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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday and today, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed their Christmas shows to packed audiences and they were FANTASTIC! I was amazed at how confidently the children spoke, projecting their voices to the very back of the hall. Their singing was wonderful and their movements and signing really brought the shows to life. Throughout the performances, the children smiled and showed so much happiness. They were confident and full of pride for their performance.

Enormous thanks to you for your support with the practising for the shows and a huge thanks to all the amazing teachers and staff without whom the shows would not take place. I am so proud of the children, as I'm sure you are too. The memory of these shows will last a lifetime for both children and adults.

We are now looking forward to the Year 3,4,5 and 6 performances next week.

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

Mrs Fennelly



**Please come and check
the lost property trolley,
there are lots of
unclaimed items.**

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.

Do you prefer to give or receive at
Christmas time?
Can you enjoy both?





Poster of the Week

This week we talked again about receiving feedback from our teachers and how this can help us to learn. Feedback gives us our next steps and allows us to know how to get better. We love feedback at SDS and it's great to see children asking for feedback and receiving it brilliantly.

**Please bring your donations for the Christmas Colour
Hampers**

Reception – Items that are Red

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

St Benedict's Christmas Tree Festival
and Fayre, Saturday December 9th, 2pm- 4pm
Go along and see our Simon de Senlis Reading Tree!



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 showing respect.



Respect

Treating others politely and with understanding.
Accepting life's 'ups and downs' with grace.
Respect every day, in everything you do and for everyone around you.

Reading Ambassador Update

The reading ambassadors had a great trip to Hunsbury Library last week and bought lots of books from their nearly new sale. Here are just a selection of the books they bought!



Eco Ambassador Update

During our meeting we talked about how we can support our school to be more environmentally friendly.

Following on from our meeting, we have now ordered more bins for the playground. We have also given every classroom a 'switch off your lights' sign. Well done Eco Ambassadors- you're making a real difference!

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



**Please
switch off
lights when
leaving**



Wellbeing Leader Update

Our wellbeing leaders have continued to make sure their class know who to talk to if they are worried or concerned.

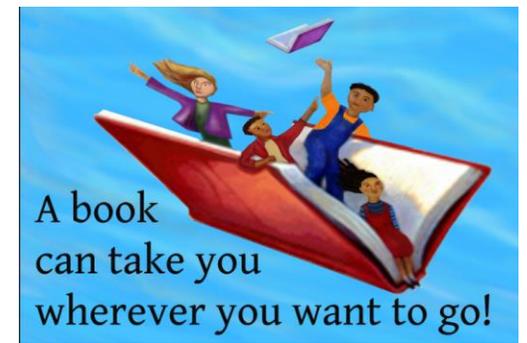
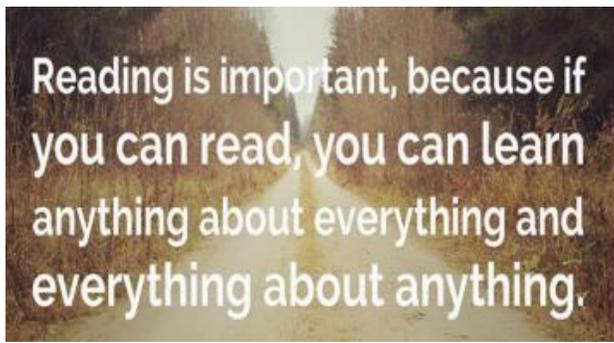
Mrs Cotterill has visited each classroom to talk to the children about keeping safe and knowing who we can talk to when we are worried or concerned.

Please do not park or drop off in the staff car park. This also includes for meetings and concerts.

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

Please be considerate of pathways, crossings and our neighbours.





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@simondesens.org if you would like to chat about what it entails or to volunteer.



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

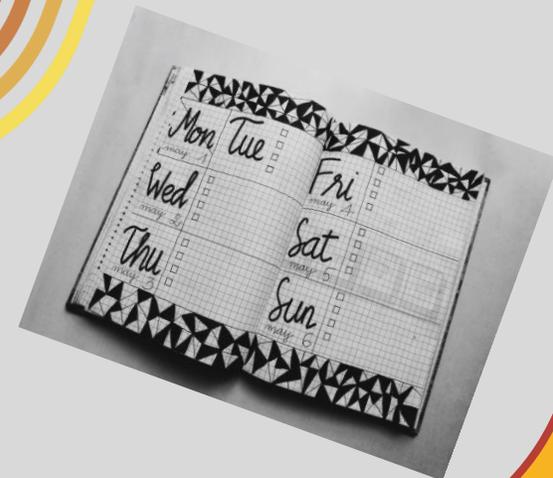
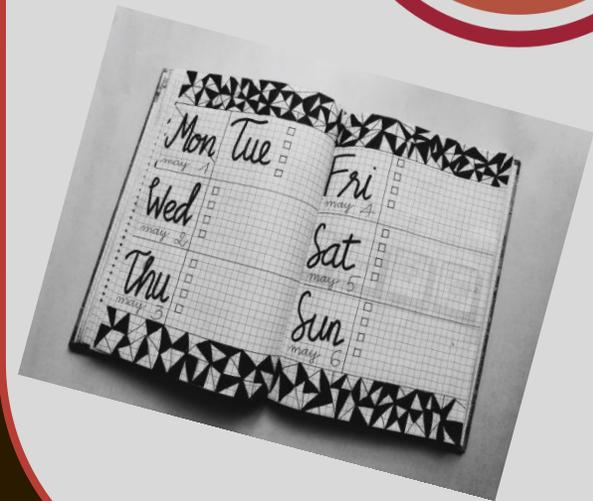
Come to visit us on Monday January 8th at 6pm.

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



Our Autumn Term, Dates for your

Diary



| Date | Year group | Event |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| 11th December | The Players. Drama Club. | Parents and Families of the Drama club, 2pm. Tickets are available via ParentMail |
| 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 | All our children. 1pm. | Christmas Party. Mufti day Bring a party packed lunch. There will be no Dolce lunches on this 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 |

*Well done to Reception, Year 1 and
2 for their outstanding Christmas
performances. You were
BRILLIANT!!!*



Simon de Senlis
Christmas Performances 2023





Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 8th December 2023



| Year Group | Date | Time | Location | Tickets |
|-----------------|---------------|---------|---------------------|--|
| Year 3 | 12th December | 2pm | School Hall | Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child |
| Year 4 | 12th December | 09:30am | School Hall | Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child |
| Year 5 | 15th December | 11:15am | St Benedicts Church | Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child |
| Year 6 | 15th December | 09:45am | St Benedicts Church | Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child |
| Wiggins | 14th December | 2:15pm | Wiggins Class-room | Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child |
| Robinson | 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



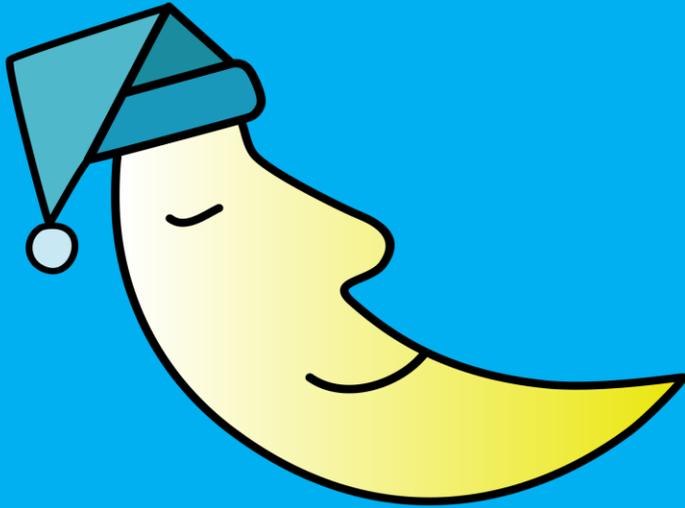
Rotary Becket Announce 2023 Santa Sleigh Routes!

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**



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.

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

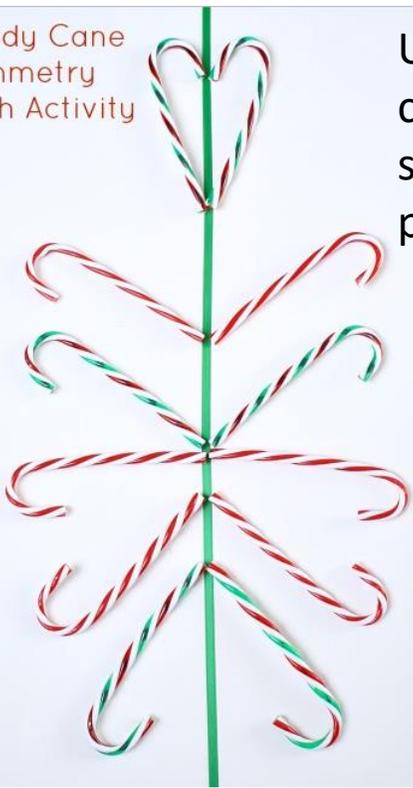
November 16th 2023 at 6:00pm | December 5th 2023 at 9:30am

January 8th 2024 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org



Candy Cane
Symmetry
Math Activity



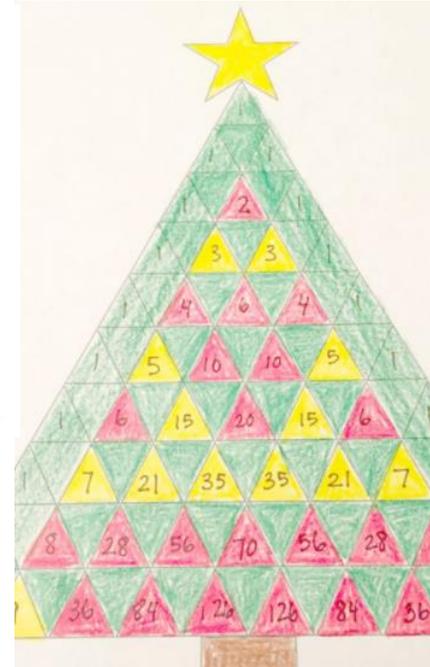
Use candy canes to make symmetrical patterns.

Maths



PASCAL'S TRIANGLE
MATH PUZZLES

Write a 1 at the end of each row then add each pair of numbers above the triangles to give you the next number in the pattern.



Counting tree. You could use numbers or colours to create a pattern.



Use the Christmas sweets to count and represent number patterns.



Sort things by size.



Write a number or calculation on a peg.



Estimation
Lego – estimate how much Lego fits in a bauble.



Christmas Book Giving Guides

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The Reader Teacher Book Gift Giving Guide
Reads Reviews & Recommendations!
Christmas 2023

Recommended books for children aged 5+!

★ Christmas Classics ★



Festive Fiction



❄️ Winter Warmers ❄️



🦌 Factual Books for All the Family 🦌



🎅 Super Funny Stocking Fillers! 🎅



📖 Poetry Presents



🎁 New Out This Christmas 🎁



🎅 Picture Book Party 🎅



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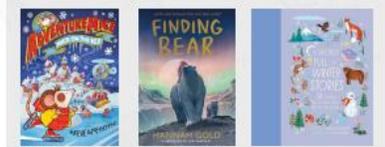
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Blue Peter Badges!



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

Merry Christmas

Sports

Try out some of these fun activities over the holiday and stay active.

Miss Bland



1

Christmas Tree Climbers



2

Santa Squats



3

Snow Strides
(run taking long strides)



4

Pretend you're flying Santa's Sleigh



5

Snowball target throw



6

Present Throw
(passing a ball in pairs or group)



8

Imagine you're asleep waiting for Father Christmas



9

Pair up and play follow the Elf!



7

Dance to your favourite Christmas song

13



Christmas Star Jumps!

12



Wreath toss! (hoop or quoite)



10

Jack Frost Tag



11

Christmas cake balance (beanbags on heads!)

Colour in the pictures too!

Tick off one activity for each school day in December!

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

Inclusion Leader
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



Hannah Cotterill

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider

Mrs Cotterill says....

Over the next 2 weeks I will be going into every class to complete this terms Protective Behaviour lesson.

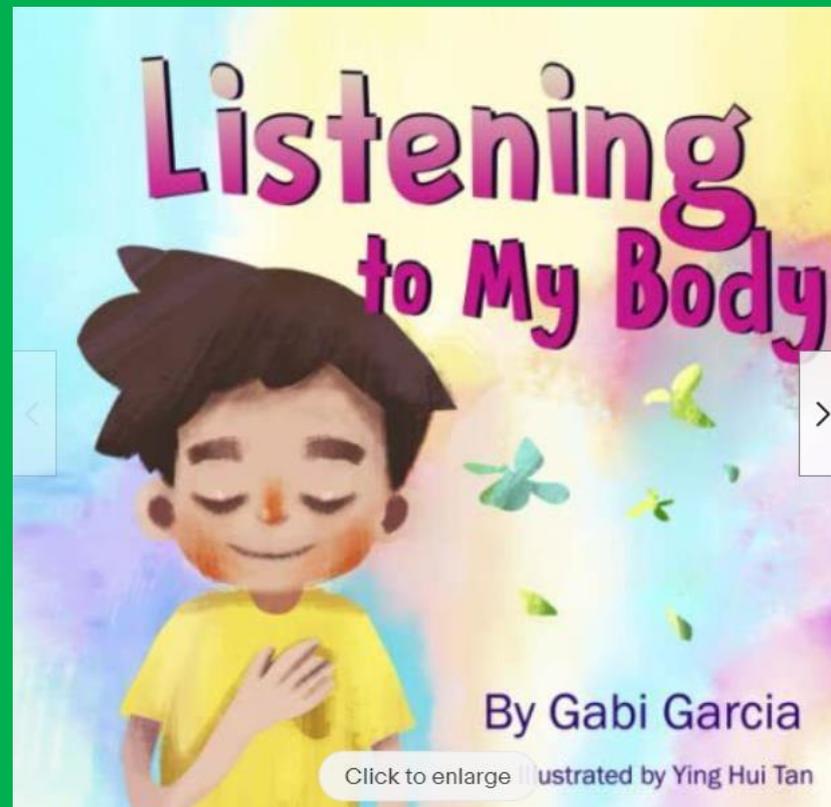
We are focusing on how our body can physically tell us how we are feeling.

We will be looking at a book called 'listening to my body' and thinking about how our body tells us we are feeling worried, and then what to do about this. We will be learning what sensation and regulated mean, so we can begin to better understand our emotions and how to respond to them.

Examples:

- butterflies in tummy
- racing heart
- jelly legs

I will be reminding the children of the work we completed last half term, which is talking to our trusted adults if we feel sad or worried.



Mrs Cotterill says....

Adult Classes Functional Skills English

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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

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

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

Engaging in positive conversations after school

Sometimes children need a bit of time to decompress and process their school day. Once they have had time to do this here are some great ways to start a positive conversation about school at the dinner table with the whole family.

Ms Cunningham

12 things to say at dinner time instead of asking "how was your day?"

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Tell me about something nice that someone did for you today.... | Tell me something you wouldn't have known if you hadn't gone to school today... | If you could change ONE thing about today what would it be? |
| If you had to be inside a film for a week which film would you choose? | If you could only keep three of your toys which would they be? | What made you laugh today? |
| If you were the head teacher what would you change? | If school had been cancelled today what would you have done? | Who did you help today? |
| If your teacher could use one word to describe you what would it be? | If you could swap seats with someone in your class who would it be? Why? | What is the best word to describe your day? |

The Spring Charity ADHD Workshop for Parents and Caregivers



Does your child have, or are they on the pathway to a diagnosis of ADHD? Then this EnFold Lead Workshop is for you!

Places are LIMITED so email Rosie for a place:
rosie.springcharity@gmail.com



Monday 22nd January 2024
from 9.30 am



The Spring Charity,
Annex Community Centre, Spring Lane,
Northampton NN1 2JW



SAT 9 DECEMBER

2023

10:30-12:30



info@enfold.org.uk

MINI YAAP LAUNCH

AGES 8-11 YEARS

SAVE THE DATE



Briar Hill
Community
Centre,
Northampton,
NN4 8SX



West Northamptonshire Area SEND Accessible Christmas Shows 2023



Castle Theatre, Wellingborough: Cinderella

- BSL interpreted - Sat 2 Dec (6.30pm)
 - Relaxed - Tue 19 Dec (2.30pm)
 - Relaxed & BSL interpreted - Sun 10 Dec (11am)
- Booking and details: <https://ow.ly/Lztb50Q8Tni>



Royal & Derngate, Northampton: Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs

- Audio-described - Fri 15 Dec (7pm)
 - BSL interpreted - Sun 17 Dec (5pm)
 - Captioned - Tue 19 Dec (7pm)
 - BSL interpreted - Thu 28 Dec (2pm)
 - Audio-described - Fri 29 Dec (1pm)
 - Relaxed - Sat 30 Dec (1pm)
- Booking and details: <https://ow.ly/BCqi50Q8Tz5>



Royal & Derngate, Northampton: Stick Man

- Audio-described & Touch Tour - Sat 16 Dec (12noon)
 - Relaxed - Sun 17 Dec (1pm)
 - BSL interpreted - Wed 20 Dec (1pm)
 - Relaxed - Thu 28 Dec (1pm)
 - Captioned - Sat 30 Dec (4pm)
- Booking and details: <https://ow.ly/9B6Y50Q8Tq5>



Milton Keynes Theatre: Cinderella

- Captioned - Tue 19 Dec (7pm)
 - BSL interpreted - Wed 20 Dec (7pm)
 - Audio-described - Thu 21 Dec (7pm)
- Booking and details: <https://ow.ly/okUi50Q8ToL>



The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury: There's a Monster in Your Christmas Show

- Relaxed - Tue 19 Dec (5pm)
- Booking and details:
<https://ow.ly/JxrL50Q8Tlg>



The Stables, Milton Keynes: Hansel & Gretel presented by Box Tale Soup

- Relaxed - Wed 20 Dec (2pm)
- Booking and details:
<https://ow.ly/sq1b50Q8Tvt>



The Deco Theatre, Northampton: Cinderella

- Relaxed - Fri 22 Dec (1pm)
- Booking and details:
<https://ow.ly/ILbg50Q8TBp>



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

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Northamptonshire
Police



Cuppa with a Copper - Hunsbury Library

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.



CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMPS

NORTHAMPTON LTC
NN3 3HH

KINGS PARK
NN3 6LL

St Peters, Kettering
NN15 6DJ

Weavers School
NN8 3JH

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Come and join us at one of our camps this Christmas
Our camps are suitable for beginners or players in our weekly sessions.

● **Northampton LTC, NN3 3HH**
Days: 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th Dec / 2nd, 3rd Jan
Times: 9am till 4pm
(early drop off 8am available)

● **Kings Park Tennis Centre, NN3 6LL**
Days: 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th Dec / 2nd, 3rd Jan
Times: 9am till 3pm

● **St Peters School, Kettering, NN15 6DJ**
Days: 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th Dec / 2nd, 3rd Jan
Times: 9am till 3pm

● **Weavers School, Wellingborough, NN8 3JH**
Days: 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th Dec / 2nd, 3rd Jan
Times: 9am till 3pm



hello@northamptontenniscoaching.co.uk
www.northamptontenniscoaching.co.uk



St Benedict's is
looking forward to the

*The real reason
for the season*

3rd Dec - 6:30pm

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

9th Dec - 2 to 4pm

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

10th Dec - 3:30 - 5pm

Family Fun afternoon
more cake and fun.

17th Dec - 6:00pm

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



20th 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:

24th Midnight Mass -
11:30pm with carols & HC

Christmas Day 10am

Any further info, please contact via
admin@stbens.uk or vicar@stbens.uk

**24th Dec St Benedict's
3:30 - 4:15pm**



Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG)

Sunday 10th 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:

admin@stbens.uk or vicar@stbens.uk

Free event



CHRISTMAS CAMP

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

21 & 22
DECEMBER

Registration

1 DAY

£28

Registration

2 DAYS

£45

Venue

Goals Northampton, Abbeyfield
School, Northampton, NN4 8BT

Age

7 to 11

Time

10.30am - 2.30pm

Spots

28



More Information +44 07527499000 enquiries@shosoccer.com

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16:45 - 20:00

SATURDAYS | 4 - 18 YEARS |

9:45 - 13:00 & 1:45 - 17:00

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# Northampton ESCO CHRISTMAS CAMPS

Come and join the fun!  
Children will love our  
Christmas themed crafts,  
songs, films and games.  
We anticipate this being a  
popular club so sign up soon!



21ST, 22ND,  
28TH AND 29TH  
DECEMBER  
2023

9:00 - 3:30PM

Cedar Road  
Primary School  
NN3 2JF

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# Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

| Date       | Event                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Page           |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sun 10 Dec | <b>Tour of Abington Park Museum</b><br>Tour<br>Abington Park Museum                                                                                                                                             | 38<br><b>A</b> |
| Thu 14 Dec | <b>Winter's Tales - Traditional Stories and Music for the Season</b><br>Talk<br>Northampton Museum & Art Gallery                                                                                                | 24<br><b>N</b> |
| Fri 15 Dec | <b>Mini Museum Explorers - Christmas</b><br>Children's event<br>Northampton Museum & Art Gallery                                                                                                                | 30<br><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><br>Talk<br>Northampton Museum & Art Gallery | 23<br><b>N</b> |
| Fri 15 Dec | <b>Craft &amp; Chatter</b><br>The Wellness Series<br>Northampton Museum & Art Gallery                                                                                                                           | 20<br><b>N</b> |
| Sat 16 Dec | <b>Christmas Crackers</b><br>Children's event<br>Northampton Museum & Art Gallery                                                                                                                               | 31<br><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  
Full Day - £25.00  
Half Day - £15.00



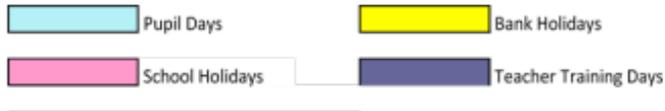
### COLLINGTREE CAMP

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 |
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| November 2024 |   |   |    |    |    |
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| December 2024 |   |    |    |    |    |
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| January 2025 |   |    |    |    |    |
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| 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 |   |    |    |    |  |
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| 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 |  |   |    |    |    |
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| Tues       |  | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| Wed        |  | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Thu        |  | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Fri        |  | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |

| April 2025 |   |    |    |    |    |
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| 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 |   |   |    |    |    |
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| 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 |  |   |    |    |    |
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| 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 |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Mon       | 30 | 7  | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Tues      | 1  | 8  | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Wed       | 2  | 9  | 16 | 23 | 30 |
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| August 2025 |  |   |   |    |    |
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**8TH DECEMBER  
2023**

**SOME NEWS  
FOR OUR  
CHILDREN**



# What's happening in the news this week?



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

4th - 10th December 2023



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

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavik and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.



# What is it like to live through an uncertain time?



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## Heart of the Milky Way



Pictured: James Webb Space Telescope reveals a 50 light-years-wide portion of the Milky Way's dense centre. Source: NASA Webb Telescope @NASAWebb X page.

A new image from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope reveals never-before-seen features at the centre of the Milky Way. The brightly coloured image shows the heart of the Milky Way in 'unprecedented detail'. NASA states that within the captured images of stars is Sagittarius C, 'a star-forming region about 300 light-years away from the supermassive black hole at the Milky Way's centre.' The telescope will be able to study each star individually as the galactic centre is only 25,000 light years away from Earth. 'There's never been any infrared data on this region with the level of resolution and sensitivity we get with

Webb, so we are seeing lots of features here for the first time. Webb reveals an incredible amount of detail, allowing us to study star formation in this sort of environment in a way that wasn't possible previously,' said the team's principal investigator Samuel Crowe, from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Samuel added, 'The image from Webb is stunning, and the science we will get from it is even better. Massive stars are factories that produce heavy elements in their nuclear cores, so understanding them better is like learning the origin story of much of the universe.'

**Do you enjoy looking at stars in the sky?**

## 'The Knit Wits'

Every Friday at Edgemere senior living home in Texas, USA, a group called 'The Knit Wits' get together around a large table to hand-knit hats and toys for children who are in need. The group have been creating the cosy items to send to charities operating worldwide for over twenty years – from their hometown to abroad, from local hospitals to war zones. During the last two decades, the club has donated thousands of items to bring comfort and warmth to others. The group's current project, in association with Children's Health in Dallas, is to knit homemade caps, with a festive theme, for infants facing heart problems. Describing the caps, Betsy Beall, who is a specialist at the hospital where the caps are being sent, said, 'They have become a colourful symbol of hope and joy for the centre's littlest patients and their families.' Marianne Mead, who joined



Pictured: Knitting together. Source: Canva.

'The Knit Wits' in her 80s and is still knitting now at the grand age of 102, credits the activity with keeping her creative, busy and giving her something good to think about! Staff working at Edgemere believe that the group's achievements deserve to be celebrated and invited 'The Knit Wits' to a special meal in their honour (pictured left). The executive director of their Edgemere home said, 'They've proven that a simple act of kindness can make such a difference in the lives of those facing challenging circumstances.'

**Do you know how to knit? Do you know anyone who enjoys knitting? Do you think it is an important skill?**



Pictured: The Knit Wits at Edgemere enjoying a celebratory meal. Source: Edgemere Senior Living Facebook page.

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# Reflection



Predicting a volcanic eruption, which can cause huge devastation to its surrounding area, is hard. Like many unpredictable situations that can make life difficult, a lot of resilience and planning ahead can help to ensure safety and a positive outcome.



# Emu on the loose in Loose!

Rodney the Emu, a family pet from Loose in Kent, was captured on doorbell camera footage after he escaped from his home. Once captured by police, the six-month-old flightless bird was safely returned to his family, who were delighted to have him back at home. Sarah Stribbling-Williams, the bird's keeper said, 'I wasn't aware that he'd gone missing. I thought he was in his stable, and then a man came down and said, 'have you lost your emu?' He'd gone down the footpath and a road away in a neighbour's front garden. We have had him since he was a four-day-old chick. He's a very friendly and tame member of the family. He often comes in our house and if outside he will come and knock on the kitchen window for some treats. He spends his time with our seven children along with our other animals (dogs, cats,

horses, chickens) and can often be found running round our garden with the dogs.' Rodney was found in a residential street close to its home by pensioner Maureen Roberts, who received quite a shock when a video doorbell notification alerted her to an Emu at her front door! Maureen said, 'I didn't know the emu was on the loose in my garden until I saw the footage on my phone. I just didn't believe it until I heard the tapping noise outside on the door.' A neighbour contacted Maureen to let her know, but she believed they were playing a prank on her, until she checked her phone. Maureen added, 'I thought she was winding me up and I laughed it off. But it turned out she wasn't joking.'

**How would you feel if there was a friendly Emu in your garden?**



Pictured: Kent Police's Tactical teams helping to return Rodney the emu to his home.  
Source: Kent Police Tactical Operations @KPTacOps X page.

Last week's topic:

## How can we show compassion to others?



Supporting and asking what you can do to help.

**Alix**

We should treat everyone equally and how you want to be treated.

**Sapphire**

We can show compassion by trying to understand someone's problem. We should help when they are hurt and comfort them so they don't feel bad.

**Alicja**

Sharing your things.

**Graeme**

Asking questions like are you ok?

**Preyk**

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

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# TAKEHOME



## What is it like to live through an uncertain time?



## In the news this week

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

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- > How do you imagine the people of Grindavik feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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