



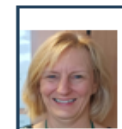
Global Day of Unplugging

Designated Safeguarding Lead

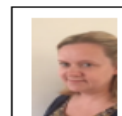


Joanne Fennelly.
Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Rachel Rosevear. Deputy Headteacher



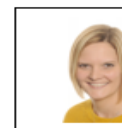
Jennifer de Board.
Assistant Headteacher



Laura Cunningham. Inclusion Lead



Hannah Garrard.
Family Support Worker



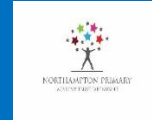
Natalie Richards. EYFS Lead



National Day of Unplugging is on the
First Friday of March.

It is a day that encourages us to try to
digitally detox and unplug for 24 hours,
from sundown to sundown.





Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of the term is always an exciting one for me. Wondering what the weeks ahead will bring and knowing the great things that we will all achieve, always fills me with happiness. At Simon de Senlis, the first days and week of a term are always especially lovely as it is such a pleasure to see the children again, watch them learn and know the great achievements that will be coming in the weeks ahead. As always, this is a partnership with you and I am so thankful of the work we do together- staff, parents and families, to ensure your child thrives, enjoys and achieves.

Although the term is short, as you would expect, it is filled with many experiences, opportunities and whole school initiatives. The first of which are next week with World Book Day. Please look at the range of activities that we will be implementing on Thursday to support and promote our love of reading at SdS.

As we end the first great week of many, please enjoy taking part in Nation Unplugging day and have a lovely weekend.

I look forward to seeing you next week for another superb week.

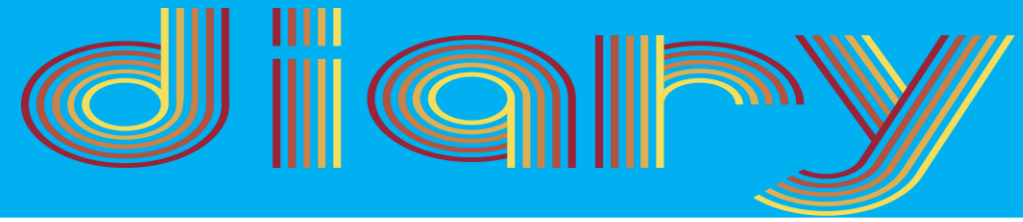
Mrs Fennelly

Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
7th March	All Year Groups	World Book Day – All children can dress up as their favourite book or book character. Bring a book for the book swap. Design a poster on your favourite author for the poster competition.
7th March	Whole School	Stay and Read – 8:50am-9:15am. Enter through the classroom door after register. Leave through the main school entrance.
15th March	Whole School	Comic Relief Mufti day: wear something RED
21st March	Rowling class	Recorder performance to parents at 9:30am
26th March	Whole School	3:15pm. Break up for Easter Holidays
18th April	Reception & Year 6	Heights and Weights

Trips dates for your



Year Group	Date	Event
Reception	23rd May	Crocodile World
Year 1	14th June	Woburn
Year 2	9th May	Cadbury World
Year 3	20th – 21st June	Frontier Centre Residential Trip
Year 4	26th – 28th June	West Runton Residential Trip
Year 4	4th June	National Art Gallery
Year 5. Einstein	18th March	RSC Performance at the Royal & Derngate
Year 5. Dyson	18th June	Festival performance at the Royal & Derngate
Year 6	12th June	STEAM Event at Northampton university
Year 6	1st - 5th July	Isle of Wight Residential Trip

Are you looking for part time job?

We are looking to recruit a reliable and committed Lunchtime Supervisor to join our hard-working team. The successful candidate will be able to work effectively as a member of the team, have excellent interpersonal skills and consistently support the school values and approaches.

Start date ASAP

Days of work: Monday – Friday

**Starting salary: Grade C, Point 2 (£22,366 FTE – pro-rata). Hourly rate
£11.59**

Contract: Permanent, 5 hours per week (term time only – 38 weeks per year)

**If you are interested and would like more details or would like to apply please
email: info@simondesenlis.org**

Mindful March 2024

MONDAY



4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

TUESDAY



5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

WEDNESDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

THURSDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

FRIDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

SATURDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

SUNDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



NMPAT

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

A fantastic opportunity is available (*first come, first served*) for a place in NMPAT Woodwind lessons. The sessions will run from Easter to July the cost will be £84.84. Please contact info@simondesenis.org if your child is interested

WOODWIND family





WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

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The Reading Ambassadors would like to invite you all to celebrate World Book Day this year by dressing up as your favourite book character!

Additionally, we will also be holding a book swap and will be inviting parents in for a stay and read session.

Our Stay and Read session will take place between 8.50 - 9.15 where you can come into your child's classroom and share a book together.



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Book Swap!

We are inviting every child to bring a book to school on World Book Day to take part in our Big Book Swap.

Please bring a book to school for the book swap and during the day, you will have a chance to visit the book swap and choose a book to swap and take home.

If you have any other books that you would like to donate to our book swap, please bring these into school on Friday 1st March.

Any books that are left over and are not swapped will go into our Reading Shed and Library.



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Favourite Author Poster

Design and make a poster to celebrate your favourite author. There will be a certificate for all who take part and there will be one winner per class who will receive a gift.

Bring your poster into school on World Book Day

Thunk of the Week

A **thunk** 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.



**On this national day
of unplugging, what
could you do with
the time that you get
back from being
away from a device?**



Nearly New Clothes Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes and came along to buy clothes. The Eco Ambassadors raised nearly £200, which they are now planning to spend on developing the pond area. We are all very proud of them!

Poster of the Week

Today we talked about the excitement and enthusiasm for the new term ahead. The children are excited, raring to go and we know it's going to be fantastic!



GET EXCITED FOR
A GREAT TERM!

WE CAN
DO IT!

Online Safety Update- Fortnite

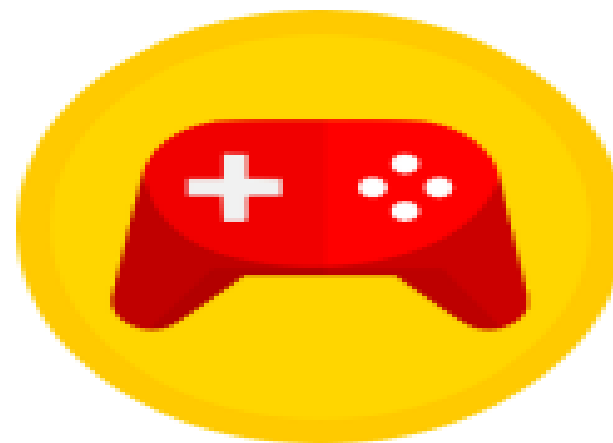
Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because it features moderate violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Battle Royale, which is free to play (although in-app purchases are available). In Battle Royale up to one hundred players compete against each other.



Online Safety Update- Fortnite

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your card details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available:
<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>

**RED NOSE DAY IS
BACK FOR 2024!**





Simon de Senlis - Wear something RED for
Comic Relief

📍 United Kingdom

Simon de Senlis

Our page looks like the picture on the left!



**Simon de Senlis will be supporting
Comic Relief.**

**Our wear something RED mufti day is on
Friday 15th March.**

To donate please go to our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/simon-de-senlis-1709208897567>

Our page looks like this picture on the left!

IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Spring is a time of festivals for many religions and some of these also have an element of fasting.

This week in assembly in ks1, we found out the reason why Christians give up something special during lent and discovered why this time of year is started with a pancake. We considered how a pancake is made and thought about the essential ingredients. We then reflected upon the essential ingredients of friendship and what we needed to do to be a better friend.

In ks 2, we learnt more about the period of Lent and compared it to Ramadan. We considered the similarities and differences and what people what might learn from fasting.

We considered that we were allowed to make our own choices about the religious events that we take part in and that we enjoy learning about the faiths and beliefs of others



ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADOR'S UPDATE

More exciting news....

On Wednesday 13th March, our new team of ambassadors will be heading off to Bedford for their training day hosted by The Diana Award. They will be learning all about how to identify and prevent bullying behaviours, how to support children in our school and how to plan campaigns to make our school an even happier and safer place for everyone.



SPORTS – CYCLING

Kids 5-11 yrs Progression Session MA14 (1 day)

9 March 2024 | 09:00 - 11:00 | £20.00

This is a 1 day (Saturday) 2 hr course for kids aged 5-11 yrs old. Venue :Northampton Bike Park.

This course is to take their riding to the next level and will help them gain the confidence and skills to tackle the tougher trails of the park, helping them to choose the right lines, control their braking, manage their body positions etc. Participants will need a safe and reliable bike that is up to the task, a helmet is compulsory and protective elbow and knee pads are advised as well as gloves.

For more information follow the link;

[Events - Northamptonshire Sport](#)

[Northampton Bike Park | Mountain Bike Park Northampton](#)

Have you tried out the Multi User Trail?

At Northampton Bike Park they have created a fun and looping Green trail, with a meaningful climb and descent, beginner riders gain a more positive experience and those very new to the sport will feel they have achieved something worthwhile.



FEMALE SKILLS CENTRES

Northampton Town Community Trust hold regular Skills Centres in Northampton for girls aged 7-15, currently playing grassroots football. These are held during term times in the football season and give female players the chance to practice and build on their skills in a safe and friendly environment.



These sessions are run by our qualified and experienced coaches and once registered are available for players to turn up and pay. Sessions are just £5.50 a week.



Please go to:

Skills Centres — Northampton Town FC Community Trust (ntfccommunity.co.uk)



Details for these sessions are as follows:

Venue: Northampton High School, Newport Pagnell Road, Northampton, NN4 6UU.

Day: Mondays

Time: 7.00pm-8.00pm

Please note all sessions are on AstroTurf.
(Please ensure that you are suitably dressed and have appropriate footwear, plus plenty to drink.)

Players who impress may be invited to trial at our Girls (Elite) Player Development Centre.



Please wait for confirmation of signing up before you attend the sessions.

School Mental Health Leads

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

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



Laura Cunningham

Inclusion Leader
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Senior Mental Health Lead



Hannah Garrard

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider

Food Aid / Community Larders. No referral required

Day	Time	Location	Membership / costs
Monday	1:30pm – 2:15pm	Roade village Hall. Bailey Brooks Lane. NN7 2LS	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w
Monday	4pm – 7pm	McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre	No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items
Tuesday	2pm – 3pm & 6pm - 7pm	The Nest, Woodford Halse Primary Academy, Scrivens Hill, Woodford Halse, NN11 3SU.	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w
Tuesday	4pm – 7pm	McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre	No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items
Wednesday	11am - 1pm	Dostiyo Community Fridge. Northampton Town Centre	No Criteria
Wednesday	4:15pm – 6pm	Towcester Community Larder Riverside Centre, Islington Road, Towcester, NN12 6AU	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w
Wednesday	4:30pm – 5:15pm	Brixworth Community Larder	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w

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Wednesday	5:30pm – 6:15pm	Moulton Community Larder	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w
Wednesday	4pm – 7pm	McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre	No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items
Thursday	10am – 11:30am	Towcester Community Larder Riverside Centre, Islington Road, Towcester, NN12 6AU	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w
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Friday	4pm – 7pm	McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre	No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items
Saturday	12pm - 2pm	McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre	No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items
Sunday	12pm - 2pm	McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre	No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items

 Pupil Days	 Bank Holidays
 School Holidays	 Teacher Training Days

NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

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

September 2024						
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NPAT Academic Calendar 25/26

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WE ARE BACK!

Sunday 10th March 2024 - Celebrating International Women's Day



NORTHAMPTON TOWN WOMEN
VS
SPORTING KHALSA WOMEN



2pm / Sixfields Stadium / FA Women's National League Division One Midlands



Over 18s - **£5** (online), **£7** (on day)
8-17 year olds - **£3** (online), **£4** (on day)
Under 7s - **FREE**
NTFC Women Season Ticket Holders - **FREE**
NTFC Men Season Ticket Holders - **HALF-PRICE**



Tickets are available at ntfcdirect.co.uk and the ticket office.





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RoadSmart
Northampton

**Classroom session by Northants
Police Driver Training Unit**

**Demonstration on M1 in
a police car**

**Advanced Motorway Taster
Drive in your car**

MOTORWAY DRIVING

17 March 2024

**Police Headquarters
Wootton Hall
Northampton NN4 0JQ**

FREE

Booking essential

The link to book is https://www.universe.com/events/northamptonshire-motorway-driving-free-tickets-P90SFJ?fbclid=IwAR0d_-XtqIG3Kvbb_oVX3-ttd8B7ysaTG12QHZYRqkKpaVlc8zxsMZn9sTw Thank you

News For Our Children

1st March 2024



What's happening in the news this week?



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

26th February – 3rd March 2024

This week's story looks at events related to ...





**How can you make your
voice heard?**



Let's look at this week's story

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

First Fluorescent Orchid

The world's first fluorescent orchid has been displayed in Tokyo at the Japan Grand Prix International Orchid and Flower Show 2024. The Glowing Phalaenopsis Orchid emits yellow-green fluorescence under black light – not just the petals but the whole plant can be seen to glow! The luminous moth orchid was developed using the gene of a fluorescent plankton by scientists from Chiba University. The flower festival is described as one of the biggest and most extravagant orchid exhibitions in the world, and this year's exhibition will feature more than a thousand different orchid species. To enter the event, visitors will pass under the beautiful 'Orchid Gate' made from 100,000 orchids. As well as exhibiting groundbreaking and beautiful flowers, the show will create a platform for the world's best flower artists to show their skills. At the festival's opening ceremony, Princess Tsuguko of Takamado said, 'I would be glad if this exhibition became an opportunity for people to consider the importance of preserving biodiversity.'



Pictured: The Glowing Phalaenopsis Orchid.
Source: Flower Show @TheFlowerShow X page.



Pictured: An Orchid. Source: Canva.

Britain's Funniest Class



Pictured: How to apply to be named Beano Britain's funniest class. Source: Beano @BeanoOfficial X page.

Beano, the world's longest-running comic, has announced its search for Britain's funniest primary school class! The comic posted on X, 'Help Class 2B in their search for Britain's Funniest Class (and teacher)! 😊 As much as The Bash Street Kids love a bit of hard work (ha!), a little help wouldn't hurt... 🤖 If you think your students have the gift of the gag, enter now.' The well-loved children's comic is celebrating the Bash Street Kids' 70th anniversary with the launch of 'Britain's Funniest Class 2024' competition. Teachers can submit their classes' hilarious gags and jokes via the website before the closing date on 7th March. The most side-splitting entries will then be put to a public vote, resulting in one comical class being named the

funniest in the country! Last year's winner was Greasley Beauvale Primary School, and their headteacher Michelle Bates, encouraged other schools to enter saying, 'The classroom and the school flourished when we rallied together as a team for the common goal of laughter. It was wonderful to see the classroom grow in confidence and creativity.' This year the winners will be rewarded with a whole range of Beano goodies and be drawn into a special edition of the comic. This will be the very first time ever that a whole class of real-life children will be included in the comic book! **Can you get your funny bones moving and think up a giggle-inducing gag?** **Do you think that your teacher and/or class are funny?**

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Flamingo-saving Flight Attendant



Pictured left: Flamingos. Source: Canva. Pictured right: Sunny the flamingo chick. Source: Woodland Park Zoo Facebook page.

Fast-thinking flight attendant, Amber May, received a unique request from one of the people on board the plane she was working on. The passenger, a zookeeper, had a very unusual problem and needed help building a nest! They were transporting rare flamingo eggs from Atlanta Zoo in Georgia, USA, to Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, when their incubator broke. They asked the surprised flight attendant to help them keep the six eggs safe and warm. With hours of flight left to go, Amber came up with a plan – filling rubber gloves with warm water to keep the eggs at the correct temperature, which she refilled as the water inside cooled. Other travellers helped too, sharing their coats and scarves to keep the precious eggs insulated. The idea worked! All six eggs made it safely to

their new home and the chicks hatched last September. There are four females called Magdalena, Amaya, Rosales, and Gonzo and two males, named Sunny and Bernardo. Amber was invited to choose a name for one of the flamingos, and she picked Sunny as it is her granddaughter's name. She and her granddaughter have even been to meet the chicks. 'The flamingo eggs would not have survived in a non-functioning portable incubator for five hours,' said Joanna Klass, a Woodland Park Zoo animal care manager. 'We're so grateful for the creative thinking that led to the safe transport of our precious eggs.'

Did you know that a group of flamingos is called a 'Flamboyance' or a 'Stand'?
Do you know any flamingo facts?



Last week's topic: Should we learn sign language at school?



I like that the option is there for pupils to choose it, but I don't think we should all have to learn all languages.

Bekki

If you know someone deaf, I think you should.

Thibault

I think it's a good idea because we are all different and we should respect others.

Arthur

Yes, I think that everyone should learn at least one other language. Sign language should be an option at school along with others. I would be really interested in learning to sign.

Petra

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How can you make your voice heard?

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- > What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Reflection



There will be times when we feel that a situation is unfair and to ensure our voice is heard, we need to act.

