



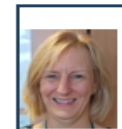
International Day of the Seal

Designated Safeguarding Lead

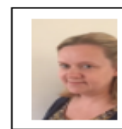


Joanne Fennelly.
Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



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Assistant Headteacher



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Seals at Rye Harbour

Fun facts about seals:

- A group of seals is called a herd or a raft.
 - It is not uncommon for a herd to consist of 1,500 seals.
 - There are thirty-three different species of seals.
 - The layer of fat under a seal's skin called blubber helps keep it warm in cold water.
 - Their whiskers help them detect prey in murky water.
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- Their lifespan ranges from twenty-five to thirty years.
 - Female seals are called cows, and their babies are called pups. Male seals are called bulls.
 - Smaller seals weigh 100 pounds, while the largest seals weigh over 7,000 pounds.



Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week at SdS, with three wonderful concerts taking place. Einstein class performed spectacularly within the RSC show at The Royal Theatre, Year 5 performed their ukulele concert to a packed audience and Rowling class performed their recorder performance to an equally full audience. All three groups of children demonstrated such confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing their superb talents!

As you are aware, we received an OFSTED inspection this week, where we welcomed three inspectors who rigorously investigated all areas of education. I was privileged to share the great teaching and learning taking place across school, along with the wide range of experiences and opportunities. We will now wait for the report to be written and published, which will be at some point after Easter.

As always, thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend, enjoy time with your family and I look forward to seeing you on Monday,

Mrs Fennelly

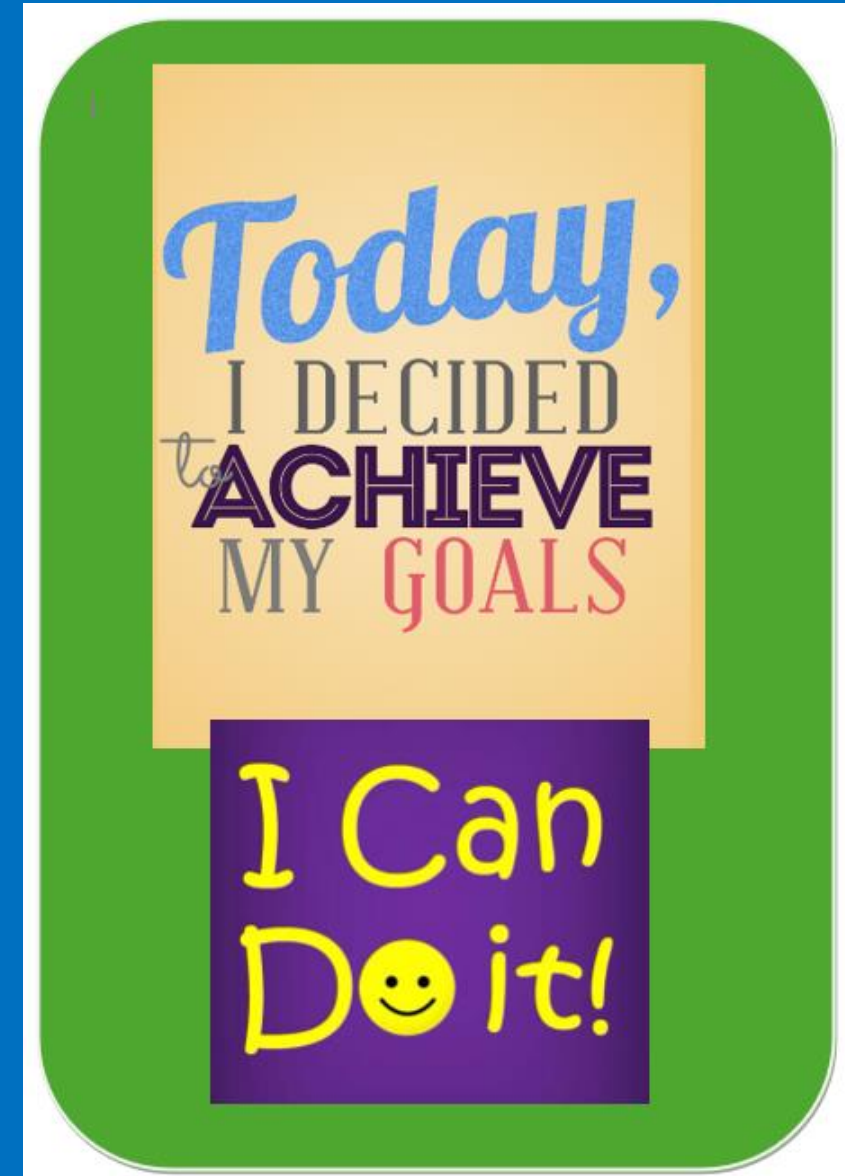
As we continue to keep our community safe at the beginning and end of the day, please follow the highway code when parking. Recently cars have been parked in the bus bay, on the zig zags and on the corners of junctions.

Earlier in the week the local PCSO made an unannounced visit to SdS and issued tickets to those that were parking inappropriately.

We are all here to ensure our children, families and neighbours are safe.

Poster of the Week

Today, we discussed our goals and hopes. We talked about how we have already achieved so much and how we know we can do it!!

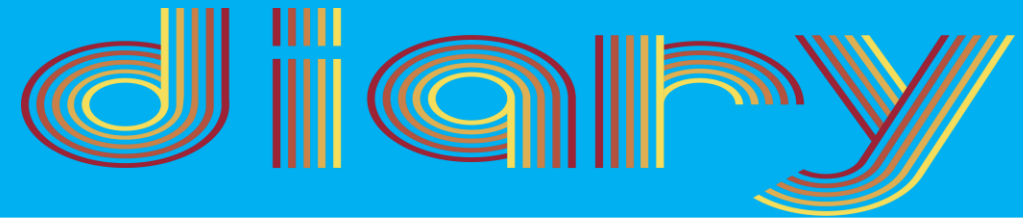


Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
21st March	Whole School	Clubs booking form sent via ParentMail
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	Reception & Year 6	Heights and Weights
1st May	Whole School	Whole Class photographs
13th May	Year 6	SATs week

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

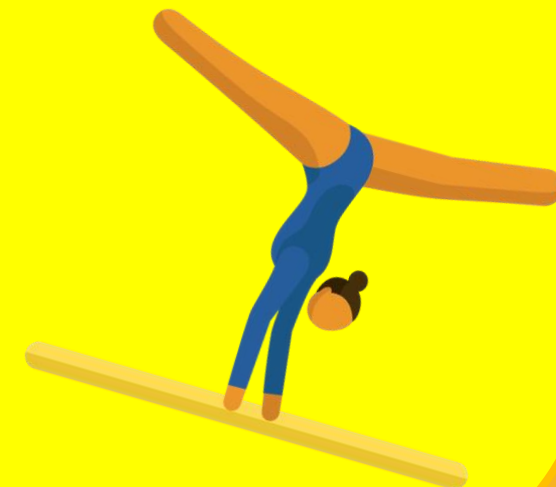
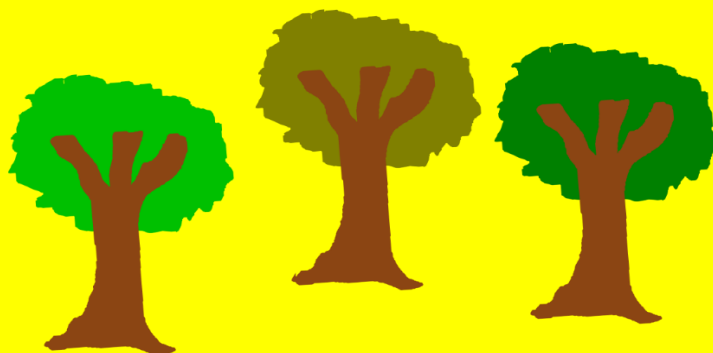
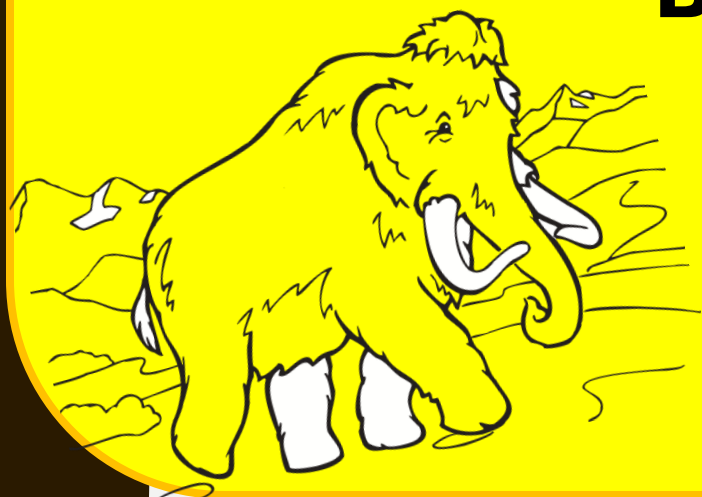


Extracurricular clubs

The booking form has been sent via ParentMail for our amazing extracurricular clubs for the Summer term.

Please go through them with your child.

Booking closes on the 7th April.



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**

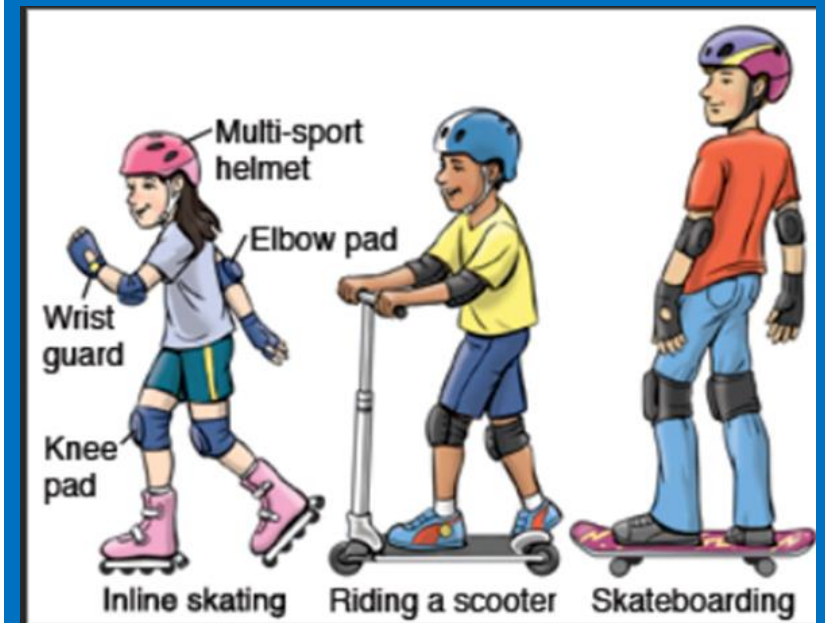
Bike and Scooter Safety

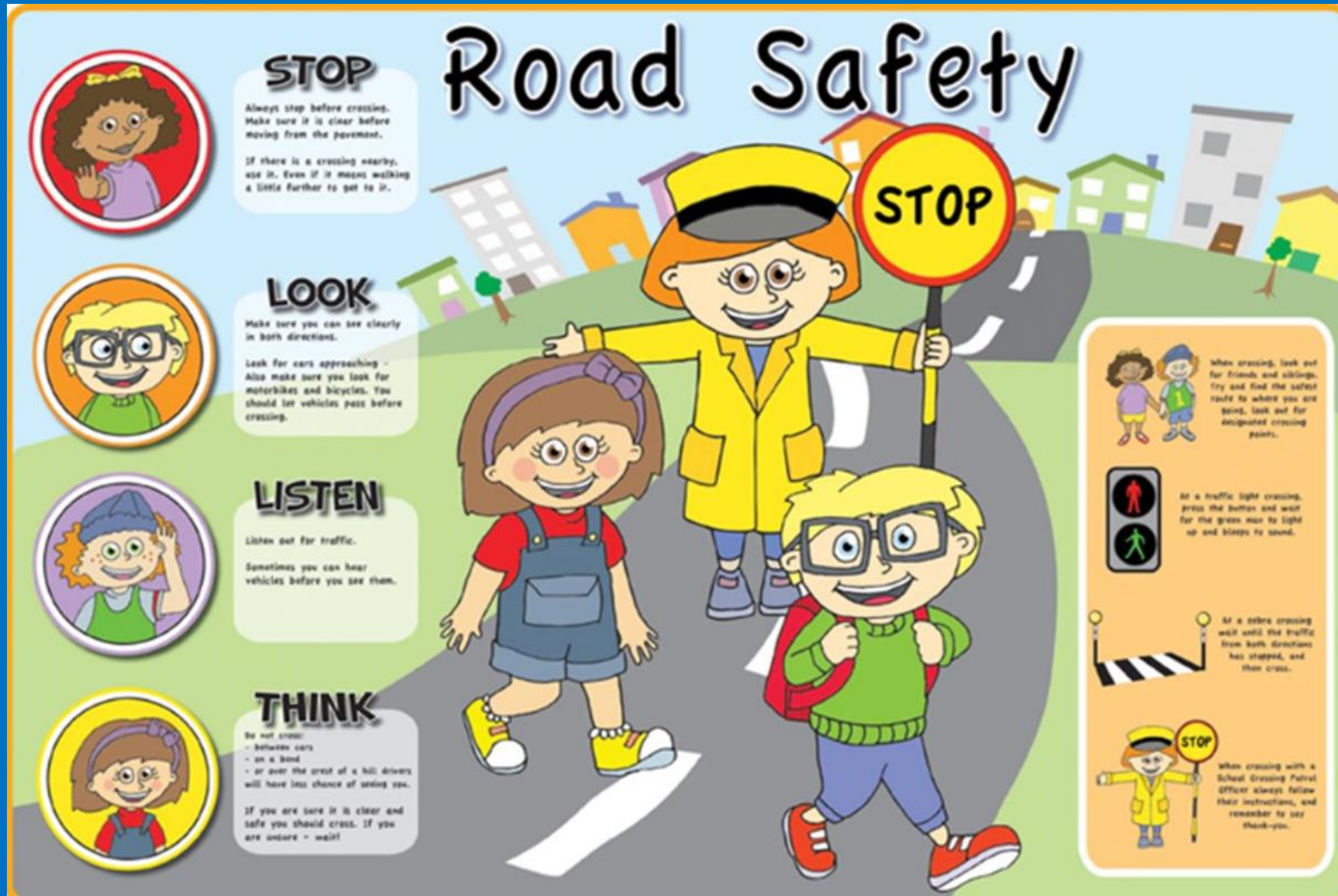
As the days become warmer and the evenings are lighter, please see the following pieces of information to share with your child about bike and scooter safety.

[Cycle Safety | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](http://capt.org.uk)



WALK THIS WAY





ROAD SAFETY

THINK

about where you should cross.



STOP

in a safe place at the side of the road.



USE YOUR EYES & EARS to see and hear any approaching vehicles.



WAIT

until all the vehicles have passed.



LOOK AND LISTEN

again to make sure all is clear.



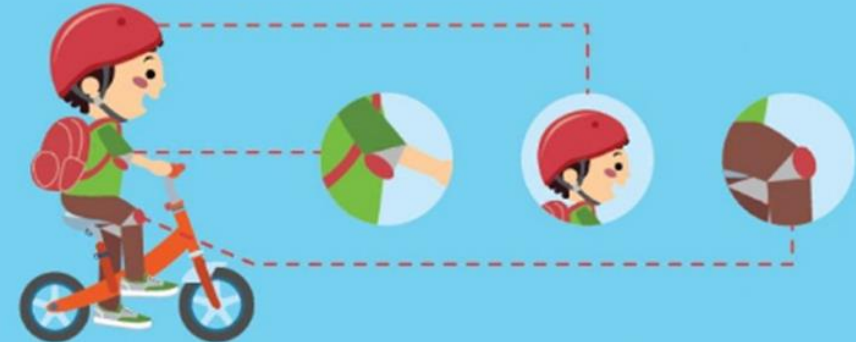
CROSS

the road. Keep looking and listening.



Helmets and Safety for Toddlers when riding Balance Bike

Balance bikes are one of the safest rides yet there are a number of safety precautions that parents need to take to ensure that:



✓ Children do not suffer any injuries in case they do fall when they are new to bikes and trying to master balance.

✓ It will save the children from skinned knees, grazed elbows or any injury to the head.

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



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

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.



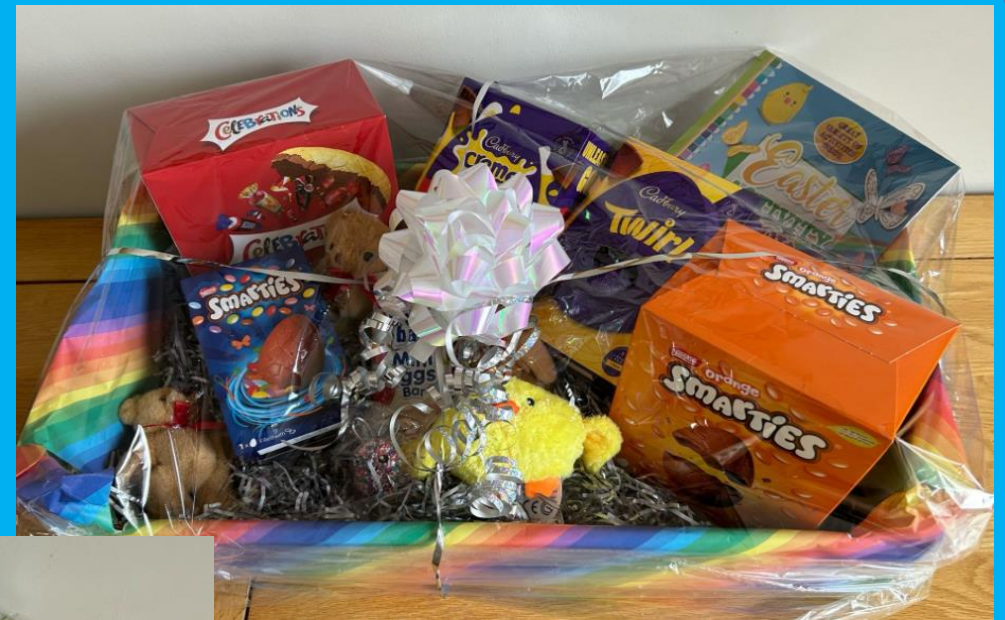
**Are you sad that
winter has come
to an end or
happy that spring
is beginning?**



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

Easter Raffle Hampers





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

We have raised: £214

**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

SPORTS – BASKETBALL

If you enjoy 'Shooting Hoops' on the playground and dribbling the ball around the cones, then why not join our local Basketball Team.

Northants Basketball Club are always looking for new members to join their exciting energetic team. They train at Spinney Hill and other venues.

Contact them for more information;
<https://www.northantsbasketballclub.net/home.html>

Stay Active,
Miss Bland

Find out more about the sport of Basketball and learn more about the England team and who will be going the Olympic games by following this link;

[Home | Basketball England](#)



Easter Holidays Activity Camp

northamptonshire
sport

2nd – 12th April 2024
9:00am – 4:00pm

£15
per child
per day

Benham Sports Arena
5 – 11 year olds

Experienced & knowledgeable
staff with enhanced DBS
checks

Safe & inclusive activities
designed for all ability levels

Fun & enjoyable sports &
physical activities

Activities include...

Dodgeball | Handball | Rugby |
Basketball | New Age Kuring |
Kinball | Volleyball | Team Games |
Netball | Arts & Crafts | Cricket |
Athletics | Badminton | Tennis



**We are Northamptonshire's leading
physical activity, health and wellbeing
charity.**

www.northamptonshiresport.org

UK registered charity number: 1184107



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...

The Allotment improves wellbeing, creates community and addresses poverty by working together to grow healthy food.

The allotment teaches participants to grow their own food and tackles poverty through building skills, confidence and a community.

Re:store Allotment is a volunteer led project, that seeks to grow skills and independence through growing fruit and vegetables. Participants are invited for a 4 week course, to learn how to sow, grow and harvest edible plants, and welcomes complete beginners through to those with green fingers.

A dedicated team of volunteers work alongside participants, sharing skills and knowledge and also sharing life together. It is a special community, that most don't want to leave. There is an opportunity for committed participants to continue past the 4 weeks, and grow their own produce throughout the year.

The Allotment is on Wednesdays 10am-12pm. All seeds/plants, equipment and tools are provided free of charge for the duration of the project. The Allotment is in Weston Favell/Abington area, and if transportation is a barrier, we would be happy to discuss this.



Restore Northampton are offering the opportunity for any adults that have an interest in growing food to attend their allotment project. If you would like to take part in this, or have a family member in mind who may benefit from this project, get in touch and I can organise this for you!

Miss Garrard says...

Nobody knows when a financial crisis will impact their household, but **Northampton Food Bank** is there to offer support.

RESTORE
NORTHAMPTON
Bringing communities to life through love & compassion

Please contact me directly if you need some support within this area.
All conversations are confidential.

We also have connections with Bugbrooke foodbank who may be able to support with emergency food parcels.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week 18th –24th March 2024

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. When it comes to inclusion, neurodiversity refers to a world where neurological differences are as recognised and respected as all other human variations.

Depending on how our brains are wired we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways.

What is Neurodiversity?

- Have you noticed that everyone thinks and processes information differently?
- **Neurodiversity** is based on the idea that everyone has a differently-wired brain and their own unique way of thinking and experiencing the world.



Respecting Differences

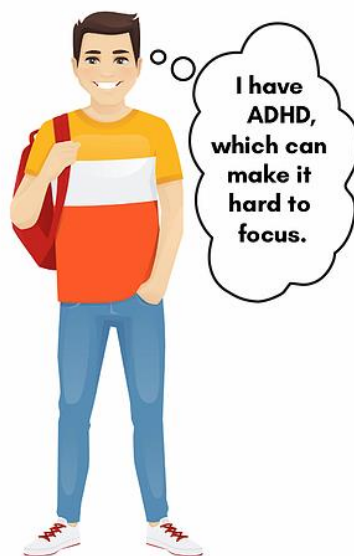
- **Neurodiversity** is about recognizing and respecting that we don't all learn the same way.
- Differences in the way our brains are wired means that you may struggle to do things that others find easy.
- You may also find things easy that other people struggle with.



Do These Differences Have a Name?

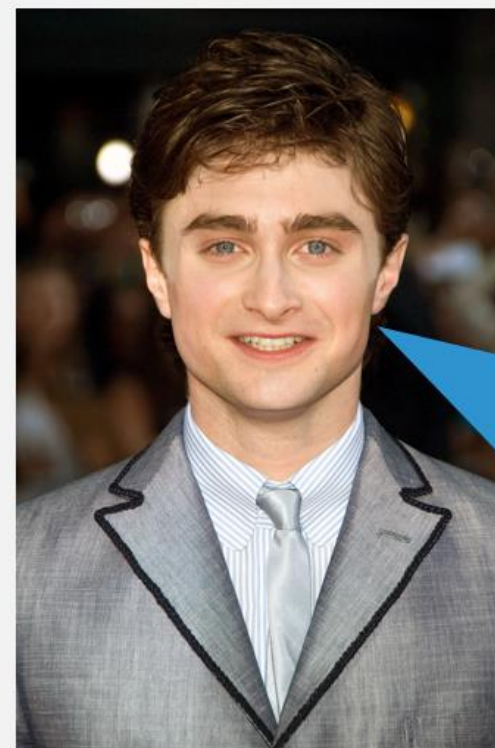
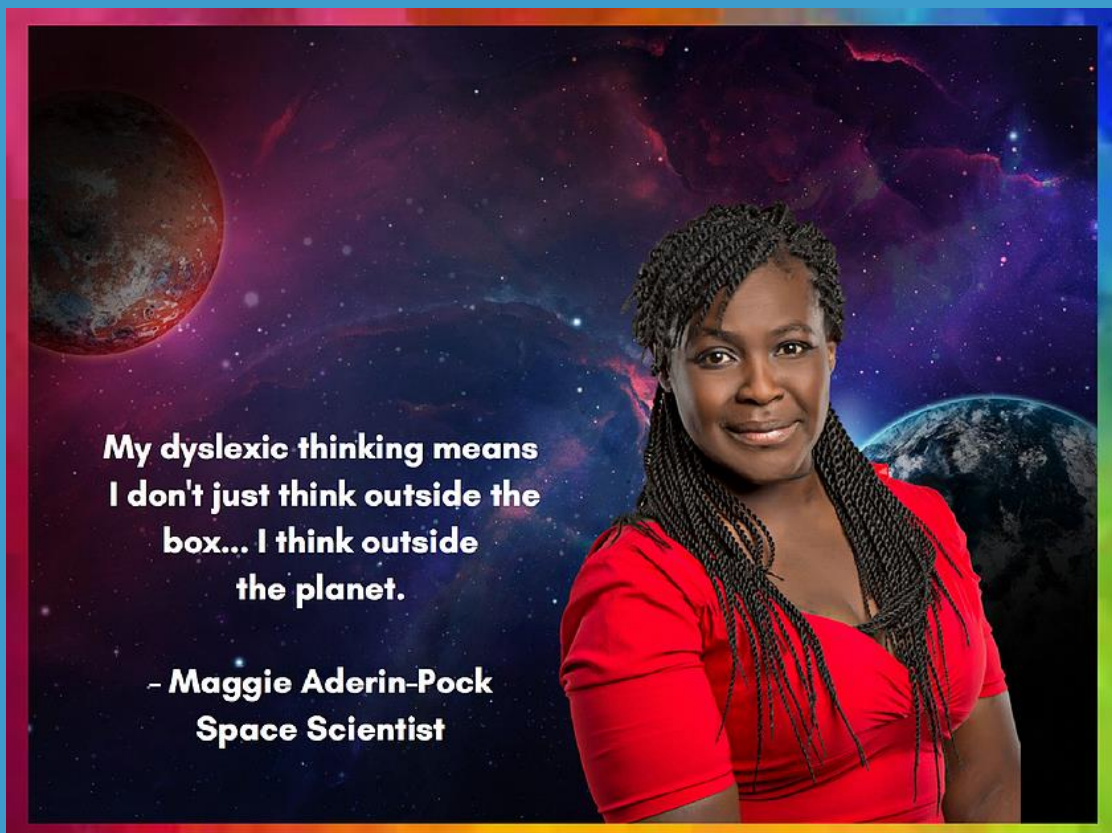
- Some of the different ways of thinking, learning, interacting and perceiving the world have been given labels, such as:

- ❖ ADHD
- ❖ autism
- ❖ dyslexia
- ❖ dyspraxia



- Neurodiversity Celebration Week serves as a reminder that no matter what our differences and challenges, everyone also has their own strengths and talents.
- Many people who have ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia or Tourette Syndrome and struggled in school, are now very successful.
- Many attribute their success to their unique way of thinking and perceiving the world around them.

There are many famous people who are neurodivergent and 'Neurodiversity Celebration Week' serves as a reminder that no matter what our differences and challenges are, everyone also has their own strengths and talents. To find out more and to access helpful resources please visit: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/introduction>



Dyspraxia

"Do not let it stop you. It has never held me back, and some of the smartest people I know are people who have learning disabilities.

The fact that some things are more of a struggle will only make you more determined, harder working and more imaginative in the solutions you find to problems."

Daniel Radcliffe, Actor

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

Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG)



Palm
Sunday

Sunday 24th March

3.30 – 5.00 pm

Explore more through
activities and play about

PALM SUNDAY

For all the family

Free Easter Eggs

Family Fun

We are holding an event to have fun, make things, and celebrate Palm Sunday.

Crafts, story and food, for families with primary aged children plus brothers and sisters.

Tea, coffee and cake for adults.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please phone or email to book your places:

admin@stbens.uk or vicar@stbens.uk

www.stbenedictschurchnorthampton

Free Easter eggs being given out

— 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

Where to find us:

**The Abbey Centre, 10 Overslade Close,
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Northampton. NN1 5JS

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**9AM - 4PM
£24.50 PER DAY**

**MULTISPORTS
& GYMNASTICS**

Northampton. NN6 8HY

**HALL MEADOW
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Kettering. NN15 7RP

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WWW.PACESETTERONLINE.CO.UK/HOLIDAY



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APRIL

2nd - 11th

9am - 4pm

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Easter ***TENNIS AND*** ***MULTI SPORTS***



CAMP



Week 1

Tuesday 2nd -

Friday 5th April

Week 2

Monday 8th -

Friday 12th April

Tennis , Tennis Golf,
Ultimate Frisbee, Football,
Basketball, dodgeball,
Easter Egg Hunts
and many more activities!

Full Day - £25 9-4pm

Half Day - £12.50. 9-12am/ 1-4pm

Week 1 - £75

Week 2 - £100

Early Drop Off - £2.50 8.15-9am

Late Stay - £5. 4-5.30pm

Email: joshuawgolding@gmail.com

Phone: 07909094921

**SIGN UP
NOW!!!**



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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

ELITE FOOTBALL COACHING



EFC FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

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OUR HIGH-INTENSITY CAMPS PUSH YOUR LIMITS, TRANSFORMING YOUR SKILLS ON THE PITCH.
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10TH APRIL 2024
11TH APRIL 2024

THOMAS BECKETT 3G,
NN3 6HT

9:30AM - 3:30PM |
AGES 6 - 14

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

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HOLISTIC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

3RD APRIL 2024
4TH APRIL 2024

9:30AM - 3:30PM
AGES 6 - 14

THOMAS BECKETT 3G,
NN3 6HT

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND

Easter Programme

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) is a funded opportunity for children to access fun, creative and active holiday camps for FREE this Easter, with lunch provided!

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) can attend the camps for FREE with a code from their school. Children who are not eligible for FSM can also access the camps for £22 a day. To book your child's place, please scan the QR code.

Week One

Dates: Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April
Times: 9am to 3pm
Venue 1: Sixfields Stadium, NN5 5QA
Venue 2: Kingswood Children's Centre,
NN18 9HU

Week Two

Dates: Monday 8th to Thursday 11th April
Times: 9am to 3pm
Venue 1: Sixfields Stadium, NN5 5QA
Venue 2: Kingswood Children's Centre,
NN18 9HU



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.

<div></div> Pupil Days	<div></div> Bank Holidays
<div></div> School Holidays	<div></div> Teacher Training Days

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					
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News For Our Children

22nd March 2024



What's happening in the news this week?



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

18th - 24th March 2024



Let's look at this week's story

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





**What's the best way to
handle disappointment?**

Robert Sinclair/Facebook

Time for a nap!

Adult Chinstrap penguins love their naps. A recent study found that Chinstrap penguins can take as many as 10,000 naps a day! Each doze lasts for about four seconds, adding up to a total of 11 hours, but the penguins never fall into deep sleep. Scientists studying the penguins believe this may be an adaptation, which ensures the safety of the Chinstrap's



Pictured: Chinstrap penguins keeping watch in the Arctic. **Source:** Canva.

eggs or small chicks. Once penguins have laid their eggs, the parents each take turns to incubate the eggs while the other leaves for up to two or three days in search of food. So, rather than falling into a deep sleep, which could allow predators the chance to steal eggs or vulnerable chicks, the flightless birds get their rest in the form of short naps, or 'microsleeps'. Humans may take short naps, particularly when sleep-deprived, however we would not function nearly as well as the Chinstrap penguins if we had to continue this sleep pattern over an extended period of time.

Do you ever nap? How do you feel afterwards?



Pictured: Children competing in a running race. **Source:** Canva.

Are you up to speed?

There are lots of reasons we might want to improve our speed, for example, playing football, PE lessons or just to work on our general fitness! Did you know that imagining a jet plane can help you to run faster?

Dr Jason Moran is a sport and exercise scientist, who has carried out a small study with players at Tottenham Hotspur's youth academy. Dr Moran found that using positive similes such as 'run like a plane taking off' or 'jump like the floor is lava' helped players to run up to 3% faster than they normally would!

So, the next time you find yourself falling behind – why not give it a go and run like the wind? **Do you have any other tips or tricks for getting faster? Share these with your friends!**

How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?



I think it should be celebrated by dressing up as our favourite person or author and talking about why we chose that person.
Darcie B

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'A Ray of Sunshine'

Whipsnade Zoo, the largest zoo in the UK, has announced that an endangered baby François' langur has been born! Staff at the zoo have called the new bright orange arrival 'a ray of sunshine'. The zoo in Bedfordshire, England, is one of two that are owned by the Zoological Society of London, a charity involved in the worldwide conservation of animals and their habitats. Numbers of the medium-sized primate in the wild are thought to have dropped to only 2,000. This is why scientists believe the European Endangered Species Breeding Programme to be so important to the survival of the species

Zookeeper, Amanda Robinson, explained, 'It's believed the babies are born with bright orange locks so that parents can easily spot the youngster when they're being cared for by the troop. Over time, this hair will fade to black. The bright orange hair certainly makes it easier for keepers and visitors to spot the new addition!' The François' langur, which are native to China, can be found in the open lands and limestone cliffs of China and Vietnam. The adults of the species have black fur with white sideburns that extend from their ears to the side of their cheeks. Due to their diet and appearance, they are also known as François' leaf monkey, the Tonkin leaf monkey, or the white side-burned black langur. They are extremely social animals and like to stay in groups of up to twenty.

Do you know any facts about François' langurs? Were you surprised to learn that they are born with bright orange fur that turns black?



Pictured: The new baby François' langur born at Whipsnade Zoo. **Source:** Whipsnade Zoo @ZSLWhipsnadeZoo X page.

Record-breaking Bowl

Shabnim Ismail has bowled the fastest-recorded delivery in women's cricket! The right-arm fast bowler was playing for Mumbai Indians against Delhi Capitals in the Women's Premier League (WPL) - a women's Twenty20 cricket franchise league in India - when she bowled the fastest bowl since records began! The top speed of the ball was a massive 132.1 kilometres per hour (82.1 mph). Mumbai Indians are a cricket team based in Mumbai, Maharashtra, and the matches for this season's WPL are held in Bengaluru and Delhi. The South African cricketer is known for her fast bowls, recording 128 kmph against West Indies in 2016, and bowling at a



speed of 127 kmph twice during the International Cricket Council's Women's World Cup. Ismail was initially unaware that she had broken her own record! When she was shown the figure recorded on the broadcast speed gun, she commented, 'I don't actually look at the big screen when I'm bowling.' **Have you ever played cricket? Would you like to become a fast bowler?**

How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?



I think it should be celebrated by learning about the history of books and different authors, also by reading books.

Ava

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18 - 24 March



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Things to talk about at home ...

- > How do you think visitors to the experience might have felt when they realised the experience differed from what they expected?
- > Can you think of a time when something didn't go well, even though you tried or thought it would? How did you deal with it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Reflection



There will be times when we are excited and looking forward to something, but it may not be quite what we wanted or hoped it would be. Learning how to deal with disappointment is important.

