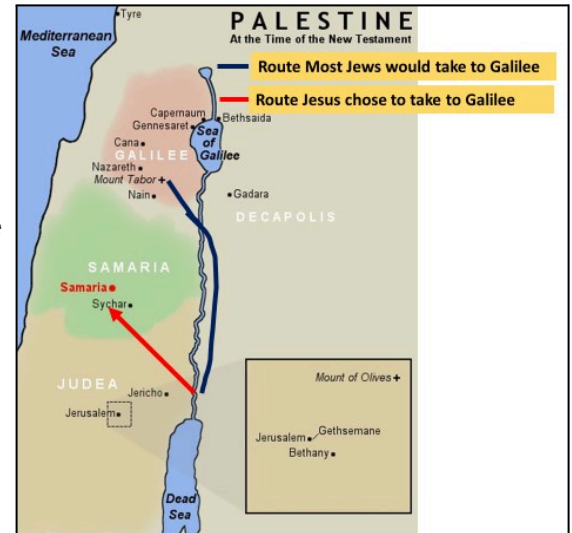
Thought for the Week

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth..." (John 4:23 NIV)

In [John chapter 4](#), Jesus and his disciples have left Judea in the South and are travelling to Galilee in the North. As you can see from the map, many Jews would have travelled around Samaria to get to Galilee. But not Jesus.

If you remember the parable of the Good Samaritan, you would probably know that the Samaritans and the Jews didn't see eye to eye. In fact, they seemed to do their best to avoid each other. But not Jesus.

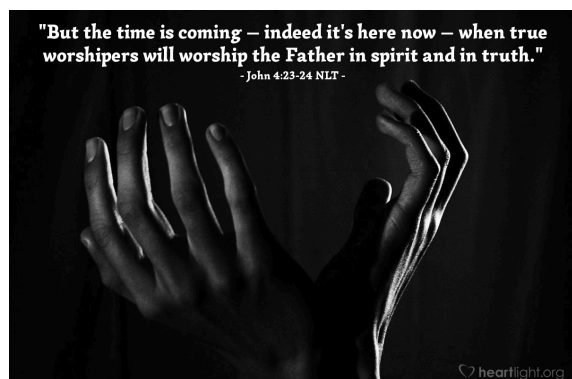
Not only does he deliberately travel into Samaria, he also speaks to a woman, which in those days was very uncommon - a rabbi talking to a woman on her own. Not only this, but the woman he speaks with was collecting water from the well at midday, the hottest part of the day. Most women collected water early in the morning or late in the afternoon, when it was cooler. For some reason, this woman wanted to avoid the other women. Because of her lifestyle choices, it is very likely that they would have shunned her. But not Jesus.



He asks her for a drink which she is surprised about, because as it says in the text 'Jews do not associate with Samaritans'. Jesus then talks to her about living water. He tries to get the conversation away from actual water and onto "spiritual water", something only he could offer her. But the woman doesn't get this and asks for this water so she won't have to keep drawing water from the well. Maybe many of us would give up at this point. But not Jesus.

He then asks her to call her husband and come back. She responds by saying she has no husband and this is when Jesus shows that he knows about her controversial lifestyle choices, that she has had five husbands and she is now with a man who she is not married to. In those days, many people would have been shocked and appalled by this. But not Jesus.

He continues to speak to her about how the differences between the ways Jewish and Samaritan people worship God won't matter anymore. It will no longer be about where you worship and your style of worship, but who you worship and that you worship "in spirit and in truth". Regardless of background, culture, race and even preferences, everyone would now be free to worship God truly. The woman then mentions the Messiah and how he will explain everything. Most people would point to someone else. But not Jesus.



"But the time is coming – indeed it's here now – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth."
- John 4:23-24 NLT -

He tells her that he is the Messiah, the chosen one, the Son of God and she goes off to tell everyone in the town all about him.

It is a wonderful example of how Jesus accepts us all, regardless of our past and our background, regardless of the mistakes and wrong choices we have made. Jesus offers us an opportunity for a new start, a new life and a way to meet with God through worship. Surely, for someone to offer all this, would be impossible. But not for Jesus.