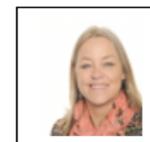




Designated Safeguarding Lead



Joanne Fennelly.
Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Rachel Rosevear. Deputy Headteacher



Jennifer de Board.
Assistant Headteacher



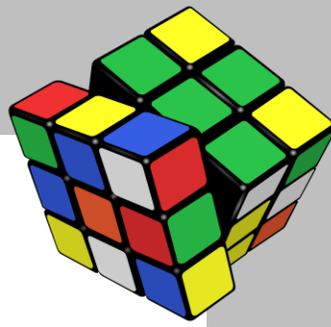
Laura Cunningham. Inclusion Lead



Hannah Garrard.
Family Support Worker



Natalie Richards. EYFS Lead



THE THEME FOR 2024: PLAYING WITH MATH

Every year we announce a theme to flavor the celebration, spark creativity and bring light to connections between mathematics and all sorts of fields, concepts and ideas.

In 2024 we want to celebrate mathematical games, puzzles and other entertaining activities, but also "playing" with mathematics itself, exploring, experimenting, and discovering.



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



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Science Week, it's a great time to think about the wonderful world around us. Across school, we teach a clear progression of science covering all elements, including biology, physics and chemistry. Overarching all these areas is enquiry, wanting to find out more, asking questions, observing, seeing change, predicting and applying what we know to what we think might happen next. Science is all around us and children are natural enquirers. As we continue to teach and encourage these skills and knowledge to the children at school, I know that all you do at home supports their scientific knowledge and skills. Together we are enthusing and enabling children to be scientists! I wonder where this will take them in the future?

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 kindness, how one kind thing can impact another person and how we should always try to be kind!

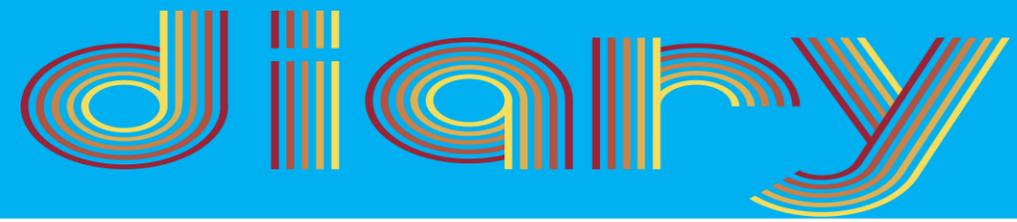


Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
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 to be drawn. Please buy your tickets on ParentMail
28th March	Whole School	3:15pm. Break up for Easter Holidays
15th April	Whole School	Welcome Back
18th April (Date changed)	Reception & Year 6	Heights and Weights
1st May	Whole School	Class photographs

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**

8-17 March

British Science Week 2024



Celebrating the diverse people
and careers in science & engineering

#SMASHING STEREOTYPES

@ScienceWeekUK

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will place between 8 - 17 March 2024!

British Science week is celebrated nationally between the 8th-17th March and this year the theme is 'Time'.
We would like the children to celebrate Science week by creating a poster that represents 'Time'.

Some ideas could include...

- Extinction of dinosaurs
- Evolution of an animal
- How Northampton has changed over time
- How to tell the time using the sun

As the week progresses some discussion points as a family could be...

- How do you spend your time?
- How do we measure time?
- Have you watched any time travelling films? What happens?



Please visit the website for more information:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

SCIENCE FLOWERS

1 TRY THIS INDOORS ... FLOWER POWER

Draw and cut out some paper flower shapes. Gently fold each petal into the centre so they overlap, and then float the flower in the bowl of water. Watch what happens! Experiment to find out what happens with different sizes of flower and types of paper or card. Can you time how long different flowers take to open?



You will need

- * Different kinds of paper and card
- * Scissors
- * Bowl of water
- * Other liquids, e.g. milk, cooking oil (optional)
- * Sketch book and pencil
- * Magnifying glass (optional)

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

Why do you think the paper flowers open when you put them into water? What happens when you use thicker or thinner paper, or with different sized flowers? Does it still work if you use a different liquid like milk or cooking oil?



2 TRY THIS OUTDOORS ... FLOWER SAFARI

In your garden or local park look for as many different flowers as you can. Each time you find a flower look at it carefully (with a magnifying glass if you have one) and draw a picture of it. Count how many petals it has. Observe the flowers for a few minutes to see if insects, like bees, visit the flowers.

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

Why are flowers often colourful? Why do they often have a nice scent? Do different flowers have different numbers of petals? Are some flowers visited by more insects than others?



3 WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

Paper is made of lots of fibres. The spaces between the fibres can absorb water and when this happens, the paper expands which is why the flower opens up. The fibres and the sizes of the space between them vary from paper to paper which is why some flowers open faster than others. When water flows into narrow spaces in this way, often against gravity, it is called **capillary action**. Another example of capillary action is water moving through the roots of a plant and into the stem and leaves.

Plants often have coloured flowers and/or a nice scent to attract insects like bees. While the insect is collecting nectar for itself from the flower, it might **pollinate** the flower (transfer **pollen** from one flower to another). After pollination has occurred, the plant can produce seeds which in turn could grow into new plants.

2 TRY THIS OUTDOORS MAKE A RAINBOW

You need to do this on a sunny day, preferably in the morning or the evening, when the Sun is not very high in the sky. Fill your water sprayer, and practise spraying it so that it makes a fine mist. Stand outside with your back to the Sun and try to face something dark like a bush. Spray some water in front of you. You will see a band of colours from red to violet – your very own rainbow!

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

Where else have you seen rainbows?
Have you ever noticed them indoors?
What happens if you shine a torch onto a CD?



3 WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

The water in the glass acts like a lens which bends the light. This is called **refraction**. Light refracts because it travels faster through the air than it does through the water: when it passes from air to water it bends as it slows down. Depending on the positions of the paper and the viewer's eye, this can make the arrow/word appear to be reversed.

The light from the sun is known as visible, or white light. It actually consists of a combination of coloured light of different wavelengths. When light passes through the spray mist, the tiny droplets of water in the spray act like lenses and refract, reflect and disperse the light. Each colour, or wavelength, bends a slightly different amount so we see the light as a multi-coloured rainbow.

2 TRY THIS OUTDOORS ... Floating in the ocean

Fill your washing-up bowl with water. Put things you think will float into the water and observe carefully to see how much of the object is under the water and how much is above the water. Try an empty plastic bottle (with the lid on) and see how much of it is above the water and how much is below? Now try filling or half-filling the bottle with water – what difference does this make? You could try an ice cube, or an 'iceberg' (made of lots of icecubes, or water frozen in a balloon). How much of this is under the water and how much is above? Why do you think people in ships need to be careful near icebergs?

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

What can you find that floats but most of it is under the water? What can you find that floats where hardly any of it is under the water? What makes the difference? What materials are your floating things made from?



How much more of this iceberg do you think there is under the water?

3 WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

Whether something floats or sinks depends on its density: how much mass it has for a given volume. If something has a lower density than water, it will float, and if it has a higher density than water it will sink. An object like a beach ball full of air has a much lower density than water, so it will float with most of it above the water. But if an object has a density only slightly lower than that of water, it will float with most of the object submerged. When water freezes, it expands a tiny bit. This means ice has a density that is close to, but slightly less than, water, so it just floats. This is why icebergs are dangerous to ships: most of the iceberg is actually below the waterline, so a ship could crash into it long before it reaches the part that can be seen.

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:

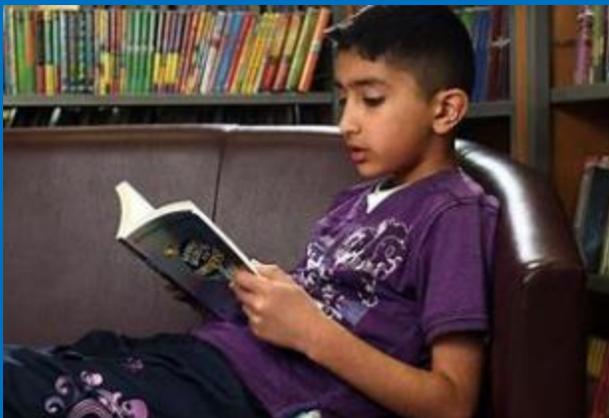


[Tips for reading with your child | BookTrust](#)

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



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



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



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.



**Look around you,
where can you
see something
scientific?**



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 pictures of the chocolate hampers on the
next page**

Online Safety Update- PlayStation

PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits. |

How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

For more information
click here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

Online Safety Update- PlayStation Continued

What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kids-and-families/>

Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.

Further information

You can find out more about the controls available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

SdS current total raised so far is:£169

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





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**Simon de Senlis are supporting
Comic Relief.**

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

📍 United Kingdom

Simon de Senlis

IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

I wonder what your favourite flowers are: Roses? Lilies? Carnations? This week in our assemblies, we used the beautiful daisy as our inspiration. They grow in clumps, and we thought that life might be better if we all stood together and supported one another. Many daisies work together to make a daisy chain and we considered the role of team-work in school. But most importantly, when cut or trodden on, daisies bounce back, growing back in just a few days. We all find things tricky, and we can learn from daisies about being resilient.



SPORTS –

Are you looking for something active to do over Easter?

Sign up for the Easter Holiday Activity Camp at Benham Sports Arena and learn some new skills.

There are a variety of activities from Handball to Arts and Crafts, as well as a chance to make new friends along the way.

For more information and booking details follow this link;

<https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/type/events/easter-activity-camp/>

Stay Active,
Miss Bland



Easter Holidays Activity Camp

northamptonshire
sport

2nd – 12th April 2024
9:00am – 4:00pm

£15
per child
per day

Benham Sports Arena
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www.northamptonshiresport.org

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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

Miss Garrard says...

Friday 15th March 2024

Young Carers Action Day

'Fair Futures for Young Carers'

If you feel your child is a young carer or would like more information about what a young carer is and what the service can offer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

[About Our Young Carers Service | Northamptonshire Carers Association \(northamptonshire-carers.org\)](#)

Do you care for someone?



YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE...

If you are aged between 5-15 years and are helping to care for someone with a long term illness or disability (including mental health or substance misuse) you are a young carer and we are able to help.

You May Take On Some Of The Following Tasks:

- ▶ Housework, Cooking, Shopping, Cleaning
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Fetching/Administering Medicine
- ▶ Listening/Emotional Support (helping someone to feel ok)
- ▶ Looking after Siblings
- ▶ Financial Help i.e. Paying Bills, Reading Letters

Types Of Support We Can Offer:

- ▶ Information/Advice
- ▶ Meeting Others in a Similar Situation
- ▶ Social Activities/Groups
- ▶ Family Help/Support Planning
- ▶ Working with Schools
- ▶ Awareness Raising
- ▶ 1-1 Support

☎ 01933 677907 (option 3)

Friday 15th March 2024

Young Carers Action Day

'Fair Futures for Young Carers'



Miss Garrard says...

What is Young Carers Action Day?

- An annual event organised by Carers Trust.
- Raising public awareness of young carers and young adult carers, the pressures and challenges they face, and the incredible contribution they make by caring for their family members and friends.

•A call for more action to support young and young adult carers and give them the extra bit of help they need to live full and healthy lives.

•A social media event with young and young adult carers all over the UK sharing images, messages and other content like videos, blogs and art.

#YoungCarersActionDay has previously trended on Twitter!

Please take some time to watch the Young Carers short film to find out more about what the service offers, and the impact it has on young people. [Young Carers One Million of Us x subs \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsubs)



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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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
Thursday	4pm – 7pm	McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre	No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items
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

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Fri 10:30 - 12:00

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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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GEORGE'S DAY

PARADE

Sunday 28 April, from 2pm
St Columba Church,
Collingtree

Join us there will be
Dragons!

1st Collingtree and Milton Malsor Scouts will lead a procession from the school to the Church where the service will be held. Scouts will then parade through the village with Afternoon tea served at the School.

All welcome



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.



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
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

August 2026					
Mon	3	10	17	24	31
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News For Our Children

15th March 2024



What's happening in the news this week?



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

11th - 17th March 2024



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



Pedalling to Paris

Two Penny Farthing enthusiasts are taking on a challenge to raise money for the charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. Matt Richardson and Bill Pollard are collecting sponsorship to ride on their Penny Farthing bicycles from Henley to Paris! In June, the two friends will pedal their way from Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, UK to the capital of France, in memory of Mr Richardson's father. The two gentlemen can be seen wearing traditional dress whilst training for the event. 'As the ride will be in June, it'll hopefully be warm, so I have a vintage desert jacket and a pith helmet,' said Matt. A Penny Farthing is an early type of bicycle that was popular over a hundred and fifty years ago in the 1870s. Its name came from the largest and smallest British coins that were in use at the time - a penny, representing the huge front wheel and a much smaller farthing coin, the tiny back wheel. The front wheel often measured just over 2 metres in diameter.

Would you like to learn how to ride a Penny Farthing?

How do you think it would feel to travel this way?



Pictured: Matt Richardson and Bill Pollard (above) and a Penny Farthing (below).
Source: Henley to Paris on Penny Farthing Facebook page.



Spiney Sightings



Pictured: Hedgehogs Source: Canva.



BBC Gardeners' World Magazine has announced that sightings of hedgehogs in people's gardens are on the rise! It is hoped that, after years of hedgehog numbers decreasing, the spikey mammals' numbers could be increasing in urban areas. The researchers, who conducted a survey of 2,000 people, said they are 'cautiously optimistic', following small signs that hedgehogs could be making a comeback. Garden sightings in urban areas of the arguably adorable creatures have gone up by two percent in the last year! The report shows thirty-three percent of people asked said they had spotted hedgehogs in their garden in 2023, up from thirty-one percent in 2022. The report also reveals actions that have helped the hedgehogs, for example creating wild

patches of 'messy' garden for hedgehogs to dig in, and making 'hedgehog highways' by installing 'hedgehog doors' or holes in fences so that they can travel around more safely. Kevin Smith, from BBC Gardeners' World Magazine, said, 'The recent surge in hedgehog sightings is a positive indication that we're making progress in coexisting with nature.' Did you know that hedgehogs are nocturnal animals? They eat insects, worms, slugs and berries, and their bodies have over 5,000 spines. Their name comes from where they build their nests, in 'hedges', and the noise they make, a small snorting, grunting sound similar to the noise made by a pig or warthog, 'hog'.
Have you ever seen a hedgehog? Can you think of anything you could do to make your local area more hedgehog-friendly?

Free Tuition Thanks To \$1bn Donation



Pictured: The University Hospital building and students at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. **Source:** Albert Einstein College of Medicine – Official @EinsteinMed X page.

Medical students at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York, USA, have been rejoicing as they have recently been told that they don't have to pay their tuition fees! This has been made possible due to a huge donation of \$1 billion made by a former professor at the college. All current fourth-year students will be refunded their spring 2024 tuition fees and, from August of this year, all students at the medical college will receive free tuition! Dr Ruth Gottesman made the very generous gift on behalf of her late Wall Street investor husband. It is thought to be the largest donation made to any medical school in the country. Dr Gottesman said, 'I am very thankful to my late husband, Sandy, for leaving these funds in my care,

and I feel blessed to be given the great privilege of making this gift to such a worthy cause.' Dr. Yaron Tomer, a Dean at the University, commented on the 'transformational gift' saying, 'This donation radically revolutionises our ability to continue attracting students who are committed to our mission, not just those who can afford it. Additionally, it will free up and lift our students, enabling them to pursue projects and ideas that might otherwise be prohibitive. We will be reminded of the legacy this historic gift represents each spring as we send another diverse class of physicians out across the Bronx and around the world to provide compassionate care and transform their communities.'

Last week's topic:

How can you make your voice heard?



I agree that climate change is very important, but I don't agree with blocking the road because I think they should do something different. I agree with them because the government are not making sure the farmers are looked after properly and things need to be more fair.

2K Julian's Primary School

You can maybe get someone to help you be heard because two voices [are] better than one usually.

Ava

I believe this is a bad way to make your voice heard for instance if an ambulance came by or a fire engine came by as well as a police car, they would all need to get past quickly. Actions speak louder than words sometimes.

Katie

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



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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- > Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Reflection



Mobile phones have revolutionised how we communicate and interact with others and the wider world. It's important to be mindful of how and when they are used.

