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Remembering 9/11: 25 Years On

For many, 9/11 remains a defining moment in history, highlighting both the vulnerability of communities and the strength shown in times of crisis. New Yorkers came together in remarkable ways, donating blood, volunteering their time, supporting grieving families, and helping recovery efforts at Ground Zero.

2,977 people were killed including, 343 FDNY firefighters, 23 NYPD officers, and 37 Port Authority Police officers. 4343 people have died since.

.Reflection Questions:

- Why do you think it is important to continue remembering significant historical events such as 9/11, even 25 years later?
- What lessons about community, resilience, and compassion can we learn from the way people responded to the events of 9/11?



Glastonbury confirms ticket sale dates - and highest ever price

After taking a fallow year in 2026, the Glastonbury Festival has confirmed that tickets for next year's event will go on sale in October. Tickets for the weekend will cost £408 including a £5 booking fee per ticket - an increase of £29.50 from 2025.

Tickets for the festival typically sell out in less than an hour, with thousands of fans joining online queues to fight for their place.

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Festival prices rise across the board

The increase is part of a pattern across the industry. Analysis by BBC News found the cost of attending the UK's major festivals has surged over the past decade - rising above the rate of inflation.

Discuss: Are festivial tickets value for money?

Did you know?

Driving test waiting times remain high, with learners waiting an **average of 20 weeks** to secure a practical test slot.

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COLLEGE & OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Police made three arrests during a proactive town centre operation in Weston-super-Mare at the Italian Gardens on the morning of 4 September.

The neighbourhood policing team said the operation demonstrates its ongoing commitment to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in Weston town centre.



Olivier Grossetête

Boost your CV with Community Collaboration

COMMUNITY ART OPPORTUNITY

World-renowned visual artist Olivier Grossetête, is coming to Weston Super Mare, working with Super Culture Weston to reimagine Birnbeck peir as a cardboard installation. Our community is invited to get involved. Contact Super Culture Weston

Get involved:

Friday 18 to 25 September 2026 – Construction Workshops: Free sessions where communities help make the parts for the monument.

Saturday 26 September 2026 – Build it up: A collective building effort at Prince Consort Gardens to bring the pier to life.

Sunday 27 September 2026 – Knock it down: The following day, communities gather once more to dismantle the structure together.

GOOD NEWS

The award winning Strawberry Line

The Strawberry Line in Somerset (from Cheddar to Yatton) has been voted Britain's favourite path by walking charity The Ramblers. Once a railway line used to transport strawberries, it has been transformed by volunteers into a 20-mile route for walkers, cyclists and wheelchair users. The award highlights the importance of accessible green spaces and the role local communities play in maintaining them.



Sporting news from Australia

Jai Arrow a rugby league player, received an emotional farewell in his 100th appearance for the South Sydney Rabbitohs after retiring earlier this year following a Motor Neurone Disease (MND) diagnosis. The NRL granted special permission for Arrow to take part in the Rabbitohs' final matches, allowing him to reach the milestone.