



Arbor/Data Collection

In previous years we have sent home data collection sheets for you to check and return to the school office. This year, as all 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. We receive a notification for all the changes you make so that we are aware of them as well.

School Uniform

We would like to remind you of our school uniform as below. While the majority of children are adhering to this, there are a few who have returned to school wearing items that are not on the list. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Either a white shirt, white blouse or white polo shirt (with or without a school logo) can be worn. A dark blue polo shirt is also acceptable.

Navy blue school jumper or cardigan with the school logo on.

Grey or black trousers, skirt, or shorts (knee-length) or blue gingham summer dress / grey pinafore dress.

Black, grey, navy or white socks. Black, navy or grey tights.

Black shoes, (boot style footwear is acceptable during the winter months) No trainers unless there are medical or specific known needs.

PE Kit: children should wear t-shirts with a school logo in their house colours. We encourage the use of the school hoodies, but other plain blue hoodies are acceptable. Suitable navy or black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms. Trainers are preferred to daps/plimsolls.

Other than stud earrings, no jewellery (necklaces, bracelets etc) is allowed to be worn. No make up is to be worn including nail varnish. All long hair must be tied up. Watches to help children learn to tell the time are encouraged, however these must not be 'smart watches'.



Reception Starters

Our newest members of Turtle Class have settled in brilliantly. They have enjoyed making books and have loved The Colour Monster. Mrs Frampton has been impressed with their counting, and how they made nature faces with snippings from the trees. Reading with their Year 6 buddies has also proved to be very popular, and they have also enjoyed playing with their buddies at lunchtimes.



Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

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Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs are running next week.
- **Dinners** - Please remember the cut off for dinner bookings is Thursday midnight for the following week.
- **Dinners - New Menu.** This is an advance warning that the Catering Team has advised that the dinner menu will be completely updated for Term 2. We will keep you informed once we have received the new menu.
- **Dolphin Swimming Transport** - Thank you to all who have paid the contribution to swimming transport for the whole term. Please can those paying weekly do so as soon as possible ahead of each session.
- **Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation** - Please consent yes or no via the email that we have resent today.
- **Parent Pay** - It has come to our attention from ParentPay that there is a FAKE Apple Store App for ParentPay. Action is being taken to have it removed. Please be aware that ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app stores. To use ParentPay, parents should visit the website from a mobile phone or computer. (After logging in, the parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen).
- **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 their PE Kit to change into after the photos.
- **SS Great Britain Trip** - KS1 are visiting SS Great Britain on 22nd October. Please see ParentPay to consent/pay.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Threadworms** - We have been advised that some children have needed to be treated for threadworms at home, and ask that you ensure your children are washing their hands frequently and properly at home. Classes shall similarly remind the children to do this particularly before break and lunch times. If you need further advice, please see [here](#).



Diary Dates

September

Mon 22nd	Friends of Farrington Gurney Meeting at Farrington Inn 8pm - all welcome
Fri 26th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)
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 (3:30pm-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 (9:30am-11:30am)
Fri 17th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)
Wed 22nd	KS1 Trip to SS Great Britain (please consent/pay via Parent/Pay)
Thu 23rd	Term 1 ends for pupils
Fri 24th	INSET Day

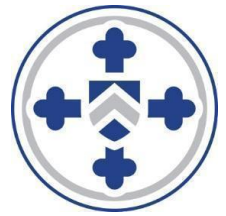
School Open Mornings

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.

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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.

Community News

Coming
soon...



New children's Nursery opening soon at Farrington's Farm.

We are creating a safe, caring, and stimulating environment where babies aged 0–3 years can explore, grow, and thrive on the unique surroundings of a working farm — with open fields, fresh country air, and even cows grazing just outside.



Join our Waiting List!



LittleLambsNursery.co.uk



info@littl lambsnursery.co.uk



Music Production Courses

Want to learn about music production and get a solid grounding in production techniques? WEMA have partnered with Bath College to run three 10-week courses.

Students will create an original piece of music using Logic Pro X with prompts provided by Bath College lecturers and WEMA staff. All levels of experience welcome.

Course 1: Wednesdays, 24 Sep–3 Dec (Oct half term off).

Course 2: Wednesdays, 4 Jan 2026 – 25 Mar (Feb half term off)

Course 3: Wednesdays, 22 April – 1 July (May half term off)

Details and booking at:
wema.org.uk/music-production-courses

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POLLINATOR PARTY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025
'WILDLIFE IN YOUR GARDEN'

We'd like your wildlife-themed pictures for a competition.

The bees are busy and there are many butterflies and other insects pollinating plants. Many of you have bird feeders that offer great photo opportunities. And there are still hedgehogs and the odd fox or badger sharing our gardens, so if you're lucky enough you might capture a photo of one of those.

RULES

Up to three entries per person. And we need to know your age

The four categories are:

0 - 8 yrs: 9 - 14 yrs: 15 - 18 yrs: Over 18's

In addition, you may enter one garden wildlife picture with a comic caption.

Judging is open to all attending the pollinator party on October 12th
The winner in each category will be the most popular by the end of the day.

Please send digital entries with your name and age by email to:
green.farrington@gmail.com

Or if you want to enter a print, leave in a clearly marked envelope in the black post box on the Manor House gate.
We can't guarantee you will get them back.

Entries no later than October 5th please.



Thought for the Week

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35 - ESV)

Have you ever been in a situation where you've felt really hungry? When your stomach just won't shut up! Or maybe you remember a time when you were desperate for a drink? Maybe it was over the summer, with the really hot weather. I wonder if you've ever felt left out amongst a group of people? It might be you were invited to something where you didn't know anyone else apart from the person who bought you...and they went off chatting with someone else, leaving you to fend for yourself.

My wife once took me to a dinner where I didn't know anyone else. She sat with me, so I didn't feel abandoned, but unfortunately we were in Germany and unlike her, I spoke very little of the home language. For most of the evening, it went well. My wife was kind enough to translate as much as she could. Unfortunately, there was one moment when one of the guests said something really funny and everyone burst out laughing...except me. My wife tried to translate, but she was laughing so much it was difficult for her. Although I had been welcomed, I really felt left out. I felt like a stranger.

Most of us, if we are honest, have friends who are very much like us. We might have friends who work in the same place as us, or are at the same stage in life. They are often similar in age, have shared interests and agree with a lot of the things we feel are important in life. It is likely that they have a shared cultural background. It is likely that they are the same colour.

In today's society, we are asked to notice difference - to notice it and to celebrate it. Although we live in a multicultural and diverse country and it is easy to see difference, instead of embracing it and celebrating it, we may try to distance ourselves from it.

Or ignore it.

Or reject it.

In today's verse, Jesus is clear about how we should treat other people, especially those who



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MATTHEW 25:35**

are in need, physically or emotionally. And he doesn't make any exceptions. We're not asked to feed only those who live on our street, or to only give a drink to our best friends. He doesn't ask us to only welcome those from the same background as us or who look like us. Jesus says in a later verse, 'Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40 - The Message)

It is unlikely this week that you will meet anyone who is in this sort of need, but what would you do if you did? How would you react? As a fellow human being, made in the image of God, could you help them?

Mr Marvin