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Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning, The Players drama group and the Year 5 and 6 children performed the last of our Christmas shows to parents at St Benedict's Church. As with all the other Christmas performances, this was again a wonderful show. In total we have held fourteen Christmas shows from Reception to Year 6 and each has been the most amazing moment for the children and the class. The children have sung, spoke and acted with confidence and happiness and the pride on their faces, during and after each event has been wonderful to see. I know you too were full of pride seeing your child in the limelight and I was bursting with pride too.

These moments are memories for life, and I know you and your child will return to these memories time and time again.

As we now step into the final few days of the year, I hope you 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.

They will be handed to the Friends of SdS at the end of term.

Please name all your 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.

What do you
think Santa has
on his Christmas
list?



Play Leader Update

During the weekly meeting, the playleaders discussed how we can support the children to be more active and have fun at lunch time.

Well done playleaders for all your hard work this year.

Have an active Merry Christmas!
Miss Bland

Reading Ambassador Update

The books that the reading ambassadors bought are now in the library ready for everyone to read and enjoy!



Eco Ambassador Update

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

The switch the lights off signs are all now in place and the two new bins have arrived and are on the playground.

Well done Eco Ambassadors- you're making a real difference!



Wellbeing Leader Update

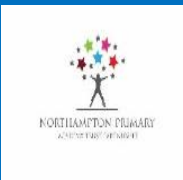
Our wellbeing leaders have continued to make sure their class know who to talk to if they are worried or concerned.

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.





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

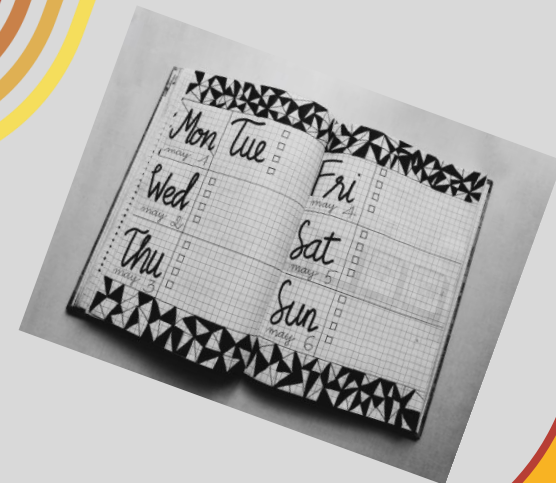
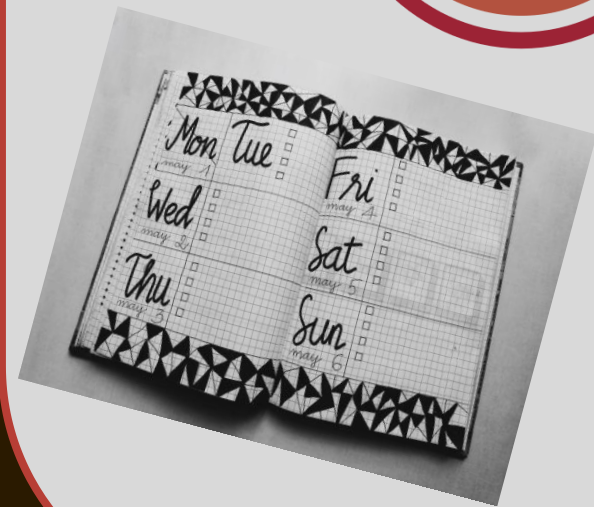
Come to visit us on Monday January 8th at 6pm.

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



Our Autumn Term, Dates for your

Diary



Date	Year group	Event
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 3:15pm	Break up for the Festive period
4th January	Whole School	School re-opens for Children
8th January	Prospective Reception Parents 2024	Whole school presentation and tour 6pm.
9th & 10th January	Year 6 parents • 9th at 9am • 10th at 5pm	SATs meeting
15th January	All Parents	Simon Aston Online Safety Workshop for parents 8:45 – 9:45am More information on the school website



**Well done to:
Year 3, year 4, year 5, year 6, The
Players, Robinson and Wiggins
class**

**for their outstanding Christmas
performances. You were**

BRILLIANT!!!



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



[Renew your books online](#)



[eBooks and eAudiobooks](#)



[Online reference](#)

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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

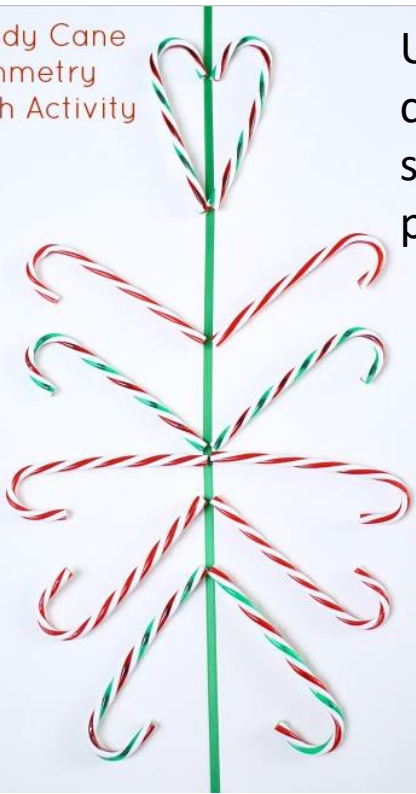
November 16th 2023 at 6:00pm | December 5th 2023 at 9:30am

January 8th 2024 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org

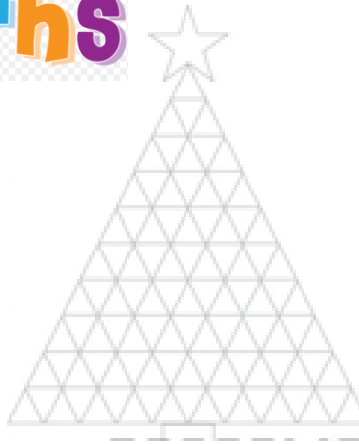


Candy Cane
Symmetry
Math Activity



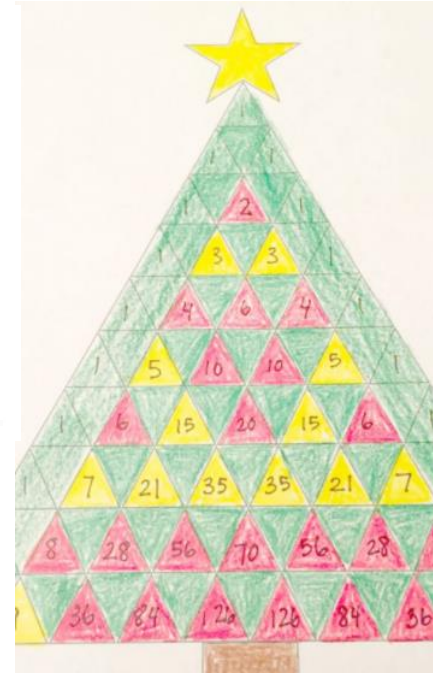
Use candy canes to make symmetrical patterns.

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.

Do you need some help finding a new book to read?

Try this book finder, by the **Book Trust**.

Select your age, then select a type of book and see what you can find.

Maybe you will find a new book to enjoy?

Happy Reading!

Step 1: Choose an age/stage



0-1 year



2-3 years



4-5 years



6-8 years



9-11 years



12+

Step 2: Choose a type of book



Best new books



Action and adventure



Around the world



Classics



Comic and graphic novel



Disability



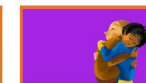
Feelings and wellbeing



Funny



Looking after our planet



Love and relationships



Non-fiction



Poetry and rhyme



Politics and human rights



Scary



Sci-fi and fantasy

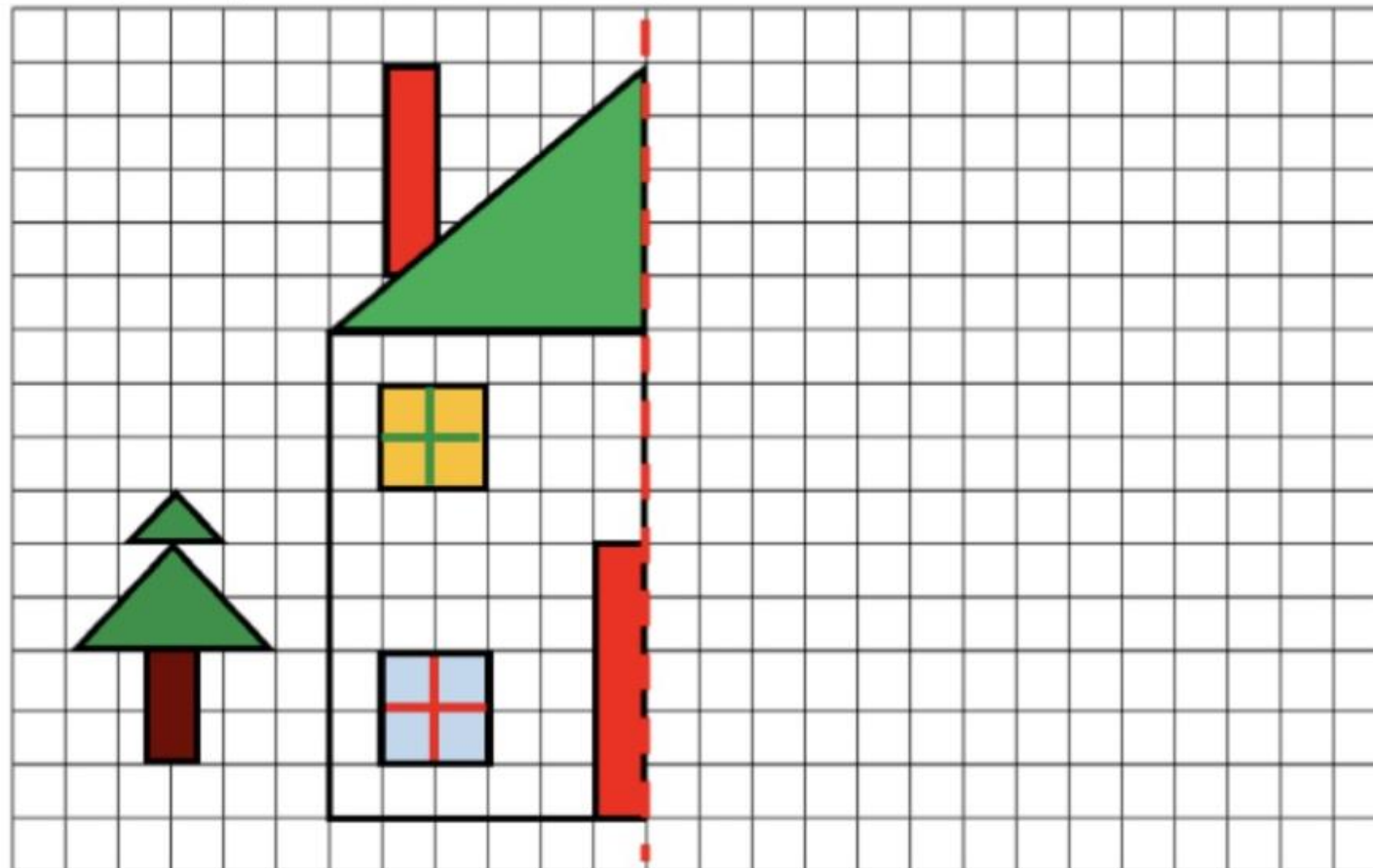


Sport

[Bookfinder: find children's books for every age | BookTrust](#)

Christmas Maths Puzzles

Use symmetry to complete the picture of Santa's grotto.



Christmas Maths Puzzles

These scales are balanced.

Find the mass of each present.



Christmas Maths Puzzles

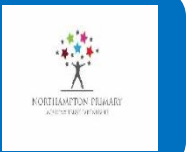
Santa is buying apples and carrots for his reindeer.

He buys 5 times as many carrots as apples.

He buys 6 apples.

How many carrots does Santa buy?





Christmas Book Giving Guides

www.TheReaderTeacher.com/2023-christmas-books-5-plus
The Reader Teacher Book Gift Giving Guide
Reads Reviews & Recommendations!
Christmas 2023

Recommended books for children aged 5+!

★ Christmas Classics ★



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🎅 Super Funny Stocking Fillers! 🎅



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PCSO recruitment



PCSO recruitment

Northamptonshire Police will be recruiting for Police community support officers.

The application window will open on 18/12/2023.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are an essential part of neighbourhood policing in Northamptonshire. Patrolling the streets and engaging with the public every day, PCSOs are the face of policing within our communities. They are approachable and offer reassurance, help build trust and provide vital support that helps to make our towns and villages safer and stronger.

Being a PCSO is a challenging and satisfying role – with no powers of arrest, communication and problem-solving skills are key tools. Working at the heart of each Neighbourhood Policing Team, PCSOs complement and support their police officer colleagues, helping fight crime and protect people across Northamptonshire.

Whether you're already an active member of your local community or want to be, becoming a PCSO with Northamptonshire Police is your opportunity to use your local knowledge and problem-solving skills to reduce crime and Anti-Social behaviour where it matters most to you.

Go to:

[Join as a PCSO | Northamptonshire Police \(northants.police.uk\)](https://northants.police.uk)



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

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.



TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.



WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.



SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!



GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!



GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.



Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders



How about making a Rocking Reindeer from a paper plate?

Thank you to the paper and card artist Darrell Wakelam for the idea.

Follow the instructions here-

[Rocking Reindeer — Darrell Wakelam](#)



Sports

How many of these can you tick off your active holiday list? stay active.

Miss Bland



swing fast



swing slow



use tire swing



use the slide



go upside down



rock in chair



play on scooter board



rock on horse



bounce fast



tag games



bounce slow



spin in one direction



trampoline



climbing gym



dance



go on spinning chair or toy



ride bicycle



walk or run up/down hills



play sports



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.

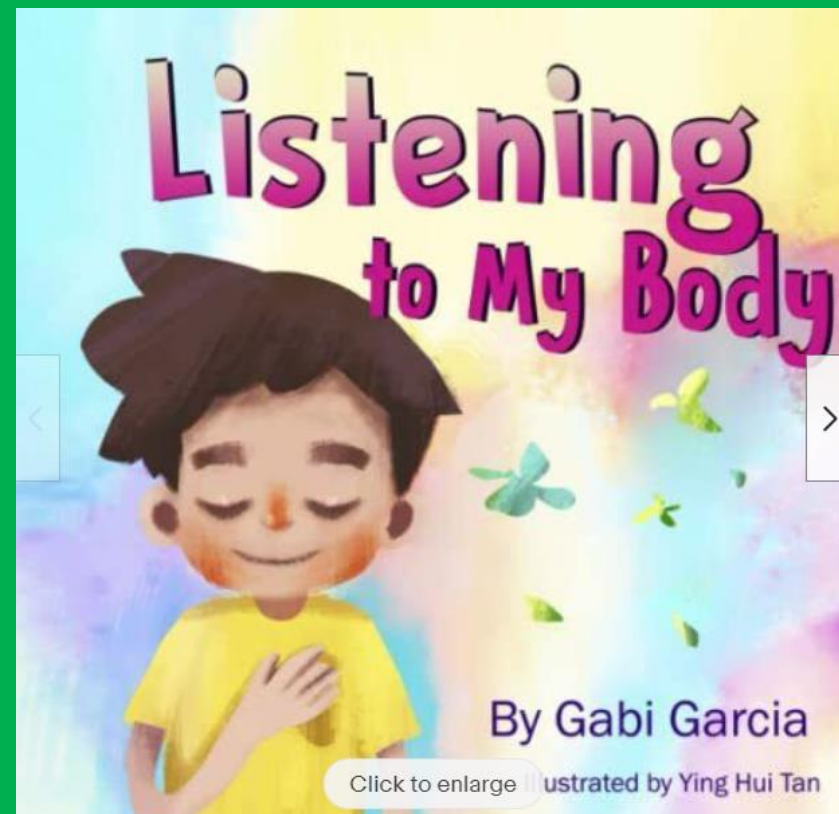
We are focusing on how our body can physically tell us how we are feeling.

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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Tue 1-3pm

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Tue 1-3pm

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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.

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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/lLbg50Q8TBp>



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.



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TENNIS COACHING

CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMPS

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NN3 6LL

St Peters, Kettering
NN15 6DJ

Weavers School
NN8 3JH

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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



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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



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2023

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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 |
| Thu          | 3  | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Fri          | 4  | 11 | 18 | 25 |    |

| November 2024 |   |   |    |    |    |
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| Mon           |   | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| Tues          |   | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
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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 |
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| 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 |
| Thu       | 3  | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Fri       | 4  | 11 | 18 | 25 |    |

| August 2025 |  |   |   |    |    |
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| Wed         |  |   | 6 | 13 | 20 |
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| Fri         |  | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |

**15TH DECEMBER  
2023**

**SOME NEWS  
FOR OUR  
CHILDREN**



# What's happening in the news this week?



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

11th - 17th December 2023





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

British litter-pickers have become world champions in the litter-picking World Cup (also known as the SpoGomi World Cup) after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in the Japanese capital to win the first-ever contest of its kind. The British team, made up of Sarah Parry and brothers Alexander and Jonathan Winship, beat teams from 20 other nations from around the world. SpoGomi is named after a combination of 'sport' and 'gomi', the Japanese word for rubbish. Each team is equipped with protective gloves, metal tongs and waste bags, and allocated an area of five square kilometres (nearly two square miles) in the busy Shibuya district of Tokyo, to collect as much litter as possible.

Picture  
News

# What is rubbish?



Tomohiro Ohsumi

## Picture News Peace Chains



Pictured: Bodnant School pupils with their peace chain.  
Source: Mrs Siân Canty Editor - Bodnant Bugle Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School.

This month, we have launched our Picture News 'Let's Spread Peace' campaign. The campaign aims to spread peace by asking you to make your very own peace chain, with each link in the chain representing an action you feel will help to spread peace far and wide! In the past few weeks, you have amazed us by sending in photos of your fantastic creations! We believe that small acts of kindness help us spread peace in our communities and homes and can make a real difference. So, we have absolutely loved seeing what you have been making so far and hope to see more.

Mrs Siân Canty, editor at the Bodnant Bugle, Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School, sent in the above photo of their pupils' work and said, 'Our school newspaper reporters have been busy on the run-up to Christmas writing and drawing on a peace chain which is now on display on one of the Christmas trees in school. Bodnant School have asked each of our children to design a link in the chain to send peace and goodwill to all at this time of year.'

**Are you creating a peace chain? If you are, we would love to see your photos too!**

## Rare Rhino Baby Born

Chester Zoo has been celebrating the birth of a critically endangered eastern black rhino. The female rhino was born on soft sand during the daylight hours (14:45) on 12<sup>th</sup> November, and is reported to be doing very well along with her mother, Zuri. Commenting on the amazing event, rhino team manager Emma Evison said, 'We'd been eagerly awaiting this birth for 15 long months and, as it's quite unusual for a rhino to give birth in daylight hours, we really didn't expect it to happen right in front of us as we were going about our day. To be able to witness the calf safely entering the world, in front of our very own eyes, was just the most incredible privilege.' Only around 600 eastern black rhinos are estimated to be living in the wild in Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda. Scientists



believe that births like this one will help prevent the species from being lost altogether. 'This precious newborn's arrival is another positive step in safeguarding the species, which is what the endangered species breeding program in European conservation zoos, that we're a leading part of, is striving to do,' explained Evison. Chester Zoo is inhabited by over 27,000 animals, they say; 'We love wildlife. We care about nature. And we want to be the BEST ZOO in the WORLD!' A black rhino's skin can be up to 5cm thick, they are smaller than white rhinos and they use their hooked lip to pluck at bushes and branches for food.

**Do you know any facts about rhinos? Have you ever seen a rhino?**



Pictured: Eastern black rhino Zuri and her new calf.  
Source: Chester Zoo X page.

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# Tumbleweed Snowman

A giant tumbleweed snowman has been installed at the side of the I-40 (a motorway) in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the United States. The Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) has organised for the snowman to be displayed for the festive period every year since 1995. The snowman is spray-painted white and has eyes made from large, metal buttons, an orange-painted axe handle nose, workman's gloves for hands, part of a 55-gallon steel drum for a hat, a scarf and a big smile. Writer Jessica Dyer released a poem to explain and celebrate the occasion, 'The tumbleweed snowman is here. As crews stood him up Tuesday morn, drivers playfully tooted their horns. The tumbleweed snowman is here. A holiday

*fixture locals hold dear, he's been spreading cheer for 28 years. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Built with care by flood-control crews, he wears a hat, a scarf and big smile, too. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Since first created in '95, he's grown in renown and literal size. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Made of jumbo weeds found around town; that's to make sure he doesn't blow down. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Some say tumbleweeds are nothing but pests, but he's the way to use them the best. The tumbleweed snowman is here. He'll be on I-40 waving to you - at least until early 2024.'*

**Do you enjoy writing poems? Have you written one to celebrate an event?**



**Pictured:** The AMAFCA Tumbleweed Snowman being moved into position and on display beside the I-40. **Source:** Kevin Troutman @AMAFCAKevin X page.

Last week's topic:

## Who is responsible for Antarctica?




Everyone because it's our planet.  
**Finn**

We think the world's government and rulers...  
**Rodrigo and Kieran**


We are responsible for it since climate change and all that stuff and that is melting Antarctica slowly melting hopefully it won't affect the earth too much.  
**Magnus**


We should listen to David Attenborough because he is the person trying to save it and we should be using his ideas. The Prime Minister should also be helping.  
**Annie**

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

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# Reflection



Rubbish left on our streets and in our countryside can be a real problem. Everyone can play a part in ensuring waste is disposed of correctly.



# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

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

- > Share your experience of litter in your local area. Is it a problem? Have you ever been litter-picking?
- > What do you believe rubbish is? Ask others at home. Do you all think the same?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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