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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Year 4 performed their brass concert to a packed audience of parents. The children were fabulous and showcased how well they have picked up the tricky skill of playing their instrument after only 10 weeks. The music teachers commented on the fact that the audience of parents was the largest they had ever had at their performances and across all the schools they had been to. To us and to you, this is normal as every parent and carers at SDS is always so supportive of everything your child and the school does. It was lovely to hear that from the music teachers and for us to know how great our school community is. I do hope you have booked your ticket for your child's Christmas performance; if not, please go to your parentmail shop to do so.

As always, huge thanks for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Fennelly

Today in assembly we listened to 'The Greatest Show', written and composed by Pasek and Paul.

To watch the piece, click here:

[Bing Videos](#)



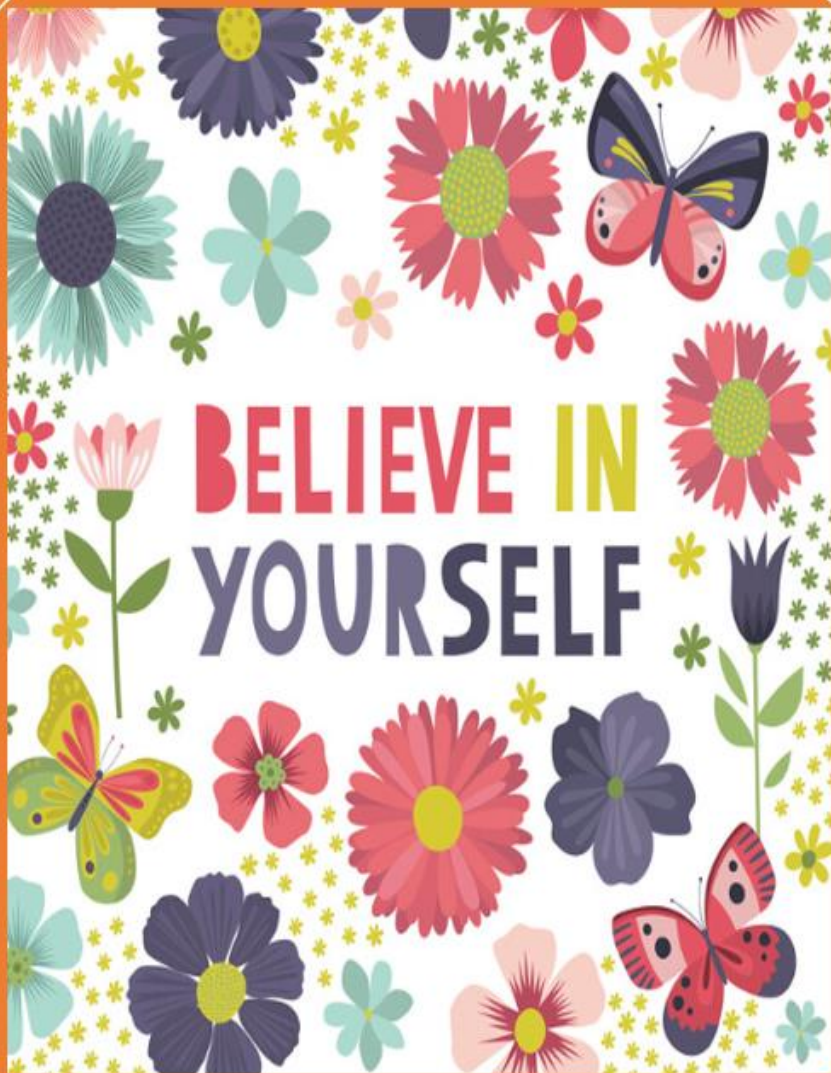
## Think of the Week

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.



**What do you  
think is the  
greatest show?**





## Poster of the Week

This week we talked again about being part of a successful team and how we support each other. We also thought about the things we are great at and how we should believe in ourselves and all we can do and all we can achieve. Let's help each other to believe!

**From the 1st December, please bring your donations**  
**for the Christmas Colour Hampers**

***Please do not bring your items early as we have no-where to store them!***

**Year 1 – Items that are Blue**

**Year 2 – Items that are Green**

**Year 3 – Items that are Yellow / Gold**

**Year 4 – Items that are Silver**

**Year 5 – Items that are Pink/Purple**

**Year 6 – Items that are White**

**Wiggins & Robinson – Items that are Orange**

## Play Leader Update

**During the weekly meetings, the play leaders have been discussing our School Games Values.**

**This week the children have been rewarding pupils for their Honesty on the playground.**



### Honesty

- Always Telling the truth
- Never cheating
- Admitting when I am wrong

## **Reading Ambassador Update**

**This week we also visited the Hunsbury library. Nick showed us how he runs the library and gave us ideas on how to promote books and reading at school.**

**We also bought 66 books for school!**



## **Eco Ambassador Update**

**During our meeting we talked about how we can support our school to be more environmentally friendly. As actions we will do the following:**

**Buy more bins for the playground**

**Meet with the site supervisor to discuss recycling**

**Create posters for classrooms to encourage children to turn the lights off when they leave the room.**

**Tidy the pond area ready for any animals that will be hibernating and ready for the frogs in the Spring.**

**Build bug hotels**

**Install more bird feeders and bird boxes.**

**Thank you to the Eco Ambassadors, it was a wonderful meeting!**

## **Wellbeing Leader Update**

**Our wellbeing leaders have continued to make sure their class know who to talk to if they are worried or concerned. Mrs Cotterill will be visiting every classroom to talk about who can support us and how, along with giving us strategies to keep ourselves safe.**

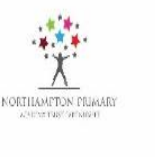
Please do not park or drop off in the staff car park.

Our car park is for staff and Blue Badge holders.

Danes Camp and Tesco kindly offer free parking for our parents.

Please be considerate of pathways, crossings and our neighbours.





Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 1st December 2023

**Are you, or someone you know, looking for a school place for your child joining Reception in September 2024?**

**Come to visit us on Tuesday December 5th at 09:30am.**

**To book go to: [Simon De Senlis Primary School -](#)**

**[Home](#)**



# Our Autumn Term, Dates for your

Diary



Date	Year group	Event
1st December	Whole School	Christmas Colour Hamper donations accepted with Thanks. Raffle tickets are on sale on ParentMail.
4th December	The Players. Drama club.	Costume deadline. In a named bag please and to be kept in school.
4th December	Whole School	This is the final week of Clubs for this term.
5th December	Prospective Parents September 2024	Open Morning 09:30 for prospective parents 2024.
5th December	Year 2	St Benedicts church. 1- 3pm
5th & 6th December	Year 4 Parents / Carers	5th - Multiplication information session 2:40pm 6th - Multiplication information session 08:50am
6th December	All Parents / Carers	Sleep Right meeting 9am – 10:30am
<b>11th December</b>	<b>The Players. Drama Club.</b>	<b>Parents and Families. Tickets available via ParentMail from 31.10.23. 3 tickets per Child</b>

Date	Year group	Event
12th December	All Parents / Carers	Sleep Management Parent Workshop 5pm - 6pm
13th December	Year 5	National Space Centre
14th December	Whole School	Dolce Christmas Lunch
14th December	Reception classes	Walk to the Abbey Centre 1pm - 3pm
20th December	Whole School	Christmas raffle draw
20th December	Whole School, all of our children. 1pm.	Christmas Party. Mufti day
20th December	Whole School	Break up for the Festive period
4th January	Whole School	School re-opens for Children
15th January	All Parents	Simon Aston Online Safety Workshop for parents 8:45 – 9:45am

***Simon de Senlis***  
***Christmas Performances 2023***







# Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 1st December 2023



Year Group	Date	Time	Location	Tickets
<b>Reception</b>	7th December 8th December	1:30pm 09:30am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
<b>Year 1</b>	7th December 8th December	2:30pm 10:30am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
<b>Year 2</b>	7th December 8th December	2pm 10:00am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
<b>Year 3</b>	12th December	2pm	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
<b>Year 4</b>	12th December	09:30am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
<b>Year 5</b>	15th December	11:15am	St Benedicts Church	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child
<b>Year 6</b>	15th December	09:45am	St Benedicts Church	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child
<b>Wiggins</b>	14th December	2:15pm	Wiggins Class-room	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
<b>Robinson</b>	13th December	2:30pm	Robinson Class-room	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child

**Santa is  
Coming!**

**8-21 December 2023  
5.00 pm - 7.00 pm**

**Rotary**

Club of Northampton Becket



## Rotary Becket Announce 2023 Santa Sleigh Routes!

Fri, Dec 8th 2023 at 5:00 pm- Thu, Dec 21st 2023 - 7:00 pm

Rotary Becket has announced its venues for Santa to visit Northampton with routes and times



**For details of routes times and  
stops are on our web page at  
[www.tinyurl.com/rotarybecketsantadates](http://www.tinyurl.com/rotarybecketsantadates)**

**Go along to St Benedict's Church on  
Saturday December 9th to see the  
Christmas Tree Festival 2pm-4pm.  
Look out for our SdS Christmas tree.  
Did it look great?**



**Go along to Hunsbury library each Saturday for free crafts and fun.**



## Craft Corner at Hunsbury Library

Sat 2nd Dec 11:00am - 12:00pm

Join us for a different craft each week for 5-11 year olds to enjoy. No booking required.

Libraries

Hunsbury-Library

Children

crafts

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# 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](http://www.simondesenlis.org)





## December 1st

Open your eyes, climb out of bed  
Put on your robe and pick up ted,  
Go down the stairs and open your eyes  
Waiting for you is a big surprise

Advent is here, it's nearly time  
For Santa, reindeer and bells that chime  
And on the wall a calendar sits  
That's full of sweets and chocolatey bits

Twenty-four days, 'til Christmas Eve  
when Santa will bring his gifts with ease  
but way up north, the elves all know  
that these short days will quickly go

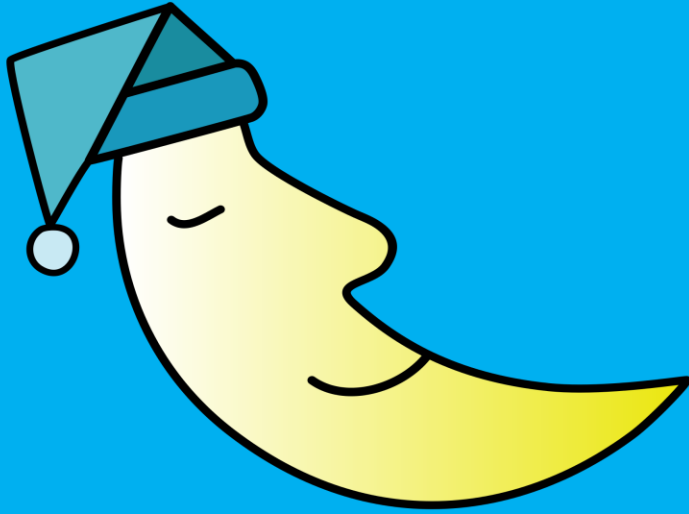
For Santa gives them all a task  
That they must finish quick and fast  
From checking lists, to wrapping toys  
For all the little girls and boys

So on this day, December the first  
The Elves recite this little verse:  
"It's time to go, we must be quick  
It's nearly time for Old St. Nick

"The boy and girls, some good, some bad  
Keep asking their dear mums and dads  
Will Santa come, will Santa stay  
And leave us gifts for Christmas Day?

"So come on Elves, we've work to do  
There's lots of jobs for me and you  
Let's sing a song of Christmas cheer  
For Christmas Eve is almost here!"





**We are pleased to share with you that a session from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be based around supporting your child's sleep.**

**The session will take place in school on Tuesday December 12th from 5:00pm-6:00pm.**

**Please come along and find out more whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a biscuit.**

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about X

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That month, many of them were rebranded as X, attracting more users.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### BLUE TICK SALE

### CENSORSHIP

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

#### LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user *doesn't* already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

#### VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat take account seeking to exploit other users.





## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PROTECT PRIVACY




Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

### DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT




To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

### STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS




Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually *is* who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

### ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS



Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

### BE READY TO TAKE ACTION



If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

### Meet Our Expert



Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.




**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

## Blue Peter Reading Badges!

It has been wonderful to see so many Blue Peter badges displayed over the last few weeks as you receive them in the post. We love to see them! You can wear them with pride on your jumper or cardigan.

Don't forget that you can apply for this badge online, using the Blue Peter form or by post. They're FREE!



The November Blue Peter Book Club pick this month is called 'Finding Her Feet' by Eve Ainsworth.

*This book is recommended for ages 9+*

In 'Finding Her Feet,' we follow Lily, a shy and anxious girl who longs to fit in. When her natural talent for football is discovered by her teacher, she joins a local girls' team and begins to make friends.

However, a bitter argument with a teammate threatens to undo all of her hard work...

# Blue Peter Badges!



Did you know there are 8 Blue Peter badges to choose from. This means that there is one that suits every person's interests.

If you want to apply, it's free and easy!

Click on the link here

[Blue Peter Badges - CBBC - BBC](#)

# Abington Park Museum

Free entry

# Christmas Fair



Our ever-popular Christmas fair returns for 2023 and will include a wide range of artisan producers and crafters offering quality gifts, decorations and festive food and drink.

Saturday 25 & Sunday 27 November , 11am-4pm



Free entry

## **CRAFT & CHATTER**

**Every Friday, 12.30-2pm**

**Northampton Museum & Art Gallery**

If you're looking for a way to unwind after a busy week or just want to make some new crafting friends, come along with your chosen craft to these friendly informal sessions. They take place every Friday lunchtime in the Northampton Museum & Art Gallery lower café area.

Drop in - no booking required but please purchase a drink or something to eat from the café.

**Free Admission**



## CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

**Saturdays 9, 16, 23 December**

**12 noon - 4pm**

**Northampton Museum & Art Gallery**

Drop in at Christmas ....

Join us in the museum on the three Saturdays before Christmas to enjoy some family Christmas fun - games, stories and Christmas craft makes to take away.

**No need to book.  
Free of Charge, donations welcome**

Free entry

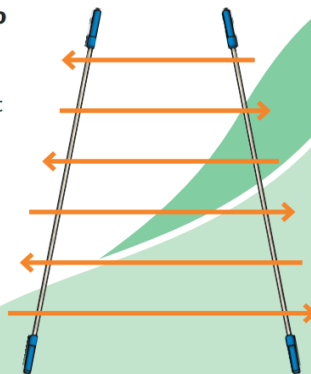
# Sports- Skipping

This week we've had lots of skipping ropes to play with at playtime. Why not try these skips at home.

## Jump the River

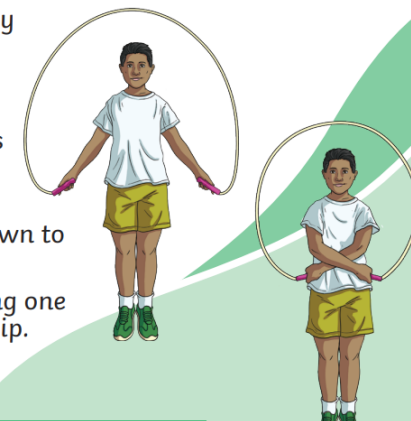
**You will need two skipping ropes to mark out the banks of the river.**

- Lay out the ropes so that they are close together at one end and further apart at the other end.
- Start jumping across the river at the narrow end, progressing towards jumping across the wider end.
- Use a short run up if you need to.
- Can you use a two-foot to two-foot jump?
- Try leaping from one foot to the other across the river.



## The Crossover

- Hold the rope as you normally would and complete a basic two-footed skip.
- As the rope comes over your head again, cross your hands over so that your hands are by your hips.
- Jump the rope as it comes down to your feet.
- Repeat this pattern of skipping one normal skip, one crossover skip.



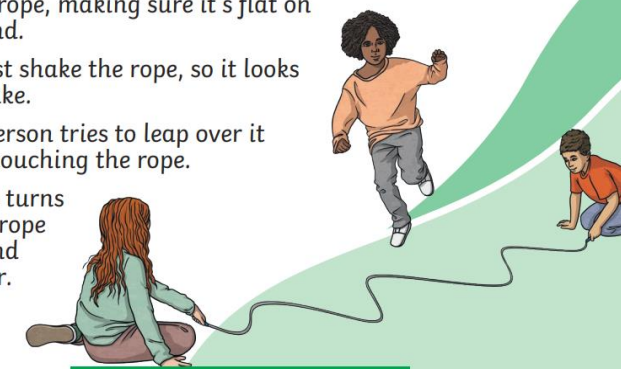
## Skiing

- Hold the rope as you normally would for the basic two-footed skip.
- Mark a line on the ground using chalk or tape or another marker.
- Stand next to the line and jump over the rope landing on the other side of the line.
- Continue jumping side to side over the line as you skip.



## Snake in the Grass

- Two people hold each end of the skipping rope, making sure it's flat on the ground.
- They must shake the rope, so it looks like a snake.
- A third person tries to leap over it without touching the rope.
- Take it in turns to be the rope shaker and the leaper.



## School Mental Health Leads

### Ms Cunningham and Miss Cotterill 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.



Laura Cunningham

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Mental Health First Aider



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## Mrs Cotterill says....

### Adult Classes Functional Skills English

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GAINING A QUALIFICATION?  
NOT CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO ATTEND COLLEGE?**

Come and join one of our courses and work towards a recognised City and Guilds qualification at the level appropriate to your learning.

#### Weston Favell Library

Mon 1-3pm  
Tue 1-3pm

#### Hunsbury Library

Tue 1-3pm

#### Doddridge Centre

Tue 6-8pm

#### Wellingborough Library

Tue 10-12

#### KCU (Kettering)

Tue 1-3pm

#### Daventry Children's Centre

Tue 9.30-11.30am

#### Online courses

Mon 10-12, Thur 1-3pm

Mon, Wed & Thur 6.30-8.30pm

For more information or to book your place email:

[adultlearning@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@northnorthants.gov.uk)

### English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Do you want to improve your English skills and become more confident in communicating with others? If your answer is 'yes' then join our ESOL classes!

All our groups are delivered by enthusiastic, experienced, and supportive tutors.

To register your interest, please email:

[AdultLearningEssentialSkills@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:AdultLearningEssentialSkills@northnorthants.gov.uk)

or call **01604 367119** and we will be in touch.

You might be entitled to a **FREE** course if your income is under £20,319 per year or you are unemployed and receive benefits.



Adult Learning are offering some courses available for all to support with English skills and English language. If you need support in accessing these, please contact [info@simondesenlis.org](mailto:info@simondesenlis.org)

## Mrs Cotterill says....



ENFOLD offer lots of support for families and children who have a diagnosis of ASD or are on the pathway.

Here is the link to the website with lots of support and information [Services \(enfold.org.uk\)](https://enfold.org.uk)

## Autism Support Service

We recognise that going through the diagnostic pathway is a long and challenging process resulting in questions as well as answers. Parents and carers of children and young people get lost in the diagnostic system leaving them confused and isolated after the process has ended.

We want to ensure that all children, via support to their parents, can access the best services, information and support for them. We also want to ensure all individuals receiving a diagnosis in adulthood find the right information and support.

We will act as system navigators to ensure better support, better communication, and most importantly connect individuals and families to the right support for them. All people deserve an equal chance to flourish.



### What's Included?

4-6 sessions of support, in the home or virtually. An excellent understanding of the emotional journey and empathetic listening skills used, to offer practical support and service signposting tailored to the individual and family's needs. Afterwards, the option of taking part in our mentoring and befriending service is available with trained volunteers supporting the individual or parent/carers of a child for a further 3 months.

The sessions are flexible and delivered to the individual's and family's specific needs

#### Session 1

What is Autism? What might this mean for me/my child and family?  
Assessment of individual support and information the family may need.

#### Session 2

Understanding behaviour and meltdowns including sensory needs within ASD and overview of strategies to support.

#### Session 3

Information sharing on agencies, support groups, services etc, specific and tailored to the individual/family. Related disability benefits and form filling support.

#### Session 4

Education and understanding the system. Support for form filling and referrals to specific organisations if some longer-term support is required.

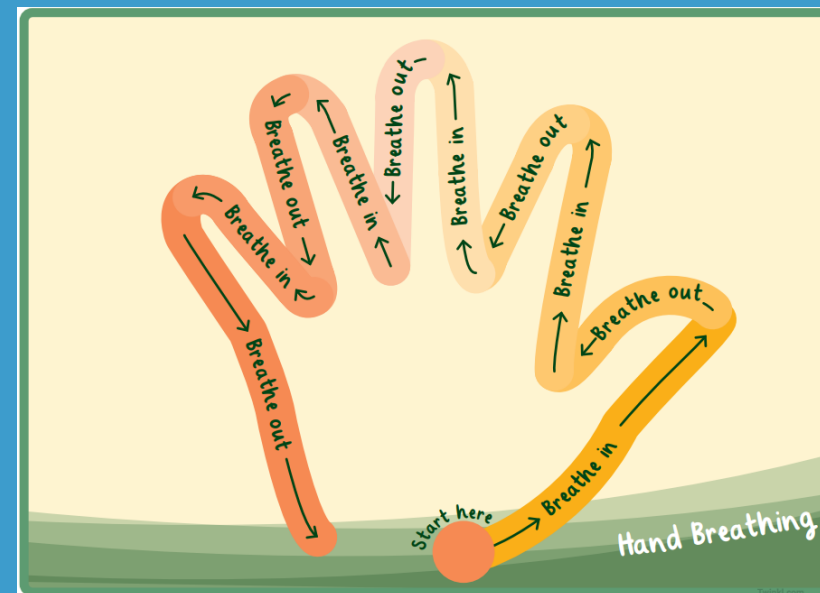
## Wellbeing Ambassadors

Across school we now 24 children who are our Wellbeing Ambassadors as voted for by their class peers. It was lovely to hold our first meeting in school and to talk all about what wellbeing is and ways in which we can improve our wellbeing in school and at home. The children have all now received a badge which they can proudly display which lets other children know of their role.

The children learnt a breathing technique called 'high 5 breathing' and learnt all about how breathing helps to regulate our heartbeat to help us feel calm. The children will then teach this to the other children in their classes and be able to use this to help other children out on the playground, under the guidance of an adult.

We are very much looking forward to our next meeting!

Ms Cunningham and Mrs Cotterill



# December Kindness 2023

MONDAY



4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

TUESDAY



5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

WEDNESDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

THURSDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

FRIDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

SATURDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

SUNDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

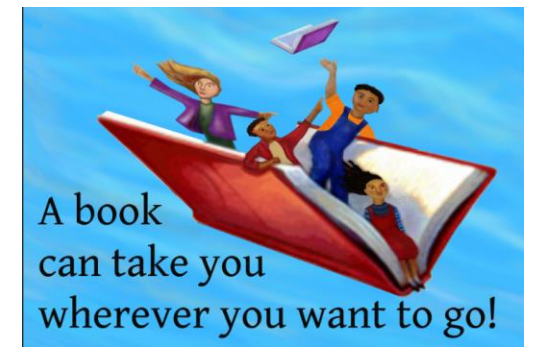
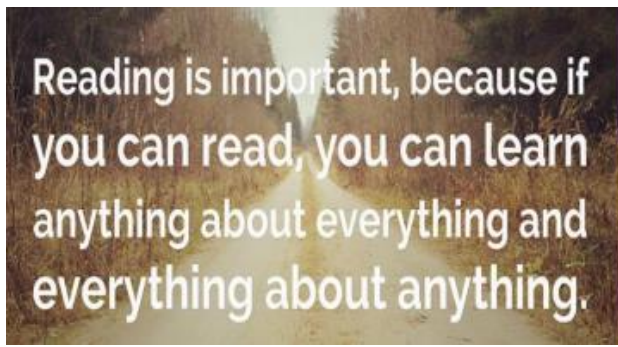
30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together





***We are looking for people who are able to offer 1 or 2 hours a week to volunteer in school. We primarily need people to listen to children read but may also ask you to help with art activities and other group work.***

**What we need from you:**

1 or 2 hours per week of your time.

An application pack and DBS check completed prior to coming into school.

**What we can offer you:**

A warm, welcoming environment where your donation of time is

incredibly appreciated.

Fantastic children to work with.

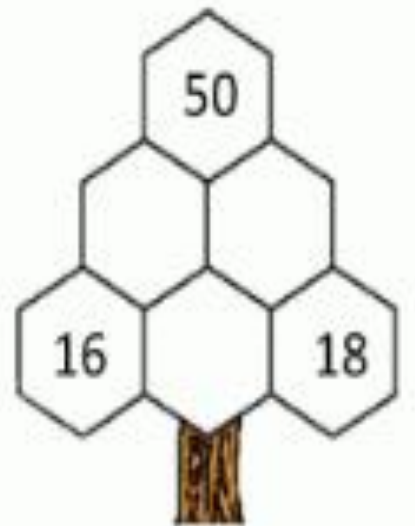
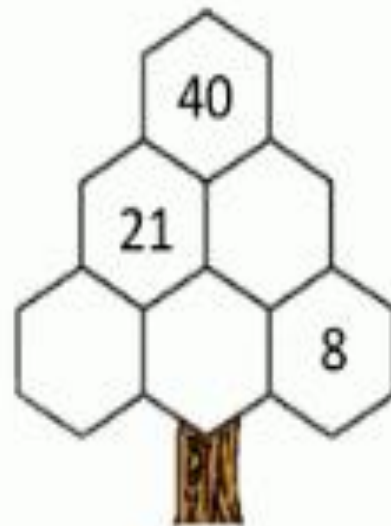
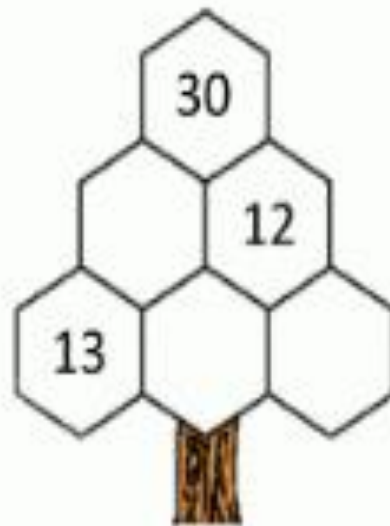
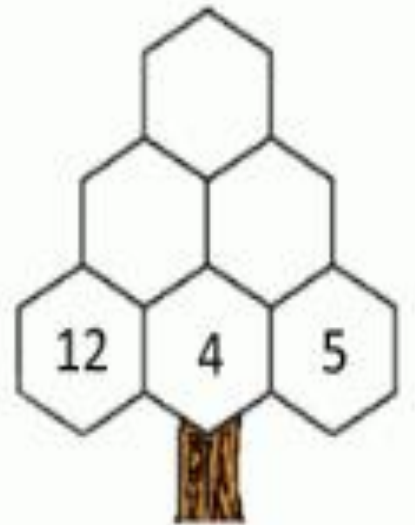
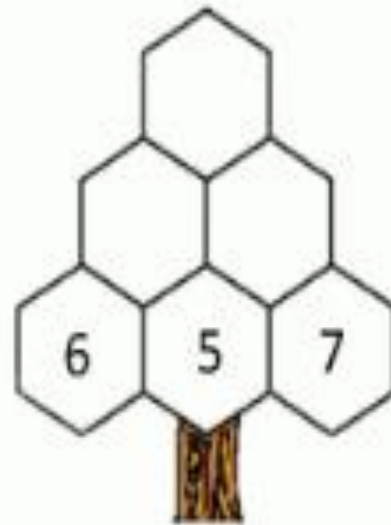
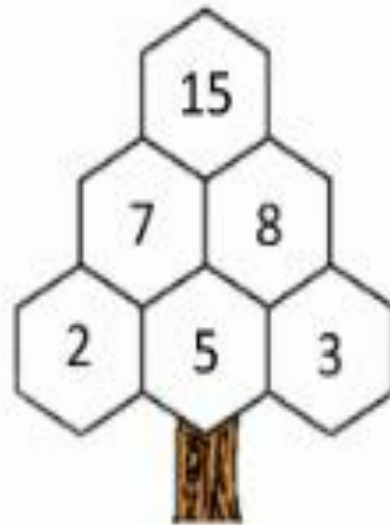
A sense of satisfaction that you are making a difference.

*Please email [jennifer.deboard@simondesenis.org](mailto:jennifer.deboard@simondesenis.org)  
if you would like to chat about what it entails or to volunteer.*

# Maths

## TREE ADDING PUZZLE :

- Each number is the total of the two numbers below it.
- Find a solution for each of the trees below! There are many possibilities!
- The first tree has been completed for you.





Northamptonshire  
Police



## Cuppa with a Copper - Hunsbury Library

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Officers from the local Neighborhood policing team will be holding a community surgery on:

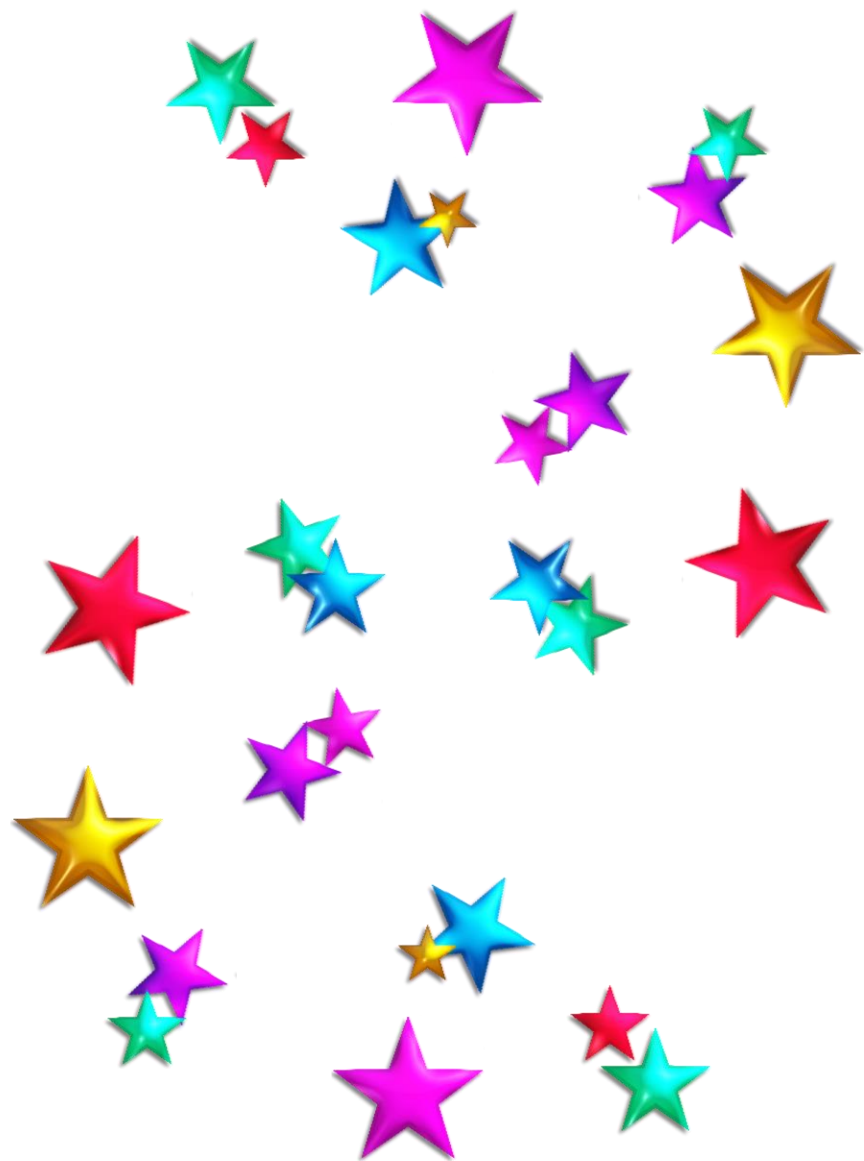
- **Wed 20th December**

Sessions run between 10am and 12pm at Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, Northampton NN4 0RZ.

We will be on hand to listen to any concerns you have in your local community and to offer crime prevention advice.

Please come along to speak to your local officers about any issues of concern in your local community.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.



**St Benedict's** is  
looking forward to the

*The real reason  
for the season*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 6:30pm**

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec - 2 to 4pm**

Christmas Tree Festival &  
Fayre (Choirs, ukuleles & fun)

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec - 3:30 - 5pm**

Family Fun afternoon  
more cake and fun.

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec - 6:00pm**

Lessons & Carols service  
(inside, with Glühwein / mince pies)



**20<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:00pm**

Carols round the Christmas  
Tree, with accompaniment, plus  
refreshments (Glühwein &  
mince pies)

**Christingles 22nd Dec Briar Hill  
Community centre 3:30 - 4:15pm**

**Traditional Services:**

24<sup>th</sup> Midnight Mass -  
11:30pm with carols & HC

**Christmas Day 10am**

Any further info, please contact via  
[admin@stbens.uk](mailto:admin@stbens.uk) or [vicar@stbens.uk](mailto:vicar@stbens.uk)

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec St Benedict's  
3:30 - 4:15pm**





# Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

3.30 – 5.00 pm



Christmas gifts  
to be made..

For all the family

Free event

## Family Fun

We are holding an event to have fun, making things, and celebrate Christmas together.

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

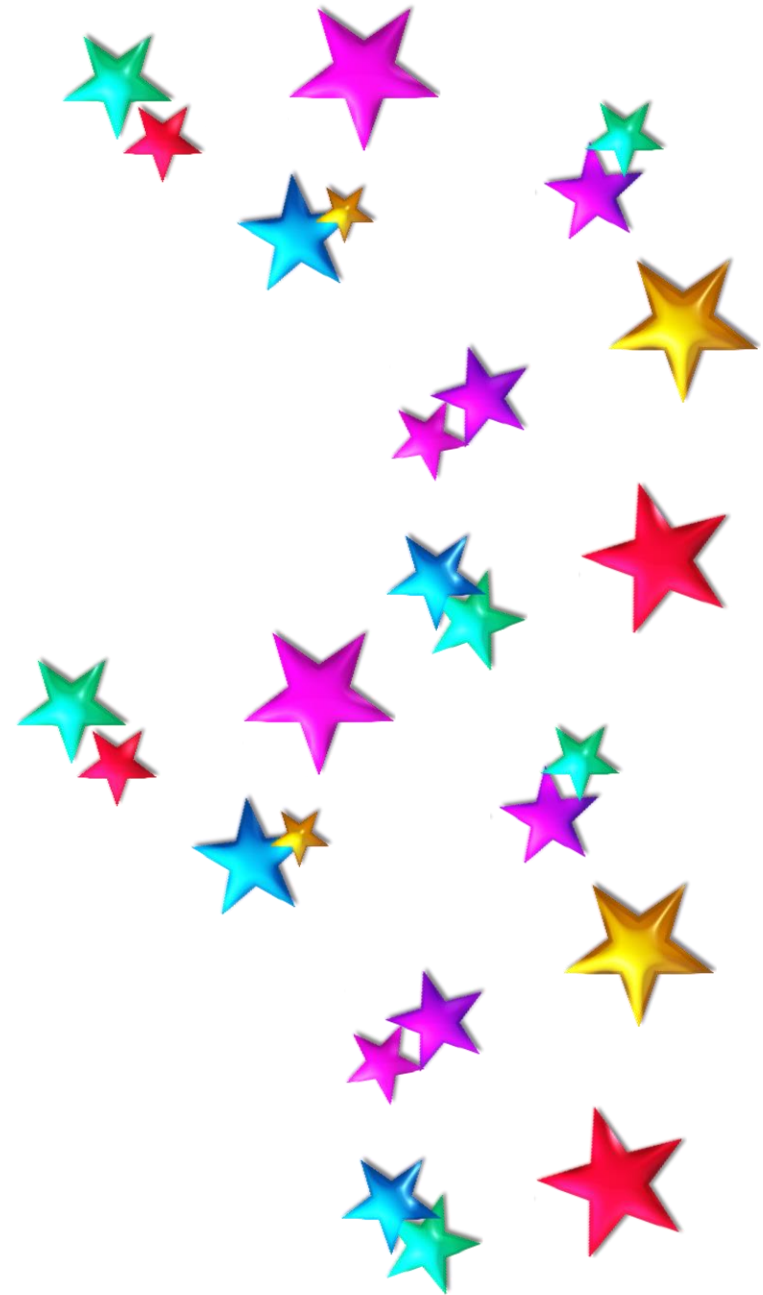
Tea, coffee and cake for adults.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please phone or email to book your places:

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Free event



# CHRISTMAS CAMP

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

21 & 22  
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Registration

1 DAY

£28

Registration

2 DAYS

£45

## Venue

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School, Northampton, NN4 8BT

Age

7 to 11

Time

10.30am - 2.30pm

Spots

28



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# Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Date	Event	Page
Sun 10 Dec	<b>Tour of Abington Park Museum</b> Tour Abington Park Museum	38 <b>A</b>
Thu 14 Dec	<b>Winter's Tales - Traditional Stories and Music for the Season</b> Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 <b>N</b>
Fri 15 Dec	<b>Mini Museum Explorers - Christmas</b> Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	30 <b>N</b>
Fri 15 Dec	<b>He had his flaws and she had the defects of his flaws: overlaps, collaborations and coincidence in the works of Dante Gabriel and Elizabeth Eleanor Rossetti</b> Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 <b>N</b>
Fri 15 Dec	<b>Craft &amp; Chatter</b> The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	20 <b>N</b>
Sat 16 Dec	<b>Christmas Crackers</b> Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	31 <b>N</b>
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We are proud to announce that we are now fully OFSTED Registered and as a result of this, we are able to accept all types of childcare vouchers and the government tax-free scheme as payment for our services.

This is something we have been working on for some time that will hopefully allow even more people to join us at our amazing Holiday Camps.

Rhino Sports Academy is eligible for HAF funding. If your child receives funded free school meals or is a pupil premium child you can come along to our camps for free. For more information on this please contact us via email or phone and we can book them on.



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## HOW TO REGISTER

To register for any of our camps throughout the year, please head to our website.

**Rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/camps**

Select the camp activity and dates you desire and you're good to go.

### NEED SOME HELP REGISTERING?

If you are experiencing any difficulties registering your child for one of our clubs or camps please don't hesitate to get in contact with one of the team who will be more than happy to help.

**BOOK NOW**



**SCAN HERE**

# Christmas Camp



SCIENCE

MULTISPORTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

PERFORMING ARTS

**RHINOSPORTSACADEMY.CO.UK/CAMPS**

We are pleased to announce Rhino Sports Academy Camps will be held at four different venues this winter. Blisworth Primary School, Good Shepherd Primary School, Collingtree Primary School and Hunsbury Park Primary School

## MULTISPORTS

At a Rhino multisport camp, every child spends a portion of their day participating in each of the sports on offer. They will learn the rules of the game plus new skills and new techniques for the first part before moving on to match play and games for the latter part.

Our multisport camps are a great way for children to enjoy some sporting variety and encourage participation in new sports for those still looking to find out which sport they enjoy the most.

Our coaches are all passionate about healthy competition and about exploring the fun and excitement that playing sport can bring. Prizes will be awarded for effort and excellence shown throughout the day.



## SCIENCE

At Rhino Science we want to inspire natural curiosity by providing fun scientific and STEM experiences for all children. We aim to provide a fun environment that inspires children to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave and analyse the causes. Science can be exciting and engaging and we will provide the tools and instruments needed to help the children achieve this. The cost of this club is inclusive of all materials that will be used for experiments.



Here is some more information on what each activity will include on the day. We encourage children to try out new experiences and if on the day your child wants to swap over and do something different that is no problem at all.

## PERFORMING ARTS

Rhino Dramatics and Rhino Dance are coming together to offer something special to those who love to explore their expression and will learn new ways of using voice and body and naturally build up their confidence whilst having heaps of fun in the process.

Every child will spend their day learning, devising and performing different areas of Dance & Drama with experienced and passionate coaches. We will focus on learning new techniques, creating new work and promoting confidence in performance. Making our performing arts camp fun and engaging for all involved.

Prizes will be awarded for effort and excellence shown throughout the day.



## ARTS & CRAFTS

Our brand new Arts & Crafts Camp will be a great opportunity for children who love to be creative and get a bit messy. We will help your children discover their unique abilities and find their artistic talents. They will have lots of fun doing lots of different activities from colouring to painting, making things out of different materials and exploring new ways of learning. With the option to do some baking and decorating.



### BLISWORTH CAMP

Blisworth Primary School, Courteenhall Road, Northampton NN7 3DD  
9am-4pm Ages 4-12

Multisports & Performing Arts  
December 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, January 2nd, 3rd

Full week (2 days) - £40.00  
Full Day - £25.00  
Half Day - £15.00

### GOOD SHEPHERD CAMP

Good Shepherd Primary School, Kingsland Gardens, Northampton NN2 7BH  
9am-4pm Ages 4-12

Multisports  
December 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, January 2nd, 3rd

Full week (2 days) - £40.00  
Full Day - £25.00  
Half Day - £15.00



### HUNSBURY PARK CAMP

Hunsbury Park Primary School, Dayrell Rd, Northampton NN4 9RR  
9am-4pm Ages 4-12

Science, Arts & Crafts &  
Multisports  
December 21st, 22nd

Multisports  
December 28th, 29th

Arts & Crafts &  
Multisports  
January 2nd, 3rd

Full week (2 days) - £40.00  
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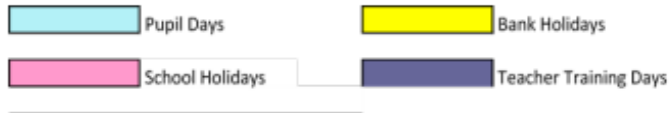
### COLLINGTREE CAMP

Collingtree Primary School, Lodge Avenue, Northampton NN4 0NQ  
9am-4pm Ages 4-12

Multisports  
December 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, January 2nd, 3rd

Full week (2 days) - £40.00  
Full Day - £25.00  
Half Day - £15.00





## 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
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
Tues			5	12	19
Wed			6	13	20
Thu			7	14	21
Fri		1	8	15	22



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# What's happening in the news this week?



**Let's have a look at this week's poster!**

**27th November - 3rd December 2023**



## Let's look at this week's story

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# Who is responsible for Antarctica?

## UK's Kind Hero for 2023



**Pictured:** Sebbie Hall, the UK's kind hero for 2023 with his statue.  
**Source:** KIND Snacks Facebook page.

Sebbie Hall has been celebrated as the UK's kind hero for 2023! KIND Snacks, who launched a campaign to find the UK's kindest people, have recognised him as a hero and erected a statue of him wearing a superhero cape near Tower Bridge in London. Sebbie says, 'kindness is my superpower'. He set up The Sebbie Hall Kindness Foundation, to help vulnerable young people and for the last three years, has committed himself to surprising strangers with random acts of kindness every day. Sebbie, who was born with a rare chromosome anomaly, began spreading kindness in 2020. He started by

washing cars to raise money to help his classmates, who did not have a computer to use during lockdown. He has also donated 400 coats and blankets to homeless charities and gifted 800 toys to children's homes. 'Sebbie's story in particular highlights the importance of kindness and its transformative power in driving positive changes for others. Honouring Sebbie's kindness with a statue felt like the right way to celebrate such an outstanding person,' said Sam Wainwright, KIND spokesperson.  
**Do you think kind people should always be rewarded?**

## Attenborough's long-beaked echidna rediscovered

Researchers working on Expedition Cyclops have rediscovered a species that has not been seen by science for over 60 years. Attenborough's long-beaked echidna (*Zaglossus attenboroughi*) was spotted on camera in Indonesia's Cyclops Mountains in the Province of Papua. The international research expedition team, set up by Dr James Kempton from the University of Oxford, was ecstatic to find the egg-laying mammal. The creatures are incredibly difficult to locate as they are nocturnal, live in burrows, and are very shy. Dr Kempton described the unique appearance of mammals that were named in honour of Sir David Attenborough by saying, 'Attenborough's long-beaked echidna has



**Pictured:** Short-beaked echidna - one of four living species of echidna. **Source:** Canva.



**Pictured:** Attenborough's long-beaked echidna.  
**Source:** Merton College, Oxford @MertonCollege X page.

the spines of a hedgehog, the snout of an anteater, and the feet of a mole. The reason it appears so unlike other mammals is because it is a member of the monotremes – an egg-laying group that separated from the rest of the mammal tree-of-life about 200 million years ago.' Dr James Kempton went on to explain the experience of spotting the rare creature on the team's recordings, 'I was euphoric, the whole team was euphoric. I'm not joking when I say it came down to the very last SD card that we looked at, from the very last camera that we collected, on the very last day of our expedition!'  
**Do you think it is important to try to rediscover lost animal species?**

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# Pink Pond!

A pond in Hawaii has turned bright pink! Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, a coastal salt marsh along the south-central coast of Maui, has received an increase in visitors to see the brightly coloured water, with volunteers at the refuge stating they have never seen the pond turn pink before. Researchers have collected samples for analysis and, using laboratory tests, have ruled out toxic algae as the cause. Biologists now believe that the colour could be the result of a single-celled organism called Halobacteria, which thrive in salty environments and are present in

red/orange colonies. The area has been experiencing a drought and because of this, the pond water has become very salty – it is currently twice as salty as the sea. Pictures of the brightly coloured water have appeared on social media, causing an influx of visitors. 'We prefer that they come to hear about our mission conserving native and endangered waterbirds and our wetland restorations. But no, they're here to see the pink water,' joked Bret Wolfe, the refuge manager. 'If that's what gets them there, it's OK. It is neat.'

**Would you like to visit a bright pink pond?**



**Pictured:** The pink water at Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge.  
**Source:** Visiting South Maui (Kihei, Wailea and Makena) Facebook page.

Last week's topic:

## Are there some jobs robots could never do?



I think robots could not do every job like being a teacher and carers.

**Kaiden**

I think that robots can do every job as time goes on, because there will be more knowledge to program them well enough to do every job.

**Jackie**

Robots are very useful, they can do many different things, like clean stuff, help put stuff away and much more. The only jobs I think robots might not be able to do is an artist, because it involves a big mind and creativity.

**Huda**

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



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# Reflection



The landscape of Antarctica is changing; the rate of the melting ice is impacting the animals that live there, and the rising sea levels are having a negative impact on the wider world. All our actions combined can make a positive difference.



# TAKEHOME

27 Nov -  
3 Dec



## Who is responsible for Antarctica?



## In the news this week

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### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about Antarctica. Is it a place you would like to visit? Why?
- > Do you believe individuals have a part to play in protecting places such as Antarctica or should world leaders do more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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