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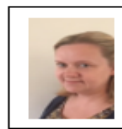


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**LIGHT UP YOUR
LIFE
WITH A BOOK**



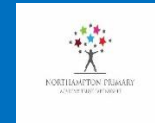
Hunsbury Library

Opening hours

Day	Opens	Closes
Monday	9am	5pm
Tuesday	9am	5pm
Wednesday	9am	5pm
Thursday	9am	5pm
Friday	9am	5pm
Saturday	10am	2pm
Sunday	Closed	Closed

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR LOVE OF BOOKS ON WBD!





Dear Parents and Carers,

In the week where we celebrate all the great things about books and reading, I can't express the importance of developing the love of reading for your child. Reading to your children and developing their love of reading has such an enormous impact on them in so many ways. Research shows that children who read regularly have better relationships, improved self esteem, greater general knowledge, better all round subject knowledge, along with increased communication and language skills. Wow!

Share books with your child, talk to your child about the books they love and those they haven't yet discovered, ensure they read independently when older, visit our fabulous local library to borrow books and enjoy every minute of this wonderful time with your child. Enjoy this wonderful time reading with your child, I'll never forget the precious time I spent with my own children reading and reading and reading!

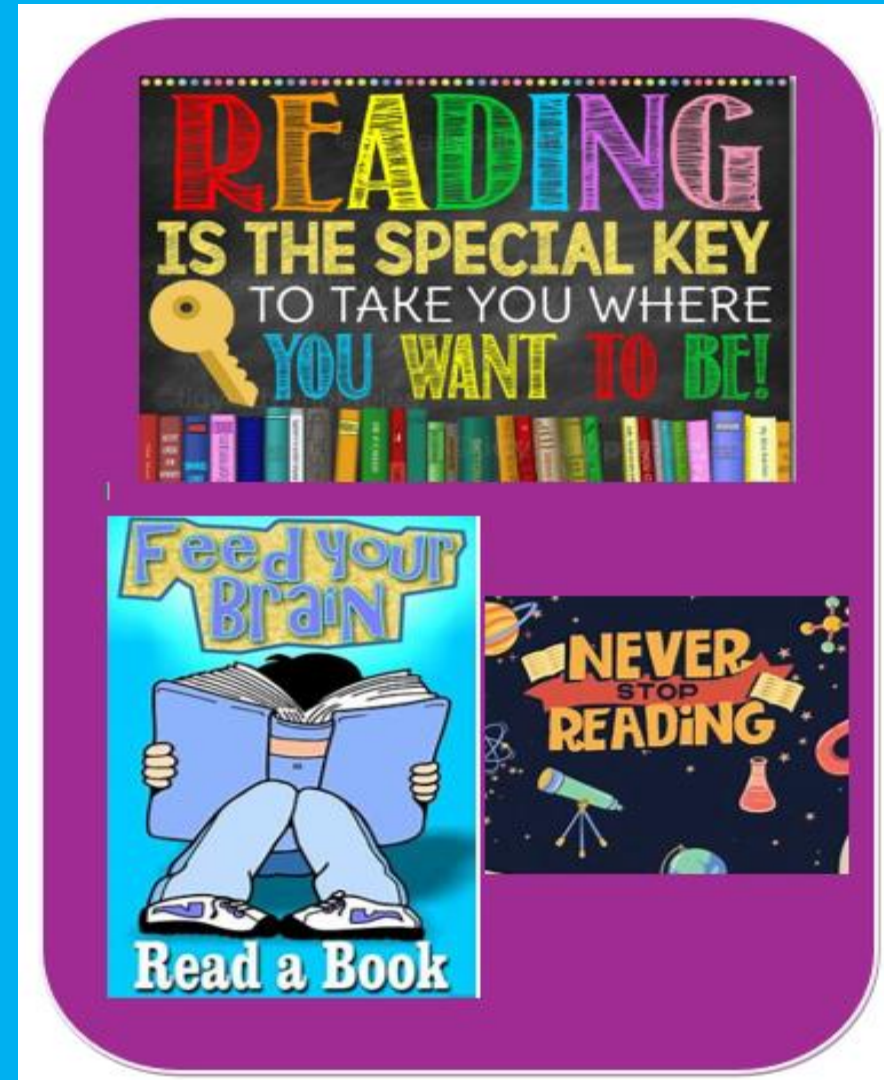
Have a lovely weekend, enjoy time with your family and I look forward to seeing you on Monday,

Mrs Fennelly

Poster of the Week

This week we talked about the joy of reading.

Reading fiction, non-fiction, comics, biographies. Find the thing you love to read and read, read, read!!!



Please

Unless you have a **blue badge**, or car park pass from the office, do not park in or drop off in the staff car park.

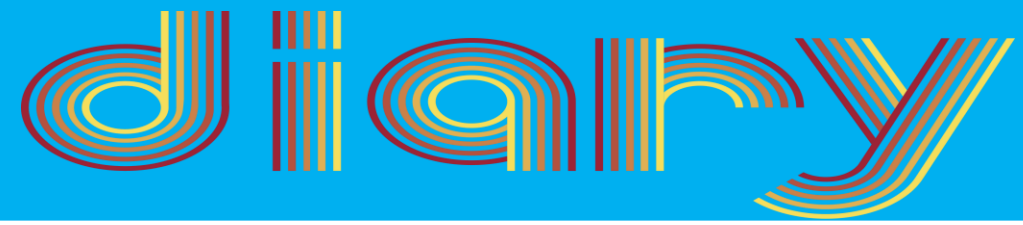
This includes for Assemblies and meetings

Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
15th March	Whole School	Comic Relief Mufti day: wear something RED
19th March	Year 5	Ukulele performance 09:30am
21st March	Rowling class	Recorder performance to parents at 9:30am
28th March	Whole School	Easter Raffle drawn. Please buy your tickets on ParentMail
28th March	Whole School	3:15pm. Break up for Easter Holidays
18th April (Date change)	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@simondesenslis.org**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Huge congratulations to Noah in Year 2 who was chosen as one of the 50 finalists in the BBC 500 Words story competition. There were 44,000 entries! Noah had the wonderful privilege of going to Buckingham Palace to meet HRH Queen Camilla as part of the final. We are so proud of Noah!



Reading With Your Child

We can't express how important reading with your child is. Along with the fun and laughter that you can share together, it will widen your child's language, imagination, knowledge and confidence. Reading will open your child's minds to new experiences and allow them to feel different emotions, building empathy and sympathy for others. Building a love of reading with your child will support them throughout their schooling and beyond into adulthood. If your child is 2, 6, 9 or 15, one of the best things you can do for them and their future is to read, read, read! Read to them, read with them, encourage them to read and to love reading. Find the books that are right for them and promote a love of reading!

Research shows that **reading for pleasure** ¹ ² ³ ⁴ :

- Promotes better health and wellbeing
- Aids in building social connections and relationships with others
- Is associated with a range of factors that help increase the chances of social mobility
- Improves literacy, social skills, health, and learning outcomes
- Gives people access to culture and heritage and empowers them to become active citizens, who can contribute to economic and social development
- Helps children make more progress in maths, vocabulary and spelling between the ages of 10 and 16 than those who rarely read ³
- Has emotional and social consequences, and other benefits include text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life, and increased general knowledge ⁴ .



If you want to read more about how to support your child to read or to continue to love reading, click on the links below:



[Tips for reading with your child | BookTrust](#)

[Parents and families | National Literacy Trust](#)



[CLS Reading for pleasure puts children ahead in the classroom, study finds - CLS \(ucl.ac.uk\)](#)



In these videos Ethan Waller, Saints rugby player, takes a moment to read his favourite book "Harry Potter," and his daughter's favourite "A Squash and a Squeeze". We hope these videos ignite meaningful conversations with children about their own favourite books and inspire them to dive into the joy of reading. Have a fantastic day celebrating!

Harry Potter by J.K Rowling <https://youtu.be/qvWOnal5prY>

A squash and a squeeze by Julia Donaldson

<https://youtu.be/SKUA79N4p6g>



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



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



MAR-JUNE 2024

EAST HUNSBURY Life Magazine

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Your local
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magazine



Inside:
What's on
School updates
Northamptonshire Walks
Community news
Save the date info



Take a look at the East Hunsbury Magazine and read the great article about SdS! Click on the link below:

https://issuu.com/pulsegroupmedia/docs/ehlomag_mar24_web?fr=sZml1YjY3NTExNjg



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day

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Thank you to everyone who took part in the day and enjoyed celebrating our whole school love of reading!

Keep Reading!!!

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 is your
child's favourite book
and why?
What do books mean
to you and your
family?**



Easter Raffle

**The Easter Chocolate raffle is back!
Tickets are on sale on ParentMail at:
£1 for 1 ticket, £5 for 10 tickets.
The raffle will be drawn on the last day of the
term! Good luck everyone.
See the chocolate hampers next.....**

Easter Raffle Hampers



Online Safety Update- Instagram

You will probably know that Instagram is used to post photos and videos, but did you know that it can also be used to message, voice/video call and send disappearing messages? Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. To create an account, you must enter a date of birth (but it is not verified). *When you set up an account for users under 16 years old, the account is set to Private. This is the recommended setting so that your child approves who follows them and sees their content.* Even if your child's profile is private, their bio (at the top of their profile) can still be seen by **everyone**. Check they have not included personal information here e.g. they should not be wearing their school uniform in their photo.

Instagram includes several privacy settings, so go through these with your child and ensure they are set appropriately. Settings include:

- Messages/Group chats – set who can message you/add you to groups.
- Story replies – you can turn this off or choose who can message you.
- Hidden words – turn this option on to hide comments/messages that may be offensive. You can also add your own custom words or emojis.

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

For more information
click here to the NSPCC
website:

[Is Instagram safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)

Online Safety Update- Instagram Continued

Supervision

You can set up supervision on your child's (aged 13-17) Instagram account. This gives you access to a set of tools including the ability to see who they follow/who follows them, how much time they are spending on Instagram, set a time limit and view accounts your child has blocked. Your child can also share when they have reported anything to Instagram with you. Learn more here: <https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: <https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

Quiet mode

Your child can activate quiet mode, so they do not receive notifications (to provide less distraction whilst studying and at night time).

How can I keep my child safe on Instagram?

The NSPCC have published a blog with everything that you need to know: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/keeping-children-safe-on-instagram/>

More information

- Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.instagram.com/>
- Download a parent's guide to Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/299484113584685>

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





Our Just Giving page looks like the picture on the left!



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

**Wear something RED mufti day.
Friday 15th March.**

To donate please go to our Just Giving page:

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

Our Just Giving page looks like the picture on the left!

Simon de Senlis - Wear something RED for
Comic Relief

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IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

This week we considered who is the most important person in the class, in the school, in the country. Through our consideration of the way in which parts of our bodies work as one, and how every ingredient in a recipe is important, we realised that everyone is important. Nothing would work well if one part was missing.

In ks1, we thought about how we should show value to our friends and classmates.

In ks2 we developed this idea to think about democracy and the reason why everyone should have a vote. We started to think about the times in which women were not allowed to vote and why this was changed.



SPORTS – HOCKEY

Are you looking for a new challenge?

Northampton Saints Hockey Club are looking for new players to join their team. They offer high quality junior coaching and matches for beginners to experts of 3 to 14 years. There are a range of training sessions for different ages and on Saturday they hold the **Hockey for Heroes** sessions at Moulton College.

For more information and a video for what the club offer, follow the link;

<http://www.saintshockey.org.uk/juniors>



Find out more about the sport of hockey and about the England Hockey Teams by following this link;

<https://www.englishockey.co.uk/>

Go on- Pick up a stick!

Stay Active,
Miss Bland

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 \(ntfccommunity.co.uk\)](http://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

Simon de Senlis Primary

Hydration and Nutrition

Week (Monday 11th - Sunday 17th March) with you.

We're thrilled to share resources for Hydration and Nutrition Week with you, designed to empower and educate students on making nutritious choices.

Worksheet 1: Encouraging students to reflect on their meal choices and evaluate the balance of their diets.

Miss Garrard says...

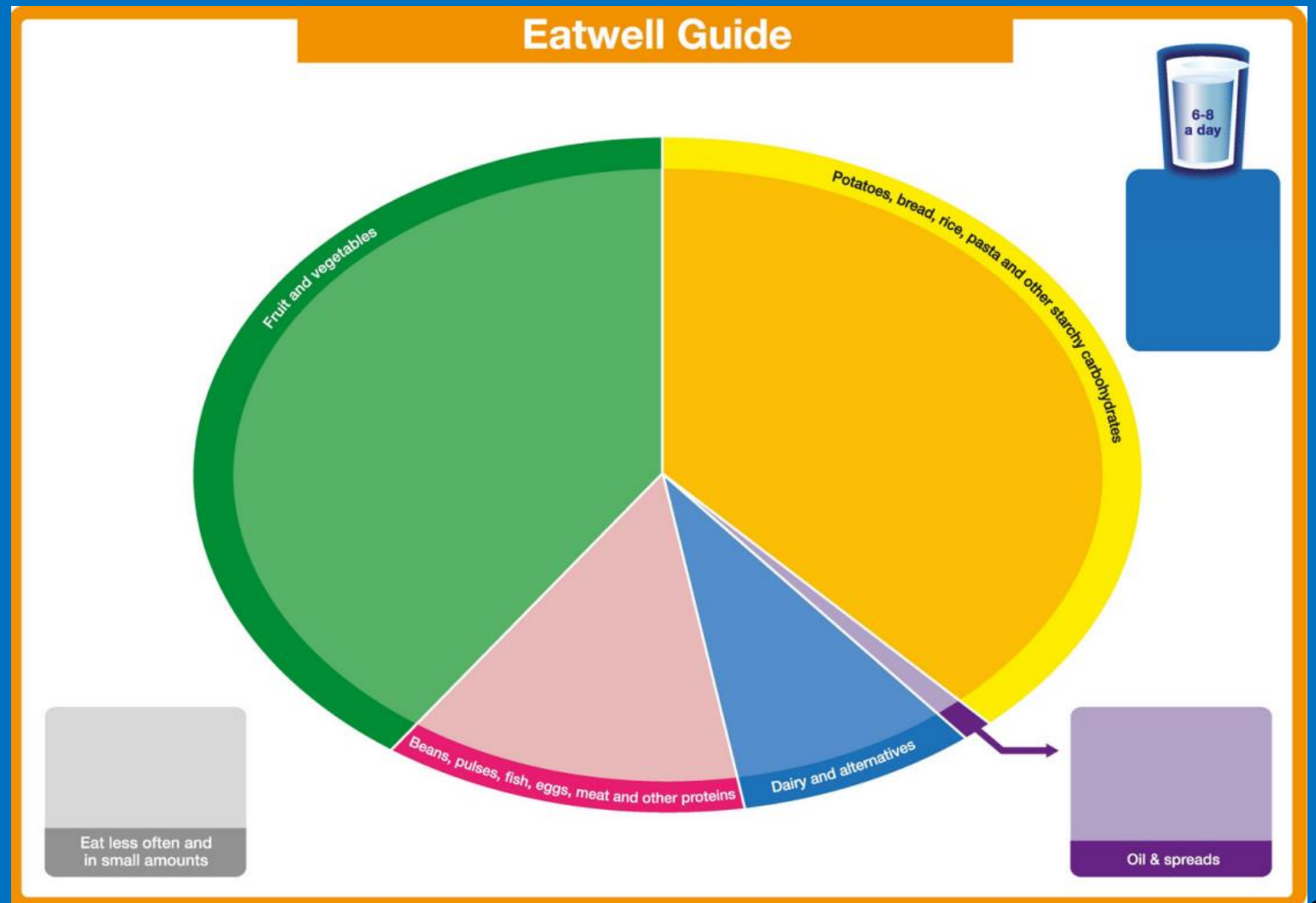


Hydration and Nutrition

Week (Monday 11th - Sunday 17th March) with you.

Worksheet 2: Tasking students with identifying foods that align with the Eatwell Guide and crafting balanced meals.

Miss Garrard says...



Hydration and Nutrition

Week (Monday 11th - Sunday 17th March) with you.

Worksheet 3: Players meal activity: A fun exercise allowing students to organise foods according to the Eatwell Guide.

What would you make?

Miss Garrard says...

Northampton Saints example player meal



Afternoon meal Siracha Salmon

- Salmon
- Noodles
- Vegetables - peppers, carrots, onions, bean sprouts, spring onions



Simon de Senlis Primary



Dear parents and carers, as you are aware we have recently joined a school SEND partnership with Hunsbury Park Primary. As a result of this, we are able to offer parents access to some free online workshops run by a host of SEN practitioners across the year.

This term we are pleased to offer you a Zoom online session with Hunsbury Park School, who are Signalong Practitioners, on Tuesday 19th March 2024 from 7-9pm. Details of the session content are below:

Developing a Communication Approach

This session is completely free to all parents with children at Simon de Senlis. To register your interest you must consent to share your email address with Kate Burt from Hunsbury Park Primary School. Closer to the time we will then send out a Zoom link. This link must not be shared with anyone else whose children do not attend our school as Kate Burt will collate a list of parent's email addresses and these will be checked during the meeting.

We hope that you will take up this exciting offer.



Please register your interest by replying to the email (sent to all parents on Parentmail) by Friday 14th March.

Any questions please contact me via the school.

Many thanks, Ms Cunningham

School SEND Partnership Offer
Academic Year: September 2023 – July 2024

Next online parent event:

	<p>Hunsbury Park Primary School</p> 	<p><u>Tuesday 19th March 2024</u> 7-9pm</p> <p>“Developing a Communication approach”</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>
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WEST NORTHANTS OFSTED & CQC LOCAL AREA SEND PARTNERSHIP INSPECTION

West Northants Voice's in Partnership's role:

West Northants Voices in Partnership will meet with the lead inspectors in person on Thursday 14th March. In this meeting we will provide a detailed overview of the challenges and successes that are happening within West Northamptonshire in regards to SEND that we hear from our Parent Carer members.

Ofsted would like to hear your views about the support that your child/children receives and how it has helped you and your child/children.

West Northants Voices in Partnership are committed to hearing your voice and collating your feedback to share with the inspectors directly. We want to ensure that we provide different opportunities and methods to collate your voice.

What's happening?

On the 4th March 2024 West Northamptonshire Local Authority had their notification that their Ofsted & CQC Local Area SEND Partnership inspection would be happening.

This process takes three weeks to complete and will be completed on the 22nd March 2024.

The aim of this inspection is to provide an external and independent evaluation of the effectiveness of the local area partnership arrangements for children and young people with SEND. After the inspection process has finished, and where appropriate, recommendations will be given to the local area partnership on where improvements need to be arranged.



Simon de Senlis Primary



Ways to share your voice:

We strongly advise that everyone participates in the Ofsted survey. You can complete this [here](#) - the closing date/time for this is **Tuesday 12th March at 9am**.

There is a paper-form of this survey that we will happily share with anyone who prefers to hand-write their survey response. The closing date for this is Monday 11th March.

Alternatively you can share your voice by:

- email us direct on admin@wnvp.co.uk with your feedback - please subject the email as OFSTED
- you can visit our Padlet Pages, here you can share your feedback anonymously on:

- if you require additional support; you can ask us to support sharing your feedback. You can join us in one of our face-to-face drop in sessions.

- **Towcester Library: Wednesday 6th March 1pm till 2pm**
- **Brixworth Library: Thursday 7th March 10am till 11am**
- **Daventry Library: Friday 8th March 1pm till 2pm**
- **Northampton Library: TBC**
- **Brackley Library: TBC**

- for our members that may require some additional 1:1 support; we can offer a small amount of 1:1 sessions to help facilitate and support collating your voice. Please email admin@wnvp.co.uk to request this.

https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10299831?fbclid=IwAR22-u91ENuAZ0XohNbB5uik5GI0CUmSAeIUC68n7mFgbqUN1zrNQPtIQf4&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=WEST+NORTHANTS+OFSTED+%26+CQC+LOCAL+AREA+SEND+PARTNERSHIP+INSPECTION&sender_ctype=email&sender_campaign=bmn3Pr&sender_customer=JyKqEJK

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

Food Aid / Community Larders. No referral required

Day	Time	Location	Membership / costs
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
Thursday	11am - 1pm	Dostiyo Community Fridge. Northampton Town Centre	No Criteria
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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

— Abbey Centre —
COMMUNITY
FRIDGE



Preventing good quality food going to waste

Why not pop along to one of our community fridge sessions to see what you can save from landfill.

The fridge is free and open to all. Helping to save the planet and supporting people in the local community.

Opening times:

Tues 10:30 - 12:00

Wed 16:00 - 17:30

Fri 10:30 - 12:00

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



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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.





NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

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

September 2024					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri	30	6	13	20	27

October 2024					
Mon	30	7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	

November 2024					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

December 2024					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

January 2025					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

February 2025					
Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	

March 2025					
Mon		3	10	17	24 31
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28

April 2025					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	

May 2025					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tues		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30

June 2025					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27

July 2025					
Mon	30	7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	

August 2025					
Mon			4	11	18 25
Tues			5	12	19 26
Wed			6	13	20 27
Thu			7	14	21 28
Fri		1	8	15	22 29



Key

School Holidays		Teacher Training Days	
Pupil Days		Bank Holidays	



NPAT Academic Calendar 25/26

Teacher Training Days

Monday 1st September 2025
 Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Monday 3rd November 2025
 Monday 5th January 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026*
 (disaggregated)

September 2025					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

October 2025					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

November 2025					
Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	

December 2025					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

January 2026					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30

February 2026					
Mon	2	9	16	23	
Tue	3	10	17	24	
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

March 2026					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tue	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

April 2026					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	

May 2026					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

June 2026					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

July 2026					
Mon		6	13	20	27
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Wed	1	8	15	22	29
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Fri	3	10	17	24	31

August 2026					
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News For Our Children

8th March 2024



What's happening in the news this week?



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

4th - 10th March 2024



How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?



Let's look at this week's story

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





Alligator Operation

Seventy US coins have been successfully removed from a rare alligator's stomach at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, in Nebraska, USA. Zookeepers report that Thibodaux, the leucistic American alligator, has recovered well from surgery. Foreign metal objects were identified in his stomach during routine examinations by veterinarians at the zoo. Christina Ploog, the vet who led the procedure, said, 'A plastic pipe was placed to protect his mouth and safely pass the tools used to access the coins, such as a camera that helped us guide the retrieval of these objects.' Zookeepers think that 36-year-old Thibodaux ingested coins that had been thrown into the water in his enclosure. The zoo has asked visitors to not throw their spare change into any bodies of water at the zoo, and instead use the coin wishing well or convert them into the zoo's souvenir coins. Leucistic alligators are the rarest genetic variation of the American alligator. They normally have blue eyes and white, translucent, or pale pink skin.

How do you think staff at the zoo could stop the coins from ending up in the animals' water?



Pictured: Thibodaux, the 36-year-old leucistic American alligator (below) and the coins removed from Thibodaux's stomach (above).
Source: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium Facebook page.



Supersonic Speeds



Pictured: A flying plane. **Source:** Canva.

Unusually high winds in the Atlantic jet stream have pushed passenger planes to supersonic speeds! Experts say the near record-breaking wind speeds are due to very cold temperatures in the northeast USA and much warmer air in the south. One commercial flight, travelling from Washington to London, was pushed to nearly 800mph. Another flight from New Jersey's Newark Airport to Lisbon, in Portugal, reached speeds of 835mph. This is much faster than a passenger aeroplane's typical flying speed, which would normally be around 575mph. 'This evening's weather balloon launch detected the 2nd strongest upper-level wind recorded in local history going back to the mid-20th

century. Around 34,000-35,000ft, winds peaked around 230 knots (265mph!). For those flying eastbound in this jet, there will be quite a tailwind,' the National Weather Service Baltimore/Washington posted. The Atlantic jet stream is a fast and narrow current of air, which flows from west to east and encircles the globe. Aeroplanes travelling east from North America often use the jet stream to help them to travel faster and cut down the amount of fuel that they need to use. Scientists, however, do warn that the downside of the increased speed is the possibility of a much bumpier ride, due to more severe turbulence.
How do you think it would feel to travel this fast?

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Long-lost Trophy Returned



Pictured: People taking part in the Highland Games held in Cabrach last year. **Source:** The Cabrach Trust X page.

A Highland Games trophy, missing for 90 years, has been located! An appeal to find the missing Cabrach Rose Bowl trophy has resulted in the award being found in Devon, southwest England and returned home to Cabrach, a hamlet in Moray, Scotland. The Cabrach Trust, an organisation committed to regenerating local communities, brought back the Cabrach Picnic and Games in 2022, after an 87-year gap. The Cabrach Picnic and Games was a staple of the Highland Games calendar and ran annually from 1877 to 1935. The recently-found silverware was traditionally awarded to the top-performing athlete at the Games. Attendees at the event held in 2023 could enjoy 'have a go' Highland Games, tug o' war, Highland dances, music, food and drink. Highland Games events typically include the caber toss (throwing a very large log as far as possible), hammer



Pictured: The Cabrach Rose Bowl Trophy. **Source:** The Cabrach Trust X page.

throw (throwing a heavy hammer as far as you can over your head backwards, whilst wearing special boots to ensure you stay firmly in one spot), stone put (very similar to shot put but using a large stone), Tug o' war and hill race. Organisers are overjoyed that the trophy has been returned in time for this year's Highland Games. Charlie Murray, chair of the Royal Scottish Highland Games Association, commented during the search for the prized bowl, saying, 'The Cabrach Rose Bowl represents a key component of the history of Scottish Highland Games. Silverware like this is steeped in the heritage of traditional Highland sport, and it is culturally very significant that such prizes remain as the reward for the finest athletes that grace our games.'

Have you ever attended a Highland Games? If not, do you think you would like to?

Last week's topic: How important is packaging?



I think this is a good idea for the environment not for people with bad eyesight like me.

Ella

I think that plastic bottles should be banned and we should use only glass!

Jamie

I think that less packaging is really important for the environment and a good idea.

Patrick

I think we should keep the plastic labels because it will be easier to recognise what I am drinking and the colours will make more people want to buy the drinks.

Carmen

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



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Reflection



World Book Day is a chance to celebrate books and reading. Dressing up as our favourite book character is one way of promoting and celebrating it!



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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Does your school recognise World Book Day? What do you do? Do you enjoy the activities?
- > What other ways do you think we can encourage people to read? Do you enjoy reading? Do you think it's important for people to read more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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