





Your Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Fennelly

If you have a worry you can talk to your teacher or an adult you trust. We also have other important people in school who know what to do if you have a serious worry - their pictures are below:



Mrs Fennelly Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Richards

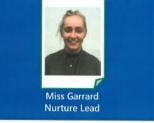






Mrs De Board Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Holland **Gruffalo Class Teacher Inclusion Leader**







Date	Year group	Event
16th December	Whole School	Re-Order Friday meals on School Grid
4th January 2023	Whole School	We welcome our Children back at 8:45am
5th January		6pm, Open evening for prospective new children & parents September 2023
l I th January 5:45pm	Year 6	Year 6 Parent Meeting re Year 6 Statutory Tests





Dear Parents and Carers,

After a very successful term, it just leaves me to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Enormous thanks from me for your continued support of your child's education and the school.

Please take care and I look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Mrs Fennelly



Water temperatures can be extremely cold in the UK and in winter can plummet to below zero.

Here are some top safety tips for keeping safe:

- Do not walk or play on ice
 - Keep your pets away from ice and on leads at all times
- If your pet enters extremely cold water, do not attempt to rescue them yourself - you could put yourself in danger and they are more likely to rescue themselves
- If you go for a walk near cold water, try and go during daylight hours when visibility is good. If not, make sure the route is well lit
- Stay away from the water's edge



If you see someone else in the water:

- Do not go into the water to rescue them. You could get into trouble yourself
- Call 999 and ask for the fire service and be as precise as you can with the location
- Tell the struggling person to float on their back in a star shape
- Throw something that may help them float

 like a branch, an inflatable ball or even a
 water bottle

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Download the what3words app to help give emergency services your precise location



Follow these safety tips and enjoy a safe time by the water. Find out more by visiting www.northantsfire.gov.uk/safety/water-safety @NorthantsFire

#safe4winter

If you find yourself in the water:

- Relax and float on your back to catch your breath. Try to get hold of something that will help you float
- Keep calm then call for help or swim for safety if you're able





Crafty Christmas Trees Would you like to get crafty? How about trying these Christmas trees by Darryl Wakelam? Follow the link here for instructions-

<u>Crafty Christmas Trees</u> <u>Darrell Wakelam</u>





Rocking Reindeer

Would you like to get crafty? How about trying this Rocking Reindeer by Darryl Wakelam? Follow the link here for instructions-<u>Rocking Reindeer —</u> **Darrell Wakelam**



Congratulation to Eviee who was invited to a Christmas party by Dame Andrea Leadsom after she had entered her Christmas Card Competition





Festive Events

For festive events across Northamptonshire, take a look at the link here-

<u>Christmas events across West</u> <u>Northamptonshire | West</u> <u>Northamptonshire Council</u> <u>(westnorthants.gov.uk)</u>



Merry Christmas



In-between eating your Christmas chocolates and mince pies why not try The Grinch Freeze. Its full of lots of dance moves and yoga poses.

Merry Christmas everyone and stay active.

Miss Bland

Follow the link below to access the activity: https://youtu.be/O98WzXb4EQc



Santa is Coming to Blacky More (Butts Road)

Monday Dec 19th 2022 at 5:00 - 7:00 pm





Santa and his sleigh will be passing your street on the date shown with his Rotary helpers stopping at "Sleigh stops"

Collecting money for the local Com-

munity



For details of all routes, times and stops are on our web page at

www.tinyurl.com/rotarybecketsantadates

or flash the QR Code

A list of Santa's Sleigh Stops are shown below but please note:

The tour may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons outside Santa's control. Time will not always permit Santa to cover the complete route

Santa and his helpers will be collecting money to support local good causes

Please do not approach the sleigh whilst it is moving

Precise times cannot be guaranteed so try tracking #NorthamptonSanta with Glimpse

http://glympse.com/!northamptonsanta

Approximate Times for Santa Stops

5.00 pm - 5.25 pm Tesco Express Butts Rd, Northampton NN4 OUE (Start Point)

5.30 pm. Tiffany Gardens (Stop 1)

5.50 pm. Junction Sheffield Way/Shard Close (Stop 2)

6.10 pm. Sandover (Stop 3)

6.30 pm. Brashland Drive/Shatterstone (Stop 4)

6.50 pm. Oakgrove Place (Stop 5)









ls it nicer to give or receive presents?





Holiday Fun



What do I need?

Packed Lunch and plenty of drinks. Wear clothes suitable for moving freely and trainers/plimsolls. must drop off and pick up children.

Queries?

Email- msmith@northamptonesco.co.uk or 07917 535 762



	Christmas 2022 Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd December										
Monday 19 th	Tuesday 20 th	Wednesday 21 st	Thursday 22 nd	Friday 23 rd	Venue						
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	Karma Kids	Karyma Kids	Karma Kids		Weston Favell Primary School,						
Arts and Crafts	Games	Arts and Crafts	Arts and Crafts	Science	Westwood Way, Northampton NN3 3HH.						
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Coloured Raffle Hampers

The raffle has been drawn- congratulations to all the lucky winners, we raised: £1,400!





Try our festive puzzles, you could even make your own to share with us at school!





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	Read a Christmas carol or song (<u>e.g.</u> 12 days of	Read a book at your local library	Read a book outside	Snuggle up in your pyjamas and read a book with a hot
þ	Christmas)	Read in bed under	Read a book that	drink.
	magazine	the covers.	you have never read before.	Christmas tree
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How it works

Welcome to the Winter Mini Challenge, a reading challenge running from 1 December 2022 to 20 February 2023!



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1. Sign up Click 'Join now' to create your account



2. Read books

Set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review



3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock digital badges and virtual rewards for your reading. You can even unlock a downloadable certificate if you reach your Challenge goal!





The Winter Reading Challenge is back!

After the success of the Summer Reading Challenge, the Winter Mini Challenge has arrived.

The challenge runs from: 1 December 2022 – 20 February 2023

The Winter Mini Challenge is an online-only challenge that encourages children to keep up their reading over the winter holidays.

To take part, sign up at <u>www.wintermini.org.uk</u>

Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile.

Read three books to unlock a virtual badge and a special certificate!

You'll find cool do-it-at-home experiments, new reading activities and content from the best children's authors and illustrators, games and other goodies right here on our online platform.



You can also look on Facebook for some

fun competitions!



IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

 This week we have learnt about the real message of Christmas- loving and caring for others. We have thought about those special gifts that mean so much but cost nothing- kindness, caring, help and thoughtfulness- and how we can show these.





There are many services within the Northampton Community that can help during this time of year with general food and/or Christmas food!

Many foodbanks are also supporting families with Christmas presents for children this year too.

I can make a referral for any parent to restore food bank, or you could check out the Community Fridge located in the Abbey Centre. This is open Tuesday and Friday 10.30-12 pm and Friday 4-5.30pm. They require a £1 donation. The McCarthy Dixon Charity are also opening their doors at the Swan and Helmet Pub on the 15th December, where they will be offering a range of toys for anyone who needs support with Christmas presents this year. If you are interested in this, please send me an email with the items that would suit you and I can see what is available.







Miss Garrard says...

FOOD BANK EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION POINTS

You can collect your parcel from one of the distribution points listed below If you are in need of food, nappies or other essentials please contact a Referral Agency - you cannot access a food parcel without a valid code.

MONDAY 12pm - 2pm Spinney Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church 74 Highlands Ave, Spinney Hill, NN3 6BQ TUESDAY

11:30am - 1:30pm **Sheep Street** Central Vineyard/Re:store Northampton 42 Sheep Street, Northampton, NN1 2LZ

VIEW MAP

THURSDAY

2pm - 4pm

Far Cotton

VIEW MAP

WEDNESDAY 12pm - 2pm **Briar Hill**

The Springs Briar Hill, Northampton, NN4 8SX

VIEW MAP

FRIDAY

9am - 12pm

Eastfield

St Albans & Broadmead

Broadmead Avenue, Northampton, NN3 2RA

VIEW MAP

Food Aid Far Cotton St Mary's Church, Far Cotton, NN4 8EZ

VIEW MAP

SATURDAY 10am - 12pm Duston Duston URC Main Road, Duston, NN5 6JF

VIEW MAP

Miss Garrard says...

I have recently been in touch with Simon de Senlis's local community connector, who has shared some useful services and information to support people with managing the cost of living crisis.

West Northants Council have a range of links and resources on their website, which can sign post you to support and grants. Cost

An adult in employment	An adult with a disability
Cost of living support and advice for adults in employment	Cost of living support and advice for adults with disabilities
<u>A Council tenant</u> Cost of living support and advice for Council tenants	<u>A parent or carer of a child under 18</u> <u>years old</u> Cost of living support for a parent or carer of a child under 18 years old
<u>A young person under 18</u>	Looking for warm spaces
Cost of living support and advice for a	Where to find warm spaces in West

young person under 18

Where to find warm spaces in West

Northamptonshire

Someone who wants to help others

Cost of living help and assistance for

A carer for an adult with disability

Cost of living support and advice for carers of adults with disability or

or elderly person

elderly persons

A pensioner

pensioners

Information on ways you can help others with the cost of living



For more information on cost of living support. visit: westnorthants.gov.uk/cost-of-living call 0300 126 7000* *Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm



Debt Advice

In 2021-2022 we provided specialist Debt advice for 1758 people and helped with the management of £18,521,739 of Debt including the administration of 155 Debt Relief Orders and support for 10 Bankruptcies.



Miss Garrard says...

Community Law Service (Northampton and County) is a registered charity and an independent provider of specialist social welfare advice. Their aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents through the provision of specialist advice in the areas of Welfare Benefits, Debt, Housing, Energy Advice, and Immigration. Check out their website below!

<u>Community Law Service</u>

Northampton Office: (01604) 621038 Rushden Office: (01933) 313020 Wellingborough Office: (01933) 313020

Energy Advice

In 2021-2022 our Energy Advice projects provided a range of support to 1,676 households and helped them achieve energy savings of over £125,000.



Miss Garrard says...

Did you know that British Gas are also offering support by offering grants and energy debt advice? British Gas also has a fund to support families, both non-user and users of British Gas. Grants Available - British Gas Energy Trust

Individual and Families Debt Write Off Fund

The Fund is open to BG and non-BG customers with an energy debt between £250 and £1500 – the debt must apply to your primary residence and must be an active energy account.

If you would like some further information or support with managing the cost of living crisis or accessing foodbanks, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Finally, I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Lynn, John Clayton (Bugbrooke Foodbank), Tracey Tebbutt, Mike Dooks and Saffy from Peak Empower. For all their donations of gifts and Christmas food for some of our families this Christmas.



Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!" ⋇

The Grinch, Dr Seuss



Picture News Christmas Campaign 2022

Gifts We Can All Give

As well as being a happy and exciting time for many, the festive period can be an expensive one; with gift giving, special meals and decorations just a few additional things we may spend money on. This year is expected to be even harder than ever with the cost of living crisis already stretching households. A recent YouGov survey on planned Christmas spending showed that 60% of people in the UK are planning to spend less on Christmas this year and a survey from RVS Media found that nearly a fifth of families are considering cancelling Christmas altogether!

For this year's Picture News Christmas Campaign, we've decided to focus on gifts that don't cost money but that mean a lot to others; focusing on what really matters during this time.

To Take Part:

- Look at the image of the Grinch, share anything you know about him.
- 2 Either watch the video about the Grinch here https://youtu.be/IXelalkv0ic

or read 'How the Grinch stole Christmas'. What do you think the Grinch learned about the meaning of Christmas?

- 3 Not all gifts and presents cost money, often the best ones are free! Thinking about someone you care a lot about, what gift could you give them? E.g. your time, a job that they can't do themselves or a poem.
- Use the Grinch template to record your gift idea.
- 6 Give your gift!

We'd Love to See Your Gift Ideas!

Please share any photos or stories via: Twitter: @HelpPicture using the hashtag #giftswecanallgive Email: help@picture-news.co.uk The campaign will run between 1st and 16th December.



- " Then he got an idea! An awful idea! The Grinch got a wonderful, awful idea! "
- Picture Henre Christmas Campaign 2022





Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas", he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more! "

The Grinch, Dr Seuss

What do you think the Grinch has discovered? What do you think is most important at this festive time? Can you think of a gift you can give to someone that doesn't cost anything?

Think About

Who is the gift for? What are you giving them? How are you going to present it? Use the Grinch template to write/draw your gift idea.

We'd Love to See and Read the Messages on Your Grinch!

Use the hashtag **#giftswecanallgive** on social media and email them to us at help@picture-news.co.uk The campaign will run between 1st and 16th December.



FREE and subsidised school milk

Register your child today!

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?





Register your child for school milk today.

Sign them up in a few clicks...

Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com



Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 321 3248 or via email at registrations@coolmilk.com

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www.coolmilk.com

The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk forunder-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme

www.coolmilk.com

Company registration no. 3603430 England





Contact Details

Please remember to email the school office if over the holidays there are any changes to your:

- Circumstances
- Phone number
 - Address
 - Email

info@simondesenlis.org

The Community Fridge is located at the Abbey Centre. This is open Tuesday and Friday 10.30-12 pm and Friday 4-5:30pm. They require a £1 donation.







Reception Places Sept 2023

Come and visit our school to hear about our ethos and see our wonderful staff and children in our engaging learning environment.

September 27th 2022 at 6:00pm | October 11th 2022 at 9:30am November 16th 2022 at 6:00pm | December 1st 2022 at 9:30am January 5th 2023 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org



Adult () Learning

This may be of interest to you-Take a look at this course- English for Speakers of Other Languages

ESOL

English for Speaker of Other Languages

Improve your English skills and become more confident in communicating with others.

We have groups at all levels, with a choice of days and times. To find the best group for you, we will ask you to complete an Initial Assessment to find out your level.

You may be eligible for **FREE** classes if your income is below £17, 374.50 per year.

To find out more, contact Emilia Ratcliffe on:

- Email: AdultLearningEssentialSkills@northnorthants.gov.uk or Emilia.ratcliffe@northnorthants.gov.uk
- Mobile: 07912 186944
- Website: <u>Adult Learning (northamptonshire.gov.uk)</u> and enter course code XOA8XR02



WOOTTON ST GEORGE

GOALS 2/2/23 5:30-6:30

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WSG FC are forming a new U6 team to enter the league in September 2023. Open to all current year one children, all abilities welcome. £3 weekly subs. Coaching by UEFA C coach. Register interest at wsgfcfootballclub@gmail.com

CALLING ALL CURRENT U8

TRAINING TUESDAY 6-7PM FROM 10/1/2023

Open to Boys and Girls Current school year 3 All skill levels

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WSG U8 are looking to expand their current team for the Under 9 2023/24 season and add an additional team. Please enquire below for more details

WsgfcU9@outlook.com



Danes Camp Leisure Centre

5-8 years 4.45pm-5.45pm

9-13 years 6pm-7pm

Every Tuesday (Term Time only) *Please note these sessions are only available for children





Book 8 days

in advance

and young people residing within the East Hunsbury Parish. You will be asked to supply an eligible postcode to attend.



Danes Camp Leisure Centre, Clannell Road, NN4 ORX

via www.trilogyleisure.co.uk





NPAT Academic Calendar 23/24

Teacher Training Days Monday 4 September 2023 Tuesday 5 September 2023 Monday 30 October 2023 Monday 26th February 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Septe	mber 20	23					
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	
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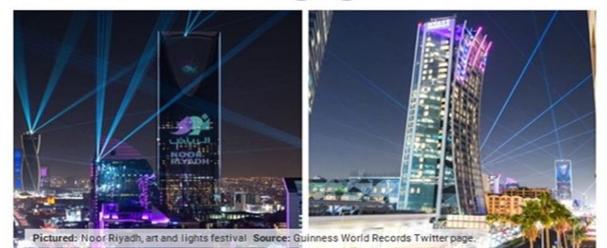


SOME NEWS For our Children

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Record-breaking light art festival



Noor Riyadh 2022 (Noor means light in Arabic), an art festival held in the Saudi Arabian capital city, has broken six world records! The massive celebration of light art, now in it's second year, has tripled in size from the previous year. This year, it attracted 1.5 million visitors to more than 40 locations across the city that were showcasing the work of over 130 artists. Take a look at the Guinness world records that this spectacular festival now holds;

- Largest light art festival
 - consisting of 201 items
- Most multirotors/drones performing an aerial dance display - 1,990
- Largest laser show (area covered) - 14,459,160m²
- Longest distance covered by a laser light show - 6.01km
- Highest mesh screen on a building - 203.508m
- Largest mesh screen on a building 1,603m²



White reindeer calves

Three gorgeous, rare, all-white reindeer calves, who were born in the summer, are going on a UK wide tour with members of their herd this Christmas. The rare reindeer, who live at the Cairngorms Reindeer Centre, are going out and about to increase awareness of Britain's only herd of free-ranging reindeer and raise money for the centre. The Cairngorm National Park, in the Scottish Highlands is the UK's largest National Park, and has been home to the herd since 1952. Tilly Smith, owner of the Cairngorm Reindeer Centre, said, 'The Cairngorms is ideal for the reindeer. We're centrally positioned within the highlands which means we have a more continental climate. We're more likely to have cold, snowy, arctic like conditions which provide the best vegetation. Our mountains, although vast and impressive, are also gentle which suits the reindeer as they aren't the most nimble.' The beautiful young reindeer are all named after ice creams, their names are Vanilla, Mr Whippy, and 99!

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

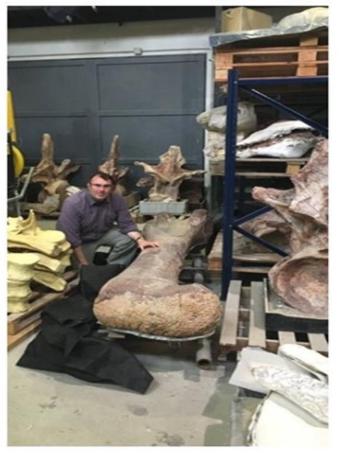
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Giant dinosaur display

The Natural History Museum, in London, is getting a new dinosaur to display and it's the biggest so far! The colossal titanosaur Patagotitan mayorum, the largest known creature to have ever walked our planet, is going on display for the first time ever in Europe. The cast of Patagotitan mayorum is being loaned to the museum by the Museo Paleontologico Egidio Feruglio in Argentina, which excavated the giant skeleton in 2014. The giant prehistoric creature is much bigger than the museum's other exhibits. weighing 57 tonnes (four times heavier than Dippy the Diplodocus) and measuring 37 metres (12m longer than Hope the blue whale). Professor Paul Barrett, science lead for the exhibition, said, 'Patagotitan mayorum is an incredible specimen that tells us more about giant titanosaurs than ever before. Comparable in weight to more than nine African elephants, this star specimen will inspire visitors to care for some of the planet's largest and most vulnerable creatures, which face similar challenges for survival, and show that within Earth's ecosystems, size really does matter.'



Pictured: Professor Paul Barrett showing the scale of Patagotitan Source: @NHMdinolab Twitter page.

Last week's topic: Are some jobs more important than others?

All jobs are important because if we didn't have farmers we would have no food. If we didn't have nurses, no-one would look after us when we are poorly.

Fearne



No, every job has its own reason for being a job and they are all as important as each other. Finn

Not really, since all jobs help people getting a home or even getting a pet or a person who is sick he gets well by the nurse helping him and taking care of him so every job is important no matter what they are. **Toby**

Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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Let's look at this week's story



Nasa officials have recently announced that humans could live on the Moon during this decade. They wouldn't be living there permanently, but could stay for long periods to carry out scientific research. Howard Hu, who leads the Orion lunar spacecraft programme for Nasa, said they would need to create homes on the lunar surface to support scientific expeditions. Nasa's plan is that the next mission would have a crew onboard, followed by a third, where astronauts would land on the Moon. This would be the first manned Moon trip for Nasa since Apollo 17, 50 years ago, in December 1972.

TAKEHOME



What would it be like to live on the Moon?

In the news this week

Nasa officials have recently announced that humans could live on the Moon during this decade. They wouldn't be living there permanently, but could stay for long periods to carry out scientific research. Howard Hu, who leads the Orion lunar spacecraft programme for Nasa, said they would need to create homes on the lunar surface to support scientific expeditions. Nasa's plan is that the next mission would have a crew onboard, followed by a third, where astronauts would land on the Moon. This would be the first manned Moon trip for Nasa since Apollo 17, 50 years ago, in December 1972.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share what you know about the Moon and the history of Moon landings. Do you know anyone who remembers that time in history?
- Share your thoughts on a possible base on the Moon. Do you think it is a good idea?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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