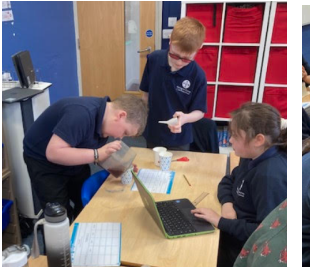




## Science week

It has been an exciting week with all classes participating in a range of science activities, including growing a rainbow and making lava lamps in Turtle Class, learning about changes of state through Oobleck, and making fireworks by mixing water and coloured oil in Shark Class, exploring electrical circuits and changes over time in Seal Class and exploring the impact of diameter of blood vessels on blood flow in Dolphin Class. A special thank you to Toby's mum (a senior specialist MRI radiographer) who visited Dolphin Class to help the children understand more about the heart and the circulatory system.



Shark Class also involved a tasting lesson where they tried sandwich fillings from different countries.

It has been lovely to see the children (and adults!) so enthused by science this week. If you are keen to continue experiments at home, there is a useful link [here](#) for some ideas to try.



## Comic Relief

Farrington Forum have arranged a non-uniform day for Friday 21st March to raise money for Comic Relief. They would like everyone to bring in a donation, which will be collected in the morning, and wear something red.

## Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

### Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament

On Monday we took a team of ten Year 3 and 4 children to the Small Schools' Football Tournament at Norton Hill and wow what an evening it was! The children showed strength, skill and courage in all of their matches. Our first game was against Kilmersdon, with a solid start, we won 2-0. It was onwards and upwards against St Mary's with an impressive 5-0 win! Our first loss came against a very strong Farmborough Reds, who we would meet again as we had secured a place to the next stages. Another astonishing 5-0 win against



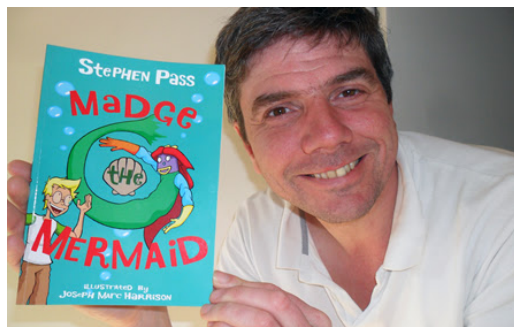
Trinity and the excitement was infectious, we were through to the final where we would face Farmborough Reds again. We were prepared this time and came to the final stronger than ever, the team even held their own team huddle before kick off! It was nail biting to the final whistle ending 3-2 to Farmborough Reds. What an amazing achievement with impressive performances from all involved. A special thank you to Mr Sadler and Mr Frampton who coached our team so well and our supporters who were undoubtedly the most enthusiastic of the entire tournament!

**Mrs Frampton**



### Neurodiversity news and events

March 17-21st is Neurodiversity Celebration week. We will be marking this in school with an assembly, and some posters around the school to spark conversation and raise awareness of neurodiverse thinking styles such as ADHD, autism, dyslexia and Tourettes. There is also a packed schedule of online events and interesting webinars over the week that you can join for free. The events are also recorded so can be viewed at a more convenient time. The link to book places is here: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events>.



**STEPHEN PASS**, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, author Stephen Pass held an online workshop with pupils yesterday. He read from his illustrated children's book 'Madge the Mermaid' about a mermaid created from items washed up on the beach. Stephen read the first two chapters to pupils, as well as showing them how the book was made. If your child would like a personal signed copy of 'Madge the Mermaid', these are available to buy, priced £7. Stephen can also offer signed copies of his latest book, 'Madge the Mermaid and the Attack of the Twins', again priced at £7. **To place an order and pay, please contact Mrs Glover for further details.**

### Notices

- **Clubs** - all clubs are on next week. **Mr Phillips sends his apologies to his football club, due to the unavoidable cancellation this week. He shall run lunchtime clubs on the next 2 Tuesdays for the children to make up for this missed session. They will not change into football kit for these sessions.**
- **Dance Umbrella Tickets** - There are 4 spare tickets available. We are initially offering these to the parents of children attending in Year 6 and then we will open this up to Year 5 and Dance Club families. If your Year 6 child is attending and you would like an additional ticket please email the office by Monday (17th) at 10am. Those who email will be drawn from a hat and we will contact you. Regarding costumes, transport and final details - correspondence has been sent on ParentPay for Dolphin Class, please consent as soon as possible (and by paper letter home for Dance Club).
- **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.

### Diary Dates

#### March

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, non-uniform day - bring a donation for Comic Relief
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)
Fri 4th	School Easter Service at St John's Church, 9.15

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## Friends of Farrington Gurney School and Community News



Thank you to everyone who came to the disco on Saturday night and we hope you all had a great time!

We managed to raise £155, so thank you so much!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 26th March at The Farrington Inn and all are welcome!

### Village Pollinator Party

We're pleased to announce our next Pollinator Party is **Sunday 16th March at 11am** in the Village Hall. It kicks off with a fashion show of pre-loved/re-loved clothing! There will be plenty for the less fashion-minded too: we are kicking off an aluminium recycling project to help fund initiatives in the village (thanks to RJKing) and to go with that, you can make your own can crusher. Why? The flatter it is, the more recyclables can travel in a single van, the fewer vans on the road. (Also, kids find it VERY satisfying flattening the cans!)

We have some wonderful talks on moths and butterflies, how to get plastic out of the oceans, and on green initiatives in neighbouring villages.

Not forgetting: Seed bombs and a free lunch! And... Plant giveaway: all plants chosen to attract beautiful butterflies to our beautiful village.

So put the date in your diary now – and bring the whole family!

And don't forget the litter pick on **February 16th at 9am**. Free hot drinks and cake for all litter pickers!

### **The Bath Archaeo-Heritage Film Festival 2025**

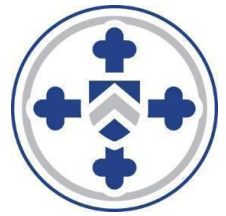
**Thu 9 – Sun 13 April**

**Head to the Bath Archaeo-Heritage Film Festival this April for a mix of films, crafts and history talks. From the Stone Age and 'The Croods', to 'Horrible Histories' and the Romans, we've got activities for everybody! We're delighted to be hosting workshops by local illustrators and have a range of speakers including Dominic Brigstocke, the Director of the Horrible Histories TV show. Book your space at [BAHfilmfestival.co.uk](http://BAHfilmfestival.co.uk)**

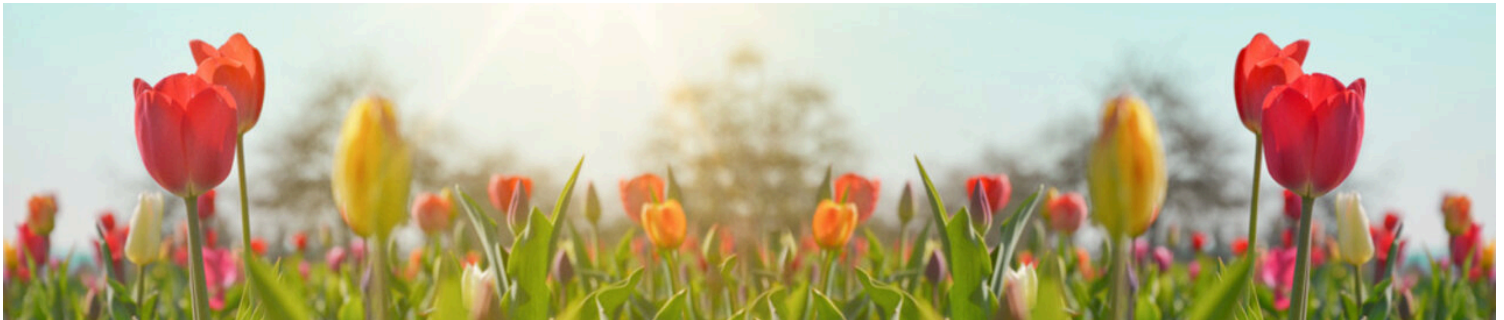


Keynsham Cricket Club are running their multi sport holiday club at Keynsham Cricket Club during the Easter holidays. Join the fun for £22 a day.

Full information, dates and online booking are available at [www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching](http://www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching)



## **Thought for the Week**



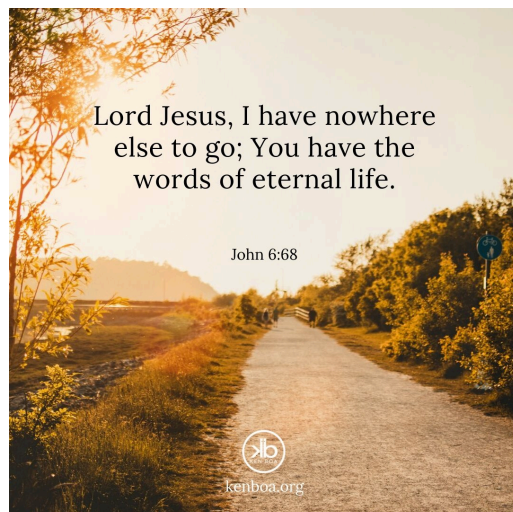
***'Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."  
(John 6:68 NIV)***

Previously to Peter saying these words, lots has happened. It is likely by this point that the disciples would have witnessed Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana (John 2), Jesus' conversations with both Nicodemus (John 3) and the Samaritan woman (John 4), Jesus healing an invalid (John 5), Jesus feeding the five thousand and Jesus walking on water (John 5). A lot of what the disciples would have witnessed were Jesus miracles. But interestingly, Peter doesn't pick up on what Jesus has done, but what he has said - "You have the *words* of eternal life", not the actions.

Right before this verse, Jesus had said some things about himself that led to many people no longer following him. Referring back to the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus talks about himself as being the 'bread of life' - that by eating his flesh and drinking his blood, they could have eternal life. It is easy to misunderstand what Jesus is saying here and some of the people at the time took him literally and walked away, not wishing to partake in cannibalism! But Jesus was referring firstly to his crucifixion and secondly to the act of communion.

For thousands of years, under Jewish law, the only way to be forgiven for the wrong things people did was to sacrifice animals. By shedding the blood of bulls, sheep, goats, doves and pigeons, it was believed that this would purify people from their sin, that the sacrifices paid for the sinful acts. Jesus is saying that by dying and shedding his own blood, he was paying the ultimate sacrifice for everyone. By taking

communion, Christians are reminded of this sacrifice regularly and it allows them to say thank you again and say sorry for the wrong things they have done.



Lord Jesus, I have nowhere else to go; You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:68



Although it is likely at this point that Peter and the other disciples didn't fully understand what Jesus was saying, they did recognise his authority and that what he was saying was having a profound effect upon them. When you spend a lot of time with someone, like the disciples had, what they say often does have an effect on your own beliefs and behaviour.

For many people around the world, reading and listening to the things that Jesus said, does have a profound effect on the way they live their lives and many people agree with what Peter says here. There is nowhere else they can go, no one else they can listen to. Only Jesus has the words of eternal life.