



**INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF SIGN LANGUAGES**

23rd September 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have started to think about our drivers across school for achievement and after many conversations, we have decided on three main words to inspire us all- believe, achieve and succeed. Our children across school are so positive in their outlook for learning, their enthusiasm and positivity in the classroom is amazing to see. The teachers and staff are inspirational and through our partnership, our children will show that they believe, they will achieve, and they will succeed. This success is individual and will vary between children, allowing all to achieve their own goals. The year ahead is one that brings excitement to us all and I know it will be a great success for everyone.

Take care, enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Fennelly

INSPIRATIONAL MUSICIAN

Today we listened to Yo Yo Marr, the celloist play Bach's Cello Suite No 1. If you'd like to watch and listen to him play click on the link below-

[Bing Videos](#)



Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
27th September 9:00-10:00	All parents and carers	Coffee morning to introduce the Mental Health Support Team
27th September	All parents and carers	Friends of SdS Annual General Meeting
28th September	Prospective parents for 2024	Open evening for prospective parents of Reception children for September 2024 at 6pm
2nd October- 20th October	Whole School	Donations for The Hope Centre- dried foods and toiletries
9th October	Prospective parents for 2024	Open evening for prospective parents of Reception children for September 2024 at 9:30am
17th & 19th October	Whole School	Parents Evening The Book Fair and Jules at Home will be in school.
18th October 2:30pm	Year 3 Harvest Assembly	Year 3 parents invited to attend

Simon de Senlis Primary School



Reception Places Sept 2024

We invite you to visit our amazing school, to hear about our ethos and see our wonderful staff and children in our engaging learning environment.

September 28th 2023 at 6:00pm | October 9th 2023 at 9:30am

November 16th 2023 at 6:00pm | December 5th 2023 at 9:30am

January 8th 2024 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org



SimondeSenlis



SdSPrimary



simondesenlisblogs.org



Reading Trophy

Today, we welcomed Nick to school to present the Summer Reading Challenge trophy to us. Well done to everyone who completed the challenge- we are so proud of you!



Miss Garrard says...

REMINDER

Lessons begin at 8.45am with morning tasks in all classrooms. We know a prompt start in the morning has huge benefits on a child's learning. Unfortunately, repeated lateness can mean children missing vital input required for the day ahead.

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time each morning via their classroom.

If your child arrives through the office after 8:45am they will receive a late mark on the register.

School ends at 3:15pm each day. Please speak to Scallywags if you require alternative child care arrangements.

School staff are unable to supervise your children after 3:15pm.

ABSENCE



If your child is unwell, or going to be late, please leave a message on our absence line, option 1, by 08:30am.

A message must be left for each day of absence.

Any episodes of sickness or diarrhoea an absence of 48 hours must be taken, please call the absence line each day.

If your child is going to be absent for another reason, please complete a form available from the school office or on our website.



AGM

Annual General Meeting

27th September
At Simon de Senlis Primary School
7pm

We need your suggestions, skills, ideas and enthusiasm!
No obligation to join the committee

If you are interested in finding out more about joining and/or volunteering for future events, please come along! If you can't attend but would like more information please email us at fosdsenlis@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.



Mental Health Support Team

We are delighted to welcome the Northamptonshire Mental Health Support Team to SdS and we will be working closely with the team over the coming year.

The work will begin with a coffee morning for parents on Wednesday September 27th from 9:00am-10:00am. Please do come along to find out how they will be supporting us. An assembly to KS1 and KS2 talking about positive mental health and how we can look after our well-being will take place on Wednesday September 27th.



West
Northamptonshire
Council

Is your child
currently in
Year 6?



Apply for Year 7
at Secondary school



Application Deadline:
31 October 2023



www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions

Secondary School Places 2024

The application portal is now live for parents/carers to submit their school preferences for a secondary school place at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions

Parents have until 31 October 2023 to apply.

HARVEST COLLECTION



We will be opening our whole school collection for The Hope Centre as part of our Harvest Celebration. If you would like to donate, please bring into school any dried foods or toiletries that will be gratefully received to support the homeless in Northampton.

Please bring your donations into school from the Monday October 2nd.

PRIVACY SETTINGS ON APPS

It has come to our attention that children do not always have private security settings on the apps they are using. By not being private, this opens children up to safeguarding dangers and the risk of strangers contacting them.

Please check that your child has their privacy settings on all apps they are using.



POSTER OF THE WEEK

Today, we talked about three words that are our inspiration across the school- believe, achieve and succeed. We all have the confidence to believe in ourselves and we know that this leads to achieving. With our drive and determination, we know we can succeed. This success is our own and is different to other people. It may be success in the arts, music, sport or any other areas of learning. We believe, we achieve, we succeed!



MEET THE TEACHER EVENING Years 1-6

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the annual 'Meet the Teacher Evening' on Wednesday. Thank you for coming. We are all looking forward to another great year ahead!

Please note that there will be a meet the teacher session for Reception parents in October- date to be arranged.

Autumn Leaves

The autumn leaves show the passing of time with the colours of the season. Turning to orange, red and gold like flames then falling to the ground below.

The first leaf lets go of its branch and falls bobbing up and down on the wind, like a boat on the water as it sails softly down to the ground below.

This is the first of many leaves to shed from the trees preparing to sleep. More flutter through the air like confetti as they float to the ground below.

Their new bright colours dancing on the breeze shining in the sun as they move and glide gently down and around the tree. Then settle on the ground below.

Now the tree stands bare without any leaves. Its branches look cold and lonely. A carpet of colours vivid and crisp lies so still on the ground below.

Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG)

Sunday 24th Sept

3.30 – 5.00 pm



**Harvest
celebration..**

For all the family

Free event

Family Fun

We are holding an event to have fun, making things,
and celebrating ***Harvest*** together.

Crafts, story and food, for families with primary aged
children plus brothers and sisters.

Tea, coffee and cake for adults.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please phone or email to book your places:

admin@stbens.uk or vicar@stbens.uk

Free event



Parents and visitors are reminded that Danes Camp and Tesco supermarket kindly offer free parking for dropping off and picking up your children.

**The car park at school is for staff parking,
unless you have a Blue badge**



**Please leave our disabled bays for our disabled staff and visitors,
access is required at all times.**

Many thanks



BBC

Blue Peter

BOOK CLUB

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, **Sir Quentin Blake**; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with us by answering the questions below!

You can apply using our online form or by post.



So, what are you waiting for? Pick up a book, explore your school library, or become a member of your local library and you could be on your way to earning your very own Book badge!



To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- [Apply for your Book badge online using the uploader form](#), or click the 'get the Book badge' button above, to download the paper application form.
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the [Privacy Notice](#) and [badge attraction terms and conditions](#).
- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: **Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.**

Join the Blue Peter Book Club!

Do you love reading? Then join the Blue Peter Book club to share the joy of reading! Each month, they will talk about a different book from their list and allow you to share your thoughts on it too. They also have lots of fun activities, challenges and quizzes!

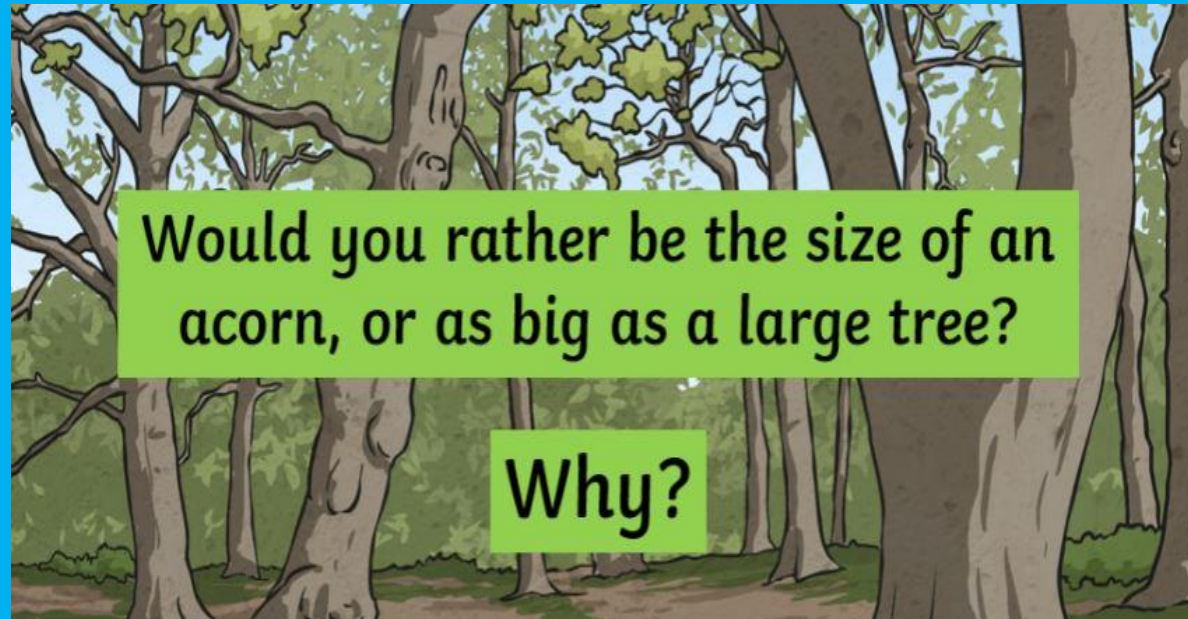


Everyone is welcome, just grab a book from the picture and start reading! They have put together a list of 6 exciting books to read and share.

If you're not sure which book to read, take their online quiz to find out.

Think of the Week

A **think** is an **unusual question** that makes you **think**. A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light.



SPACE DAY 5TH OCT

CENSUS DAY

MAINS

- Asteroid Chicken Nuggets
-
- Venus Veggie Burger (VG)
-
- Spaceship Sandwich Bar
-
- Big Bang Baked Potato Bar (V)

SIDES

- Guardian Fries of the Galaxy (VG) (GF)
-
- Planetary Peas
-
- Black Hole Beans
-
- Tomato Ketchup
-
- Solar System Salad Bar
-
- Fresh Bread

DESSERTS

- Jupiter Jelly & Ice Cream
-
- Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

dolce



Sports

With the Rugby World Cup truly underway in France, England Rugby have provided Rugby World Cup activation guides, Play Together Stay Together support and a brand new girls rugby campaign Love Rugby.

If you are interested in finding out more about our local club visit the Northampton Saints website:

<https://www.northamptonsts.co.uk/community>

WE PLAY RUGBY

England Rugby

CREATING A POSITIVE PLACE TO PLAY

SUPPORT / ENCOURAGEMENT

RESPECT / TEAMWORK

INCLUSION / FUN

PRIDE

PLAY TOGETHER STAY TOGETHER

Rugby Football Union. The RFU Rose is an official registered trademark of the Rugby Football Union.

School Mental Health Leads

Ms Cunningham and Miss Garrard are the Mental Health Leads at Simon de Senlis

If you have any worries or concerns about any aspect of your child's mental wellbeing please speak to your child's class teacher or contact us in school.



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Inclusion Leader
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



Hannah Garrard

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



SdS Staff Wellbeing Walk



On Saturday 23rd September the SdS team walked 12km around Pitsford Reservoir to raise money for Cynthia Spencer Hospice. This is charity which will be close to the hearts many members of our school community.

This walk will also be the start of our mission to walk 200km before October half term. We have set up a Just Giving page and aim to raise at least £200 for this local charity.

If you would like to sponsor us or if you are able to share the page to help us raise our total the link is included below, many thanks:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sds-200k-wellbeingwalk?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fsds-200k-wellbeingwalk&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Miss Garrard says....

Children need clear boundaries to feel secure. Check out these useful tips around setting appropriate boundaries in your home, to help promote positive behaviour. This information is taken from Family Lives.

Strategies which work:

Plenty of positive attention: Praising positive behaviour by being specific and ignoring minor wrong choices will encourage a child to seek positive attention. Mum: "It was so helpful to me that you played so nicely with your brother while I answered the phone. Look how happy you have made him. Thank you."

Star charts and rewards: Help teach your child the concept of delayed gratification. Your child learns that good behaviour can have positive consequences.

Time out and withdrawal of privileges: As a last resort, give one minute out for each year of life. For older children withdraw a specific privilege Explain very clearly the reason and when it is over you both forget and move forwards.

Mean what you say: Be firm when no absolutely means no. You can listen and acknowledge your child's view but sometimes you must be the adult. Remember: you are the child's parent or family member, not their friend.

TIPS

- *Set out to help, not punish.*
- *As they get older, trust your children to find their own solutions.*
- *Listen and negotiate when appropriate.*
- *Praise positive behaviour.*
- *Criticise the behaviour not the child.*
- *Look after yourself so you are not overreacting due to stress.*
- *Treat your child with respect and they will learn to do the same.*
- *Use humour when at all possible.*
- *Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it.*

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL SEND SUPPORT SERVICE (SSS)

AUTUMN 2023 SEND COURSES

FOR INFO AND TO BOOK, VISIT [HTTPS://OW.LY/BHNP50PNIWB](https://ow.ly/BHNP50PNIWB)

10
OCT

Toileting Workshop

Online, £5 refundable deposit required
Tue 10 Oct 2023, 6pm-8pm (1 session)

31
OCT

Anger and Emotions Course

In-person, £5 refundable deposit required
Tue 31 Oct - Tue 7 Nov 2023, 6pm-8pm (2 sessions)

1
NOV

Spectrum Course (for parents of over-8s)

In-person, £5 refundable deposit required
Wed 1 Nov - Wed 6 Dec 2023, 6pm-8pm (6 sessions)

6
NOV

Reflections Course (for parents of 0-7s)

In-person, £5 refundable deposit required
Mon 6 Nov - Mon 11 Dec 2023, 6pm-8pm (6 sessions)



Self-Care September 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are



SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy 2023 – 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Last academic year, West Northamptonshire Council and partners held a series of events for children/young people, parents, carers, education, health and care colleagues and colleagues from public and private organisations to discuss what the priorities need to be for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

In line with recent national SEND reforms combined with this feedback, we have co-produced a **new SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy**. The new strategy sets out our priorities for SEND and alternative provisions, in West Northamptonshire over the next three years.

We would like to invite anyone who cares for a young person aged 0 to 25 with SEND, pre and post diagnosis to the launch event of the SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy on **Tuesday 26 September**. This event is being co-hosted by students from Creating Tomorrow College and Northampton Parent Forum Group.

At the launch event, we will be presenting the new strategy, the priorities for SEND over the next three years and the plans to deliver the strategy priorities. There will also be the opportunity to attend a workshop of your choice on SEND and speak to our many services and partner organisations as part of the market stalls available. **Please prioritise this date in your diary, to gain further knowledge of the new strategy and understand how everyone can contribute.**

SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy 2023 – 2026

Please see the details below of the launch event:

Venue: Icon Innovation Centre, Daventry, NN11 0QD

Date: 26 September 2023

Times: There are two available sessions on 26 September at different times, to allow attendees to attend the session which is more convenient. Both sessions will have the same content.

SESSION 1: 12noon – 3pm

Or

SESSION 2: 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Each launch session will consist of:

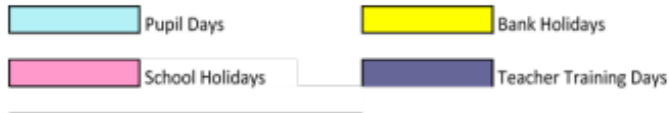
Presentation of the new strategy

Opportunity to attend 1 workshop

Market place with stalls

Please follow the link to book a ticket to attend the event:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/699847862797?aff=oddtcreator>



NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

Teacher Training Days
 Monday 2 September 2024
 Tuesday 3 September 2024
 Monday 4 November 2024
 Monday 24 February 2025
 Monday 2 June 2025

September 2024					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri	30	6	13	20	27

October 2024					
Mon	30	7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	

November 2024					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

December 2024					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

January 2025					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

February 2025					
Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	

March 2025					
Mon		3	10	17	24 31
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28

April 2025					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	

May 2025					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tues		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30

June 2025					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27

July 2025					
Mon	30	7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	

August 2025					
Mon			4	11	18 style="background-color: yellow;">25
Tues			5	12	19 style="background-color: pink;">26
Wed			6	13	20 style="background-color: pink;">27
Thu			7	14	21 style="background-color: pink;">28
Fri		1	8	15	22 style="background-color: pink;">29

**22ND
SEPTEMBER
2023**

**SOME NEWS FOR
OUR
CHILDREN**





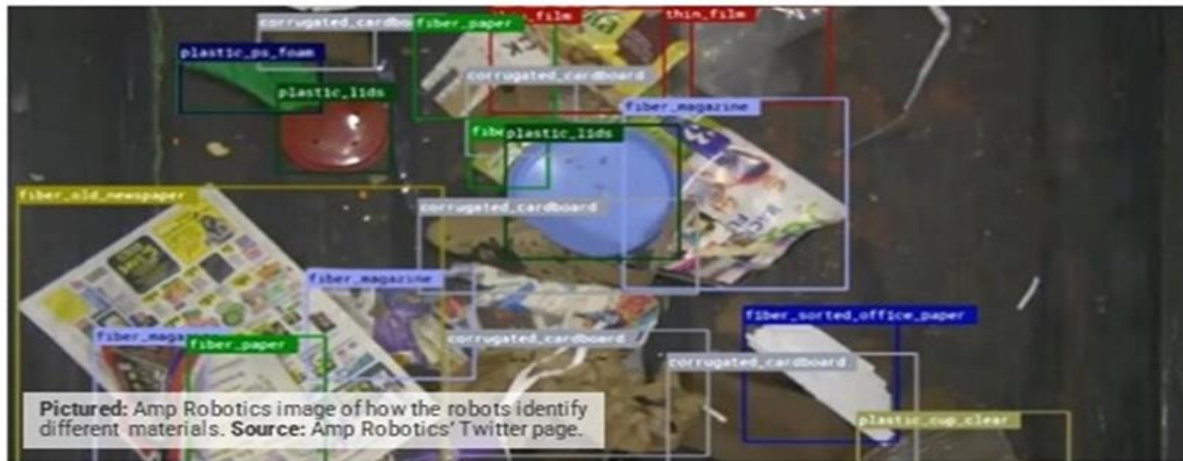
**Is a school more than
just a building?**



Let's look at this week's story

More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. The crisis has left some school staff struggling to find temporary teaching accommodation and forced many pupils to begin their academic year learning online. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

Smart Sorting Robots



Tech startup company, Amp Robotics' smart sorting robots (also named Sorty McSortface and Sir Sorts-a-Lot), operate in 80 recycling facilities in the USA. The ingeniously named machines have massively improved recycling procedures at the centres. The robot waste pickers identify and sort recyclables with extreme accuracy (up to 99%); they can even recognise SKU numbers (stock keeping unit - a unique number combination used by retailers to identify and track products).

One robot can pluck out juice cartons and plastic bottles that can be reprocessed from the conveyor belt of waste products. At the same time, the other searches for contaminants in the stream of paper products headed to be recycled at the fibre mill. The robots use mechanical claws and AI to sort tons of recyclables in minutes, meaning it is much more cost-effective for items to be recycled and not sent to landfill. **Can you think of any other sorting jobs this technology could be used for?**

Peanut - the World's Oldest Chicken!

Peanut, who is 21 years old and from Michigan, USA, was officially recognised as the world's oldest living chicken earlier this year. She lives on a small farm, where she was almost thrown away two decades ago before she hatched! Retired librarian Marsi Parker Darwin, who lives on the farm, found a 'rotten looking' abandoned egg and luckily heard a small 'cheep' coming from inside. She gently peeled back the shell to discover a tiny chick, who couldn't break out on her own as she didn't have an egg tooth. Marsi lovingly hand-reared the tiny bantam hen, who now lives with her daughter in Marsi's living room in a wire

coop next to the window, so she has a view. 'She's a friendly character and she pretty much gets along with everyone, including our dogs and cats,' said Marsi, who considers the record-breaking bird to be part of her family. Marsi added, 'Peanut is a sassy little chicken, if she doesn't get her blueberry yoghurt in the morning, I definitely hear about it! I hope to share Peanut's message that even if you're rejected or might feel like a misfit, you can still find someone to bond with and have a long, productive life.'

Did you know that chickens could live to be over 20 years old?



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Book Vending Machine

Students and teachers at Bradfield's Academy in Chatham, Kent, have been talking about their school's book vending machine. Pupils can earn tokens to use to purchase books as appreciation for their efforts and engagement in English lessons. Sherie McCormick, a teacher at the school, said, 'We believe in the power of reading, and it must be accessible for all. Reading helps to improve concentration, expand vocabulary, inspire creativity and spark imagination. It also helps our students to improve their self-esteem. It is the foundation of education and a great leveller that fosters cultural, social and emotional growth.' The school say that they are trying to combat the

cost-of-living crisis, which they believe has made books a luxury item. 31% of students surveyed by the school said they did not have access to books at home! The machine has been funded by the publishing company CPI and the Co-op. The Fortis Trust, which the academy is a member of, Tweeted, 'Reading for education & pleasure is encouraged across the trust, and this book vending machine will help students continue their love of reading at home.' The vending machine has been very popular with students and the school aims to continue making a range of books available this way.

Do you think that a book vending machine at school is a good idea?



Pictured: The book vending machine at Bradfield's Academy. **Source:** Fortis Trust Twitter page.

Last week's topic:

What can we learn from new adventures?



I think that new adventures can challenge you and help you to become a stronger person.

Otis

I think travelling the world and meeting lots of different people and seeing lots of new places would be so exciting. Learning about them all will give you so much knowledge to use in the future.

Neave

Going on adventures and travelling to every country would be amazing but I would like to take my friends and family with me.

Theo

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



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TAKEHOME



Is a school more than just a building?

In the news this week

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on this week's news. Are you aware of any local schools or hospitals that have been affected?
- > For those pupils resuming learning online from home, how do you think they might feel?
- > Considering school buildings, how do you believe they might change in the future? Can you think of any ways to improve school buildings or classrooms?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Reflection



Schools are made up of both things we can see, and things we can't; the pupils there to learn, the buildings and classrooms that they work in, and the care, vision and values that the community shares.

