



Ofsted Report

Following our inspection back in April, a report has now been published on the Somerset Live website. Please follow this link to read it if you haven't already seen it. - [Inspectors say pupils flourish in this warm and ambitious village school - Somerset Live](#)

PGCE Student

We have welcomed Miss Emily Carroll to Seal Class this week. Miss Carroll will be with us for the next few months as part of her teaching experience for her PGCE course. She is already enjoying getting to know the children in the class and will be supporting and teaching groups over the coming weeks.

Times Tables Rockstars

Gournay Year 6s won the first TTRS House Battle of the Year. They won by two points beating Azelin and Mogg into second and third places. TTRS is a great way to improve speed and recall of times tables facts which really helps with maths understanding and problem solving.



Harvest

With our Harvest Festival just a couple of weeks away, here are the items that the Somer Valley Foodbank are most in need of this Autumn.

Food items:

- Vegetarian Meals (Tinned) Custard (Tinned)
- Long Life Juice
- Milk (UHT)
- Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- Soup (Tinned)

Non-Food items:

- Deodorant
- Single Toothbrushes
- Shampoo

As in previous years, children can bring in items on the morning of Harvest (Friday 10th October) and then we will take the items up to the Church with us, before they are distributed locally.

School garden

This week we have welcomed back Sara Price who has kindly offered to continue volunteering to guide groups of children with growing plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables in our school garden as well as developing and maintaining it over the coming winter months. This week, the children in Year 6 brought back with them a hoard of tomatoes, apples and horseradish. Dolphin Class will continue their weekly visits throughout this term.



Pet allergy updates

We are very excited to soon be welcoming some new additions to the school family. If your child has any allergies or sensitivities that you are aware of to guinea pigs or to hay, please could you email Mrs Geeson (cgeeson@farrington.mnsp.org.uk) so that we can ensure this is safely managed.

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.
- **Dolphin Swimming Transport** - Thank you to all who have paid the contribution to swimming transport for the whole term. Please can those paying weekly continue to do so ahead of each session.
- **Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation** - Final call for any consent forms ahead of the immunisations on Monday.
- **School Photos** - A reminder that 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 on Monday, the children should arrive in uniform and bring their PE Kit to change into.
- **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.

Diary Dates

September

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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Community News



School Aged Health Service Webinars for Parents

The School Aged Health Service is offering free webinars focused on Sleep and Emotional Health and Wellbeing for parents and carers of primary school-aged children. These sessions will provide information and practical tips to help children build healthy sleep habits and emotional resilience.

To sign up, please scan the QR code below. These webinars are also available to view afterwards via the School-Aged Health Service website under 'Helpful Advice':



Sleep Webinar

Dates: **Weds 22nd Oct 25**
Time: 13:00-14:00

Date: **Weds 3rd Dec 25**
Time: 13:00-14:00



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.



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9.45AM - 18 MONTH TO 3 YEARS
10.40AM - 3 TO 5 YEARS
11.35AM 5-7 YEARS



You are Nature

Children's Half Term Workshops

Greyfield Wood, High Littleton

Fun filled workshops that offer the opportunity for children to explore, learn new skills and get inspired by the natural world, whilst spending lots of time outdoors in the magical Greyfield Wood!

Halloween Forest Crafts - Thursday 30th October

Fairy Tale Survival Skills - Friday 31st October

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



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Thought for the Week

"People, trust God all the time. Tell him all your problems, because God is our protection."
62:8 - NCV)

(Psalm



One of the things I enjoyed as a child was a real sense of safety. Not all children are assured this, but for the majority of us our parents or carers often did whatever they could to shelter us from the world outside.

But this is becoming harder and harder as time marches on. When I was growing up, there was one screen in the house and three channels (four channels by the time I was 10). Older children would knock on our door from October to December, either to ask for a treat, a penny for a guy or some money for singing some carols, but they were relatively harmless. One of the local dads did punch the vicar in the face once for not letting him and his family into the primary school fair without paying. It would have only been a nominal fee, but they didn't want to pay and he made this very clear after the reverend asked them not to climb over the boundary fence.

Apart from that one small incident, I think I was quite well protected, at least until reaching secondary school. As a parent myself, I have always wanted to keep my own children safe, but this is an ongoing battle in this day and age. At the last count, including work laptops, there are 13 screens in our house, so there is always access to the internet and even with parental controls in

place, there is still content that "slips through". Going to the local park, visiting pubs and restaurants or using public transport, it is clear that words that may not be allowed until after 9pm on television are rife elsewhere at any time. Although living in an area that is reasonably quiet and peaceful, we have still observed at least one example of severe criminal damage, something that left us all deeply upset and feeling very unsafe.

The Psalms in the Bible, despite being between 3 and 4,000 years old, are often still so applicable. [Psalm 62](#) was one of King David's psalms and it talks about him finding rest in God, his 'rock and salvation'. In verse 8, which is today's verse, David tells us to 'always put our trust in God' and that we can 'tell him all our problems'. For those of you with a faith, you might be able to relate to this. Do you share your problems with God? Do you know you can always trust him?

Finally, David tells us that 'God is our place of safety'. Can we really trust God that much and enjoy that real sense of safety? Even in 2025?

I know it is something we would all love to experience, to have a deep assurance that everything will be all right, regardless of which countries are at war, regardless of who is leading 'the free world', regardless of which groups are on a peaceful protest march, bellowing their demands.

For many people around the world, knowing God's peace is a reality. They know that he is in control and that he is the one who they can rely on. That doesn't mean bad things don't happen, but ultimately he is with them through every experience, good or bad. Isn't that something worth investing in?