



School Open Mornings

We are holding two Open Mornings on Tuesday 14th October and Thursday 13th November. Please contact the school on 01761 452419 or email office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk to book a place or to arrange a separate viewing.

Dolphin Class Evacuee Experience

On Wednesday, our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a great day out at Midsomer Norton Railway with an evacuee experience linked to their World War Two topic. They told us that they particularly enjoyed looking out of the window and waving as they went along on the steam train, as well as finding out what jobs they had been allocated ranging from working in a post office to working as a blacksmith. They also heard an evacuee story and scrambled planes from a control centre. They came back buzzing with excitement for their topic!



Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents and carers who managed to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions after school on Wednesday. For those of you who couldn't make it, please remember to visit the class pages for information about routines, timetables and what your child is learning. You can also email your child's class teacher at classname@farrington.mnsp.org.uk with any queries. We will continue to welcome parents and carers into school between 3:15 and 3:30 on Wednesdays if you would like to come in and have a look at your child's books.

Thanks to our Volunteers

We would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers able to help again this year and to those who have helped our school over the past few years, but who are now unable to do so again due to other commitments. They all make, and have made, a huge contribution to learning and breadth of experiences across the school for all our children.

We welcome volunteers to help in school, either on a regular basis supporting in classrooms, reading, or as one-off helpers on school trips or to share an area of expertise with groups of children. If you're thinking about volunteering to support the school or because you are considering a career in education, please do come and ask at the office where you can find out more details and get an application pack. Please also note that all volunteers are required to complete a number of safeguarding checks prior to commencing their volunteering.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



A message from the School Nursing Team

"We are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on emotional health and well-being, hosted by the School Aged Health Service. The session will take place on 17th of September 2025 at 11am and is specifically designed for parents and carers.

This is a repeat of previous sessions delivered, so if you missed it last time, we encourage you to take this opportunity to attend.

If you would like to join, please use the links or QR code below to sign up.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29aaa760-d70e-4bc5-9dab-550f9d87425e@2c2b1ee0-a8a1-49e6-a820-5ce4890cf466>

Notices

- **Arbor** - 94% of Parents have now logged into Arbor which is where your child's details are recorded and will be where we send future emails. We re-sent at 12:11 Thursday 4th September the activation details to those parents who have not yet created an account. Please check your email inbox (or SPAM).
- **Arbor for those with children in 2 different schools** - If you are having problems logging into the Arbor portal due to your children being at different schools. Please see [here](#) the link to the guidelines
- **Clubs** - All clubs are running next week.
- **Data Collection/Pupil File Update** - In previous years we have sent home data collection sheets for you to check and return to the school office. This year, as Parents now have access to all of the personal information held for you and your child on the Parent App within Arbor, we ask that you spend some time to ensure that all the information that we hold is correct and to update if necessary (particularly medical and photo permission). We shall continue to use the photo consents which we held for last year until advised otherwise.
- **Dinners** - Please remember the cut off for dinner bookings is Thursday midnight for the following week or alternatively please send your child/ren with a packed lunch. Those with children who joined reception can now book their meals and those who moved from year 2 to 3 can now pay for those booked in the holiday.
- **Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation** - Please consent yes or no via the email sent home on Wednesday.
- **Music Lessons** - with Music for Schools & WEMA start back again next week.
- **Reception Year** - Message from the School Nurses Team was sent home by email on Tuesday. If you have not actioned this already please complete the online questionnaire by clicking [here](#). Thank you.
- **School Photos** - Nigel Coles will be in school on Monday 29th September to take the children's individual and sibling photos. We are able to offer parents who also have pre-school siblings a joint photo (if you would like to do this, arrive at 8.10am at the school gate and make your way to the rear entrance to Shark Class). If your class has PE that day, the children should arrive in uniform and bring PE Kit to change into after the photos.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Diary Dates

September

Mon 15th	New reception intake attend full time
Fri 26th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)
Mon 22nd	Friends Meeting at Farrington Inn 8pm - all welcome
Mon 29th	Individual Photos with Nigel Coles AM Flu Nasal Immunisations with School Nurse Team PM

October

Wed 1st	Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Event (3:30-5:00pm) Odd Down. Permission letters sent home
Fri 10th	Harvest Festival (9:00am -10:00am at St John's Church)
Tue 14th	School Open Morning (9:30-11:30am)
Fri 17th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)
Thu 23rd	Term 1 ends for pupils
Fri 24th	INSET Day

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Newsletter 2 - September 12th 2025



Message from Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

You should have hopefully all had a paper letter from us, explaining who we are and what we do. If you are interested please come along to our first meeting on Monday 22nd September at 8pm at Farrington Inn. We have some exciting new events this year & would love some new faces with more new ideas.

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VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Sendias Bathnes offers free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers

We are now recruiting for Meeting Support Volunteers to join our friendly and professional team


Are you able to give a few hours a week / fortnight to support families in meetings, taking notes for them? This is an interesting and flexible role during term time and full training is provided

For further information and to apply please visit sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us

Closing date: 5pm on 26th September 2025

Call us: 01225 394382
Email us: sendias@bathnes.gov.uk
Text: 07530263401

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A free themed story and craft session aimed at age six and under - siblings welcome

10:30-11:30 in Timsbury Library - YMCA building BA2 OJH

Saturday 13th September / 18th October / 15th November

Bath Children's Literature Festival, in association with Longleat, will run from Friday 26 September to Sunday 5 October, bringing some of the biggest and best loved names in the world of children's books to a family audience of thousands.

Over ten days the festival will offer over 90 live events including Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Liz Pichon, Rob Biddulph, The Gruffalo, and Cressida Cowell, and a series of FREE festival events for all the family. It's the largest dedicated Children's Literature Festival in the UK. Don't miss it!

Book tickets here:

<https://bathboxoffice.org.uk/whats-on?genre=s%5B%5D=97#anchorFilters>

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MUSIC & ARTS

DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days take place each term and are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or visit wema.org.uk/discoveryday





Thought for the Week

"Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand." (Psalm 73:23 - NIV)

I'm not sure if you're into poetry at all, but many of us enjoy song lyrics, a rhyme in a birthday card or a cheeky limerick. We may struggle more with a sonnet or a ballad and most of us wouldn't even consider reading a psalm from the Bible.

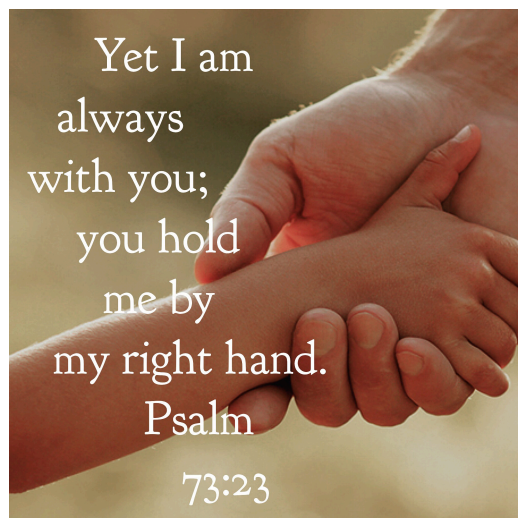
It's a shame really, because there is some beautifully written poetry within the Book of Psalms. Ok, there's 150 of them, but you don't need to read them all at once. Maybe one a week as a start. And there are some that are more accessible than others. Don't necessarily start at Psalm 1 and read them numerically. [Psalm 23](#) is a good one to start with (you may even recognise it) and then maybe Psalms [46](#), [91](#) and [139](#).

The psalm our verse comes from isn't one of these. Most of the psalms were written by King David, you know the guy that defeated Goliath with a small pebble, but this psalm isn't one of his either.

It's written by a guy called Asaph and it is believed he was a well known priest who was also a musician that lived around the same time as King David. He wrote 12 of the Psalms and [Psalm 73](#) is believed to be his most well known song. If you have time, maybe take a look at it.

What is wonderful about this song is Asaph's honesty. He starts off by stating his belief that God has got his best interests at heart, but he then goes on for several verses about how he isn't really seeing this. In fact quite the opposite! While he feels irritated and distressed every day, with 'every morning bringing new punishments', other people, those who don't follow God, seem to be winning at life. They are healthy and strong, they don't get ill, they accumulate money and they don't seem to suffer the stresses and strains that poor Asaph seems to be dealing with. Although he is telling God this, he makes it clear that he didn't want to complain to other believers about it because he was worried about the impact it would have on them and their faith.

In the second half of the psalm though, Asaph turns things around and recognises that although these other people seem to have it all, there's one thing they are lacking and that is God's love. He talks about them being on 'slippery ground', that without God in their lives, there is no security, for this life or for the next.



Yet I am
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Psalm
73:23

Towards the end of the psalm (from verse 23), Asaph tells God just how amazing it is to have him in his life. Today's verse is just the start. Asaph goes on to say how wonderful it is to have God guiding him in life, that nothing on Earth is anywhere near as beautiful. And although he will grow old and die, he knows that it is God who will keep him steady and that he is everything he needs, forever.

I don't know about you, but being certain that there is someone who is all knowing, all loving and all powerful who is metaphorically holding your hand everyday must make a real difference to your life. However hard life is, surely this will more than tip the balance?

Mr Marvin