



## Designated Safeguarding Lead



Joanne Fennelly.  
Headteacher

## Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Rachel Rosevear. Deputy Headteacher



Jennifer de Board.  
Assistant Headteacher



Laura Cunningham. Inclusion Lead



Hannah Cotterill.  
Family Support Worker



Natalie Richards. EYFS Lead



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful year, please accept my enormous thanks for all your support and encouragement of your child's learning and the school. Our school is so fantastic due to our whole community working together to achieve- children, families and staff.

It's now time to celebrate these successes, experiences and opportunities as we come to the end of 2023. Congratulations to you and your child/children.

I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2024! I know it will be another amazing year!

Mrs Fennelly

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

# Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9th at 9am</li><li>• 10th at 5pm</li></ul>	SATs meeting . Find out what the end of school assessments mean for your child and how you can help them prepare
15th January	All Parents	Simon Aston Online Safety Workshop for parents 8:45 – 9:45am Not to be missed.
February- date to be decided	All Year Groups	Nearly New Clothes Sale- more information to come

The cheeky elf has been making mischief across school once again! Watch the school video below to see the things he did!

We hope you enjoy it!



<https://youtu.be/o7ZBO6zV4d8>

# **NEARLY NEW CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SALE AT SDS**



**The Eco Ambassadors and the School Council are planning a Nearly New Children's Clothing sale in the last week of the first term (February). We would be grateful, if you're having a clear out over the holiday, please save any good quality children's clothes to donate.**

**More details, dates and times to come.....**

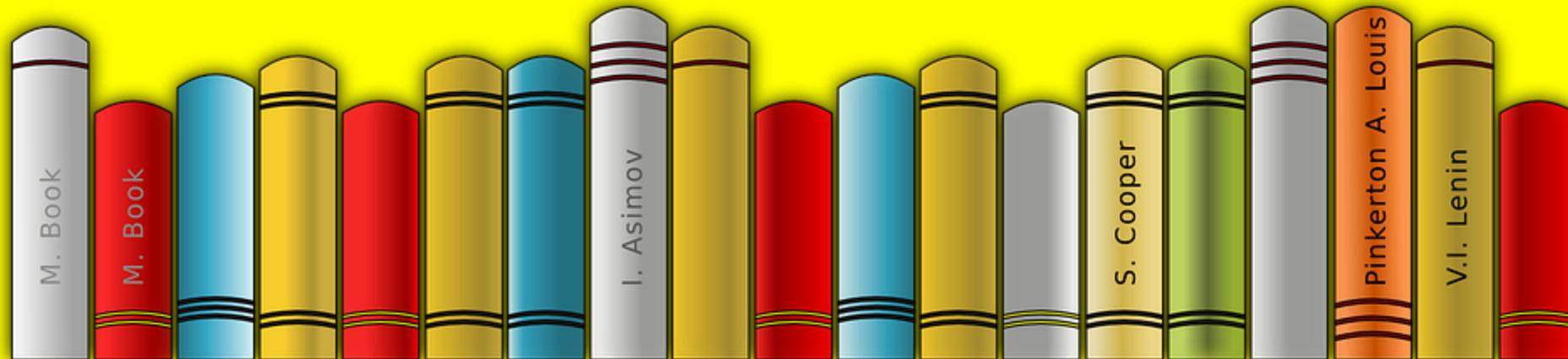


# Merry Christmas from the Staff.



**Don't forget to fill in your Christmas reading bingo challenge!**

**Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a certificate.**



## 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.

**Christmas is a fabulous time of year but how can we make sure we give as well as receive?**





## **Play Leader Update**

**Have an active Merry Christmas!**  
**Miss Bland**

## **Reading Ambassador Update**

**In our meeting this week we discussed the exciting delivery of our new reading shed! We are so excited to get this set up and running after the Christmas holiday. You might see it on the playground near Year 4. The reading ambassadors will be decorating and stocking the shed full of books soon!**

**Our reading ambassadors have also been asked to create a certificate for everyone who completes the Christmas reading challenge.**

**Have a wonderful break and don't forget to fill in your Christmas reading bingo challenge!** Miss Gedney

## **Eco Ambassador Update**

**This week we started to discuss our venture for the new year- a Nearly New clothes sale. It will be an opportunity to recycle good quality children's clothing and raise money for future work on the environment in school.**

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

## **Wellbeing Leader Update**

**Our wellbeing leaders met this week and have learnt another breathing strategy to help us to feel regulated. This is called spiral breathing, and each leader will teach their class this technique. We have also been tasked with creating well-being posters to display across the school, to promote positive well-being for all. Some fantastic ideas were shared about what can improve our wellbeing.**

Mrs Cotterill

## **School Council Update**

**This week we worked with the Eco Ambassadors to discuss the venture for the new year- a Nearly New Clothes Sale. It will be an opportunity to recycle good quality children's clothing and raise money for future work on the environment in school.**

**In addition, we placed a classroom rule poster in every class, sharing the rules we have all agreed,**

**Well done School Council- you're making a real difference!** Miss Twigg

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](#)



**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](#)**



# 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)



SimondeSenlis



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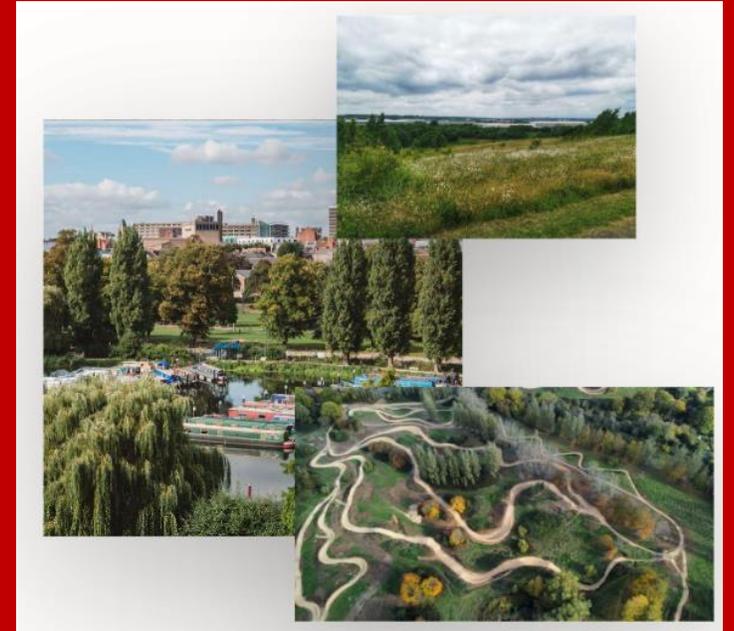
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# Northampton's Active Quarter

Local people and organisations working together to make our great outdoor spaces easier to access – and more enjoyable to use.



<https://activequarter-nn.co.uk/>

**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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## 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

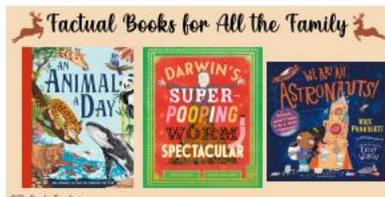
[Bookfinder: find children's books for every age | BookTrust](#)



## Christmas Book Giving Guides

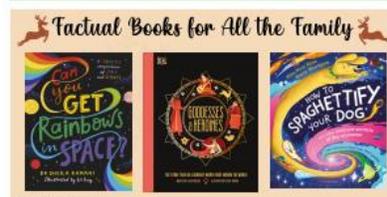
[www.TheReaderTeacher.com/2023-christmas-books-5-plus](http://www.TheReaderTeacher.com/2023-christmas-books-5-plus)  
**The Reader Teacher Book Gift Giving Guide**  
Reads Reviews & Recommendations!  
Christmas 2023

Recommended books for children aged 5+!



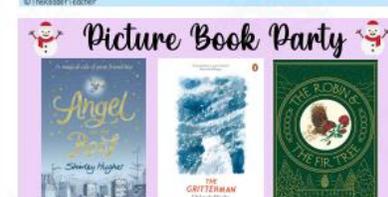
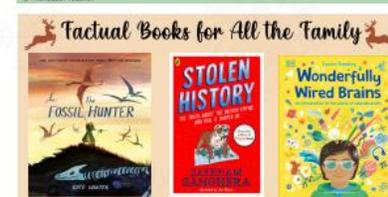
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Reads Reviews & Recommendations!  
Christmas 2023

Recommended books for children aged 7+!



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Recommended books for children aged 9+!



# 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....

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**COST OF LIVING SUPPORT**

**CAN INCLUDE:**

- HOUSEHOLD BILLS**  
(SUCH AS GAS AND ELECTRICITY)
- RENT**
- COUNCIL TAX**
- HELP WITH BUYING FOOD**
- CHILDCARE COSTS**

**AS WELL AS OTHER IMPORTANT DAILY ESSENTIALS**

**THERE ARE PEOPLE ON HAND TO SUPPORT AND ADVISE YOU, SO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TODAY.**

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

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call: **0300 126 7000\***  
\*Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

or scan:

**Mind Northamptonshire**

**For support with your mental health**

call for free (open 24hrs a day):  
**0800 448 0828**



## 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





**NORTHAMPTON**  
TENNIS COACHING

# CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMPS

NORTHAMPTON LTC  
NN3 3HH

KINGS PARK  
NN3 6LL

St Peters, Kettering  
NN15 6DJ

Weavers School  
NN8 3JH

CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED ✓

**START YOUR TENNIS JOURNEY WITH US TODAY!**  
HELPING EVERYONE BECOME TENNIS HEROES

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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

# 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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# Christmas Sale

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## MUSICAL THEATRE

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DANCING,  
ACTING AND  
PERFORMANCE



## TRAINING FOR STAGE & SCREEN AGES 4-18

From the moment your child steps through our doors, we are on a continuous journey of getting to know them, nurturing them and supporting them as a unique individual. Through our creative projects and training for stage and screen, we give your child the confidence to be themselves.

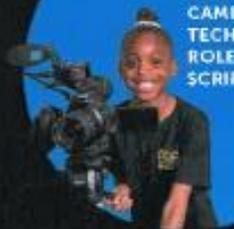
## COMEDY & DRAMA

IMPROV TO  
SHAKESPEARE,  
MONOLOGUE,  
SCRIPT WORK  
AND MORE



## FILM & TV

ACTING FOR  
CAMERA,  
TECHNICAL  
ROLES AND  
SCRIPTWRITING



### YOUR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

#### WEST END SHOWS

PERFORM ON A WEST END STAGE  
IN OUR AMAZING POA SHOW!

#### RSL QUALIFICATIONS

GRADED QUALIFICATIONS FROM  
RSL FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS

#### PQA CINEMA SCREENINGS

YOUR VERY OWN MOVIE SCREENED  
AT YOUR LOCAL CINE MA!



## PQA NORTHAMPTON

FRIDAYS | 6 - 18 YEARS |

16:45 - 20:00

SATURDAYS | 4 - 18 YEARS |

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

NORTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL,

NN4 6UU

# PQA

THE PAULINE QUIRKE  
ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

# STEP INTO YOUR SPOTLIGHT AT PQA NORTHAMPTON

**NEW FRIDAY  
SESSION  
FROM 19TH  
JANUARY  
2024!**

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*Production by yourself*  
Director YOU  
Scene 20 Take 6 Roll 2

# 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

FOR £6 YOU CAN ALSO BOOK  
A DELICIOUS HOT CHRISTMAS  
LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD!

CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL TODAY FOR  
INFO ON HAF FUNDED PLACES

[www.northamptonesco.co.uk](http://www.northamptonesco.co.uk)



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# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

WE ACCEPT  
CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS &  
TAX FREE  
CHILDCARE!

**REDWELL PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

22 DECEMBER | 2 - 3 JANUARY

**9AM - 4PM**  
**£24.50 PER DAY**

**MULTISPORTS  
& GYMNASTICS**  
Wellingborough. NN8 5LQ

**ABINGTON PDC**

21 - 22 DECEMBER | 2 - 3 JANUARY

**9AM - 4PM**  
**£24.50 PER DAY**

**MULTISPORTS  
& GYMNASTICS**  
Northampton. NN1 5JS

**BOOK 5 OR  
MORE FULL  
DAYS IN  
THE SAME  
ORDER &  
SAVE 10%!**

**SPRATTON PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

21 - 22 DECEMBER | 2 - 4 JANUARY

**9AM - 4PM**  
**£24.50 PER DAY**

**MULTISPORTS  
& GYMNASTICS**  
Northampton. NN6 8HY

**INCLUDING FOOTBALL,  
DODGEBALL, TENNIS,  
CRICKET, BASKETBALL,  
HOCKEY...AND LOTS  
OF FUN CHRISTMAS  
THEMED GAMES!**



Book online at:  
[WWW.PACESETTERONLINE.CO.UK/HOLIDAY](http://WWW.PACESETTERONLINE.CO.UK/HOLIDAY)



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.



-  @Rhinosportsacademy
-  @RhinoSportsAcad
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Phone: 07894 713006  
Email: enquiries.rhinosportsacademy@gmail.com

## 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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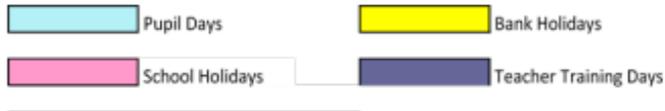
### COLLINGTREE CAMP

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 |   |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|---|----|----|----|----|
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| 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 |
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**20TH 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!**

**18th - 24th December 2023**



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

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The residents started putting up the lights in 2000 and since then, hundreds of people have come to visit them. After 20 years and raising over £100,000 for charities, the homeowners have collectively decided that it's time for a break this year, partly due to the ages of the residents. Rising energy bills and the closure of the local bank branch, where the donations are typically paid, added to the decision.



## **Are decorations an important part of celebrations?**





## Bobsleigh Bronze



**Picture:** Adele Nicoll and Kya Placide celebrate winning Bronze and in their 2-woman Bobsleigh.  
**Source:** Adele Nicoll GB Athlete Facebook page.

Adele Nicoll and Kya Placide are celebrating winning Bronze for Great Britain in the 2-woman International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF) Europe Cup in Lillehammer, Norway. Adele, a Commonwealth Games shot-putter, who has only started bobsleighbing in the last few years and has only this year learned how to pilot, commented that her athlete teammate, Kya, didn't even know what a bobsleigh was a year ago! The sliding sport of bobsleigh involves teams making timed runs down narrow, twisting, ice tracks. Team members run and push the

bobsleigh to start, then jump into their gravity-powered sleigh to race down the track as quickly as possible. 'It was our first ever two-woman race, and we got bronze!' Adele Nicoll said proudly about winning her first-ever bobsleigh medal, 'Not only did we podium, but we had the fastest push start on run two and top three on run one! I am so proud of what we have achieved. It takes a team to get results. Thank you to every single person who supports us.'

**Have you ever thought of trying a new sport? If you have, what would you like to try?**

## Bedtime Bananas

The Sleep Charity has announced its five top tips for getting better quality sleep and bananas have been revealed as one of the best things to eat before bedtime to help you get a good night's rest. Research shows that eating fruit as part of the last meal of the day helps you to sleep well as it encourages the body to produce melatonin, a hormone that naturally increases whilst you sleep. Bananas are thought to be especially good as they contain high levels of magnesium and potassium, which help relax muscles, and amino acids, which lead to the production of brain-calming hormones. Be careful not to eat too much before you try to drift off though, as a large meal in the evening can hinder your sleep! Lisa Artis from The Sleep Charity explains why good sleep is



**Picture:** A person holding a banana (top right) and A bunch of bananas (above). **Source:** Canva.



crucial for everyone saying, 'Sleep is hugely important to leading a healthier and happier life, and we want everyone to share that sentiment and understand the importance of sleep as part of a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Building a good sleep routine, and sticking to it, will help increase positivity and reduce levels of stress, meaning people can start the New Year feeling refreshed.' The other tips to follow include having some screen-free time, meditating, reading a book or taking a bath instead. Also mentioned was creating an 'ideal bedroom environment' to sleep well, which was described as tidy, cool, dark and quiet.

**Can you share any more hints or tips that people can use to sleep better?**

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# Chipping the Ball

It has been announced that the Adidas Fussballliebe, meaning 'love of football', will be the official match ball used at the men's Euro 2024. The ball will help referees give quicker offside and handball decisions. The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the European football tournament will take place in Germany, from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The special ball will use a rechargeable motion sensor at its centre that can send real-time data to video officials. This will be able to tell officials exactly when the ball was touched but not by which part of the player's body. Video assistant referees (VAR), who aid the referee by watching video footage of the match and providing



**Pictured:** Euro 2024 trophy cup and the Adidas Fussballliebe football. **Source:** UEFA EURO 2024 Facebook page.

advice to the referee, will then use this information, along with limb-tracking, technology to determine whether a handball has occurred. A spokesperson for UEFA (the governing body responsible for the European Championships), said that the Connected Ball Technology will be used for the first time in the tournament's history. 'Combining player position data with artificial intelligence (AI), the innovation contributes to UEFA's semi-automated offside technology and will be key to supporting faster in-match decisions,' said UEFA. 'The technology can also help VAR officials identify every individual touch of the ball, further reducing time spent resolving handball and penalty incidents.'

*How would you try to make football fairer?*

## BALL HISTORY



**Pictured:** 40 years of football ball history. **Source:** UEFA EURO 2024 Facebook page.

Last week's topic:

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



I don't think I would like to live through an uncertain time, but I think if I did, I would learn from it and have more courage for the future.

**Gemma**

Really scary and worrying, you might even have to move country and learn a new language and you might not have friends.

**Sam**

Scary because living in an uncertain times is very unpredictable especially with a natural disaster. Even though scientists are finding out ways to discover when it could happen it's still not very accurate.

**Marcus**

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

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# Reflection



Decorations can bring joy and excitement to many, often signalling the start of a special time.



# TAKEHOME



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

- > Share your thoughts about the decorations in the poster image. Do you like to see homes with lots of decorations outside? Are there any in your local area?
- > Can you think of different times when you use decorations? Is there a particular time when you enjoy decorating your home or classroom?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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