

## Your Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Fennelly

If you have a worry you can talk to your teacher or an adult you trust.

We also have other important people in school who know what to do if you have a serious worry – their pictures are below:



Mrs Fennelly  
Headteacher

## Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs De Board  
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Richards  
Gruffalo Class Teacher



Mrs Holland  
Inclusion Leader



Miss Garrard  
Nurture Lead

**NSPCC**  
**HELPLINE**  
0808 800 5000  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
11th February	Whole school	School closes at 3:15pm for half term
21st February	Whole School	School closed - training day
22nd February	Whole school	We look forward to welcoming our children back to class at 08:40am promptly
22nd February	Scouting community	Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts can wear their guiding or cub uniform to school
3rd March	Whole School	World Book Day. Book in a Box competition
3rd March	Whole School	Non uniform day. Wear your own clothes today



## Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the term has come around so quickly and as we look back there have been so many wonderful learning experiences that have taken place: the wonderful Tempest unit with the amazing written and art outcomes, the whole school showcase, musical performances and learning to play new instruments, working with artists, developing confidence with real actors, learning a range of history, science and RE units, becoming engrossed in class and individual books, using and applying numbers, improving sport skills, attending clubs, building relationships and developing confidence!

I know the children are ready for their half term break and we will all be so excited to come together again on Tuesday February 22nd to begin our new term, again full of great learning.

Please enjoy your break, stay well and I look forward to seeing you all on the 22nd.

Mrs Fennelly

## Star of the Week

### Class Visit



Today we shared the poster and talked about how we are constantly growing in an emotional way and how we are there for each other, in the good times and the more challenging ones.

In particular, we discussed how we can set ourselves goals for our future and grow towards those goals. Setting realistic goals can be positive for us.

**READING MATTERS**

SMART  
START MAKING A READER TODAY

Reading is the most important subject in school. A child needs reading in order to master most of the other subjects.

Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps him/her develop critical reading skills.

**WHY IS READING AT HOME SO IMPORTANT?**

A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7,800 hours at home.

Across the world, the children who read the most, read the best.

About half of illiterate adults live in poverty. They are less likely to find employment than their more literate counterparts.

[www.getSMARToregon.org](http://www.getSMARToregon.org)

The infographic features a stack of books labeled LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, GEOGRAPHY, SCIENCE, MATH, and READING. It also includes a stopwatch icon, a schoolhouse icon labeled 'SCHOOL' with '900 Hours' inside, a house icon labeled 'HOME' with '7,800 Hours' inside, a stack of gold coins, and a grid of blue squares with an 'A+' grade and a 'D' grade marked.

**Reading at home matters!!**

**Thank you for reading at home, you're making a difference to your child and their future.**

## **World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March**

This year we are celebrating 25 years of World Book Day with their theme:  
**'You are a reader'.**

**Please come dressed in your own clothes (muffi).**

As part of this year's World Book Day, we would like you to create a 'Book in a Box'. You can choose any book that you would like to create in your box. It could be your favourite book, or just one that you have enjoyed reading this year. You can use any box that you would find around your home, e.g. cereal box, shoe box or an amazon box.

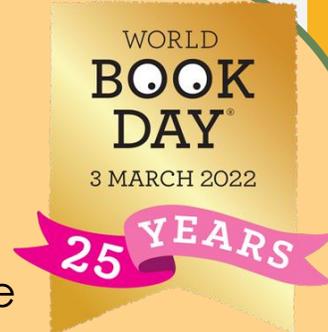
To create your book in a box you could:

- draw or cut out pictures of the characters or significant objects from the book
- recreate a scene from the book inside
- Include interesting quotes from the text

Don't forget to include the name of the book and the author.

As part of the competition, there will be one winner from every year group. This will be judged in school with the winner receiving a book to keep and enjoy. Everyone who takes part will receive a certificate!

On the next slide are some examples of what your book in a box could look like.



## World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

### Examples of Books in a box

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
3 MARCH 2022

25 YEARS



Click to add text



Mrs Parker and Miss Gedney

## Valhalla at Northampton Museum - Viking Britain, Entry - free



Discover Life and Death in Viking Britain

At Valhalla you can explore the Viking attitudes to life and death during this dynamic era. Follow the lives that these people once led and learn how they were commemorated through burial rites and rituals. This exciting exhibition displays significant artefacts from excavations in York, including a Viking-age skeleton that was unearthed in the city, displayed alongside a facial reconstruction and astonishing grave goods. Don't miss the striking replica boat dressed for a ship burial, complete with replica grave goods such as armour and jewellery. Plus, little ones can discover the world of Viking mythology and sagas in our hands-on children's area. A touring exhibition brought to you by The JORVIK Group.

Saturday 29 January - Monday 18 April

# Head Lice



## Check if it's head lice



Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long.



Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair.

## How to get rid of head lice

### Important

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

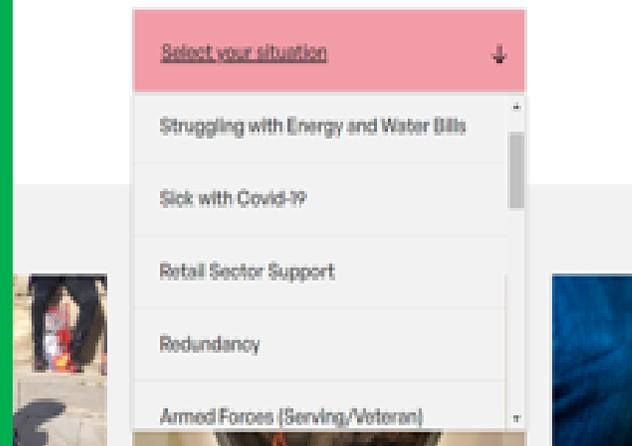
Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

## Options for your situation

Select one of the options to see what you may be entitled to.



Miss Garrard says...



I am sure you have all heard the recent news in regards to the rise in energy and house hold bills that are occurring across the UK. I am sure for many of you this has caused a level of uncertainty and worry. With this in mind, I thought it may be useful for me to share a service that may be able to support you in regards to your finances.

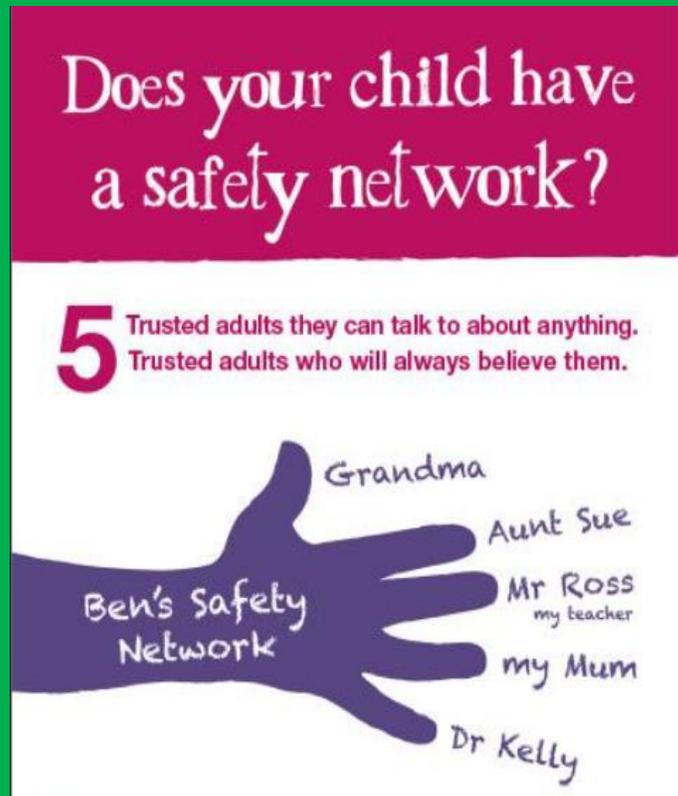
Turn 2 Us is a charity that can help give you advice or sign post you to services to support you with managing your finances or gaining further support, whether that be through grants or benefits you didn't know you were entitled to.

Please check out the link below to access their website.

[Fighting UK Poverty - Turn2us](https://www.turn2us.org.uk/)

<p>Check your benefit entitlement</p>  <p>Millions of people are missing out on thousands of pounds. Check what you are</p> <p>Use the Benefits Calculator →</p>	<p>Search for a grant</p>  <p>There are many grants that provide financial support to people who need it.</p> <p>Use the Grants Search →</p>	<p>Energy and Water bills</p>  <p>Find out what benefits, grants and other schemes may be available to you.</p> <p>Energy and Water bills support →</p>	<p>Other information and support</p>  <p>Find out what other financial advice and support is available.</p> <p>Information and support →</p>
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## Hand of Trusted Adults



As part of **Children's Mental Health Week**, the children in school have created their 'Hands of Trusted Adults'. These are people that your child knows and trusts and who they can share any concern with. You might want to talk to your child about who your trusted adults are.

## Children's Mental Health Week

**This year the focus is 'growing together' and for children to know who can help them as they grow in an emotional and personal way.**



Take a look at these videos from successful young adults talking about their own growth story and the challenges they faced on the way.

Watch the Growth Stories here-  
[Growth Stories - Children's Mental Health Week](#)  
([childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk))



Northamptonshire  
Police



Northamptonshire  
**Neighbourhood  
Alert**



Bicycles can be some of the easiest vehicles for thieves and vandals to target. Protect yourself from becoming a victim by following some simple steps:

- Get a good bike lock.
- Lock your bike to something secure, even if only for a few minutes and avoid isolated places - leave your bike where a potential thief can be seen.
- Lock up removable parts (e.g. wheels) and take light fittings with you.
- Have your bike's frame security-marked or engraved.
- Take a clear colour photograph of your bike and make a written record of its description, including any unique features.
- At home, keep your bike in a secure garage or shed and keep the door locked.

*ABBHEY CENTRE*  
**COMMUNITY**  
**FRIDGE**

**Please don't forget that we have a wonderful community fridge at the Abbey Centre each Tuesday & Friday from 10:00-12:00 and on Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00.**

**The fridge has donated food from local supermarkets which are would otherwise be disposed of. The fridge is now open to anyone, in order for the food to be used and not wasted.  
Why not go and take a look?**





**Please note all bumped head notifications will be sent to you via a courtesy text message and not a courtesy phone call. The text message is to advise you that your child has bumped their head, has seen a first aider and for you to monitor them once you have collected them from school. If you receive a ‘bumped head’ text message you are of course welcome to come and check your child. If we feel your child needs collecting, we will telephone you to seek further medical assistance.**

**Your child will continue to have a letter that your child’s teacher will give to you at collection time.**



## [Home | NASA Space Place – NASA Science for Kids](#)

Type the NASA link above into your browser to learn more about the Moon, Earth, Sun and Solar System, on the web site there are Art activities and competitions and much more .....





[Home](#) | [NASA Space Place – NASA Science for Kids](#)

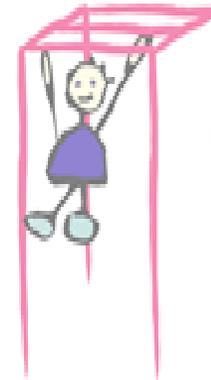
## Here's what the Moon looks like right now from Earth:





# 'Senlis Scallywags'

## Out of School Club



- Hildrop Road, East Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 0PH
- Tel: 01604 702636 · Mobile: 07758656925
- Website: [www.senlis-scallywags.org.uk](http://www.senlis-scallywags.org.uk) · Email: [senlisscallywags@gmail.com](mailto:senlisscallywags@gmail.com)

## Senlis Scallywags' Out of School Club

**Call us to book your child into a session for the half term holiday.**

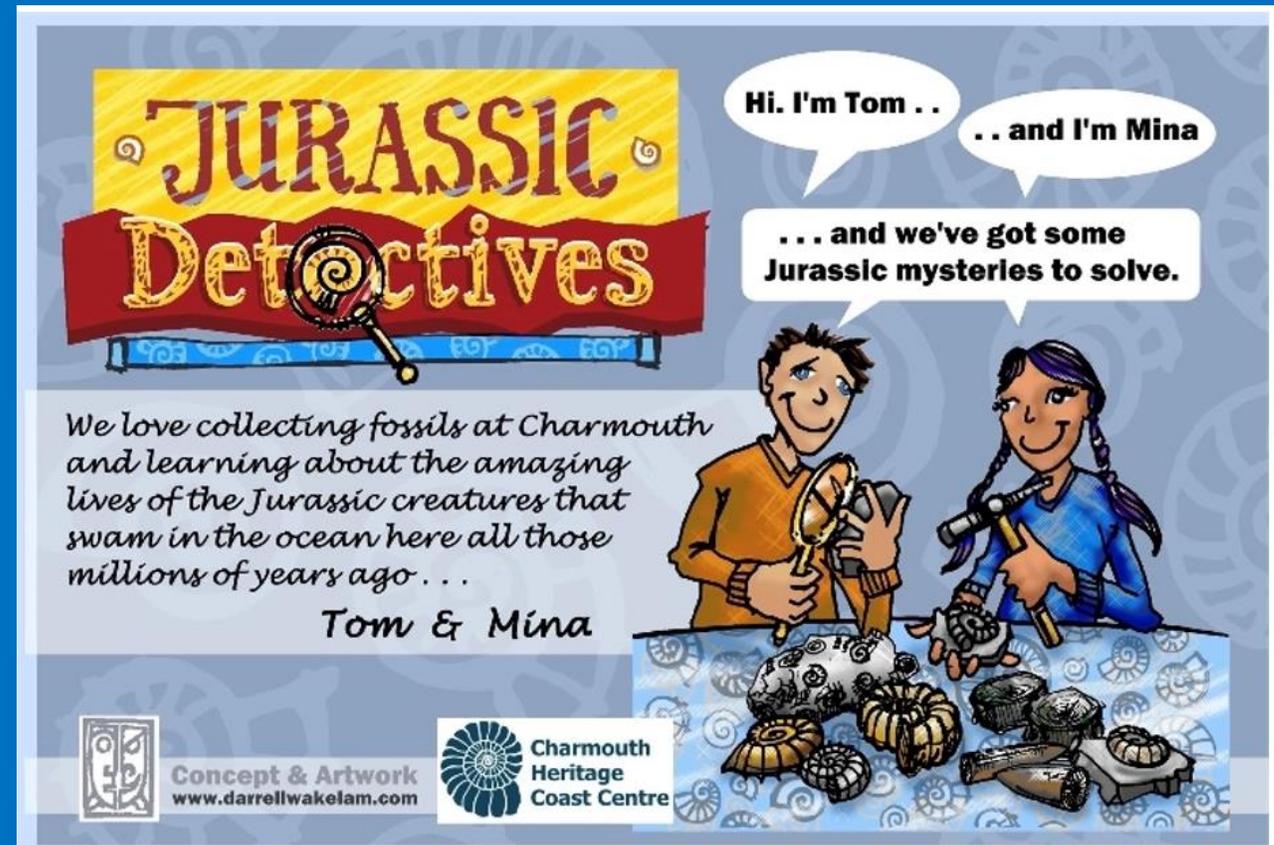


¶ Monday · February · 14 <sup>th</sup> · ¶ 	Family · & · Friendship ☐	Cooking ☐
¶ Tuesday · February · 15 <sup>th</sup> · ¶ ☐	Creative · painting ☐	¶ Fun · & · Games ¶ ☐
¶ Wednesday · February · 16 <sup>th</sup> ¶ · · ☐	¶ Fun · with · science ¶ ☐	Woodland · hunt ☐
¶ Thursday · February · 17 <sup>th</sup> · · ☐	Clay · creations ☐	· · · · · Can · you · hit · the · target? ☐
¶ Friday · February · 18 <sup>th</sup> · ¶ ☐	Space · themed ☐	· · · · · Space · themed ☐
¶ Monday · February · 21 <sup>st</sup> · ¶ (Training · day) ☐	· · · Scallywags · challenges · you ☐	Scallywags · has · got · talent ☐

## Fossils

Would you like to find out more about dinosaurs and fossils that have been found in Britain? Look at these websites for inspiration-

- [Jurassic Coast Trust](#) – Home learning resources, activities, puzzles and games, plus membership club for fossil enthusiasts
- [Lyme Regis Museum](#) – Displays on the history of Lyme Regis, Mary Anning and fossils from the coast.
- [Lyme Regis Marine Aquarium](#) – Discover the local marine life of the Jurassic Coast.
- [Rockwatch](#) – The club for young geologists



## 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.

**If you got everything you  
always wished for, would you  
always be happy?**



## Action for Happiness-Friendly February

Have a go at these actions to be happier.

**Friendly February 2022**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with a colleague or friend	5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while
7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day
14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun
21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them
28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today						

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**      **Happier · Kinder · Together**



🏠 / Seasonal wildlife / Winter

1.8 miles from NN4 OPH



## STORTON'S PITS

Old gravel pits providing a heaven for animals and insects, less than 2 miles from our school, perfect for a walk, bird watching and insect spotting.

Edgar Mobbs Way NN5 5JE

## Nature Reserves | Wildlife Watch

1.8 miles from NN4 OPH



## BARNES MEADOW

A mosaic of wetland habitats attracting an abundance of wildlife, within the 3 meadows you may find Heron and Kingfishers amongst lots of other birds, animals and insects.  
Less than 2 miles from our school.

NN1 5NG



CHESTER ZOO

Since you can't come to us,  
let the  
⇒ ZOO come to YOU! ⇐

Everything you need to know about our VIRTUAL zoo days

⇒ Virtual Visits are BACK! ⇐

Don't miss out, watch our original LIVE Virtual Zoo Days.

We have been going LIVE on our Facebook and YouTube pages for a **WHOLE DAY** of *amazing animal antics!* Packed full of *fantastic facts*... it's the **PERFECT** way to learn, all from the comfort of your own sofa!

From **AMAZING** aardvarks, an elephant **POOL PARTY** and **fantastic** fossal



[Virtual Zoo | Chester Zoo](https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo)  
[www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo](https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo)

# COMPUTING ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO AT HOME DURING HALF TERM!

Create a project on Scratch!

- A movie
- A game
- An animation
- A story

Use your skills to create something amazing!



Design a webpage! You might consider:

- Headings
- Subheadings
- Content
- Images

This can be done without a device, you just need some paper and your imagination!

Create a Sway about something you've learnt in:

- History
- Science
- RE
- PE

Use the knowledge you have to make something mesmerising!



Create a poster or leaflet!

This could be based on anything you feel is important or something you've learnt at school.

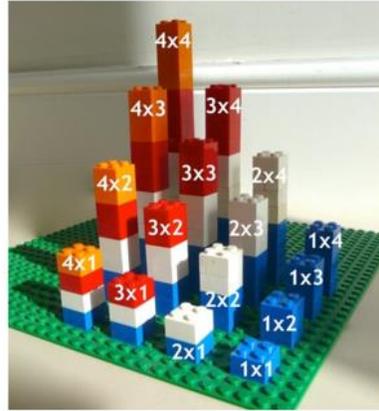
# Maths

Here are some craft maths ideas for Half Term...

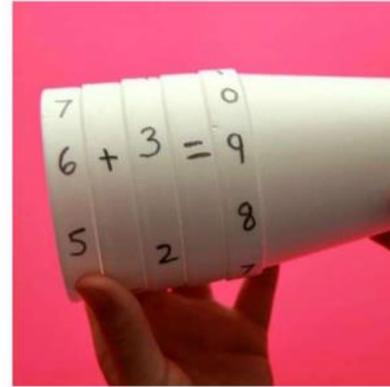
Fraction Flowers



Lego Multiplication Tower



Equation Spinner Cups



Use stackable cups to create a custom spinner with numbers and maths signs to make equations. Just spin the cup to get different numbers and facts! The best part is that you can add more cups to make two digit or three digit number equations.

Skip counting kites



## Exploring Symmetry



Learning Clock



One of the most important skills any human should learn is the ability to tell time correctly! With the advent of digital clocks, people are fast losing this skill! This double faced clock makes it simple to learn the hours and minutes.

**Have a great Half Term!**



This term in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) lessons we have been sharing our 'Hopes and Dreams'. At Simon De Senlis Primary, children recognise the value of setting goals to further their own achievements and demonstrate growth mindset when taking on new challenges. During this term the children have had opportunities to share their goals, taking responsibility for their own learning and have planned steps to success in order to succeed with their goals. In class we have discussed the challenges we face when mastering a new skill and have shared ideas for overcoming barriers to learning.

*Perhaps you could set a new learning goal at home?*

- *Goal setting connects children to personal ambition with school work.*
  - *Goal setting improves pupil motivation to learn.*
  - *Goal setting boosts pupil self-confidence and esteem.*

**At Simon de Senlis, we believe every child has the potential to achieve their goals!**



## Become a Stanwick Lakes Secret Agent

Calling all young spies! 🕵️🕵️

Follow the trail, solve the clues and explore the outdoors...This February half term visit Stanwick Lakes to become the ultimate secret agent!

Trail running from 12th Feb until 20th Feb.

**NO BOOKING NEEDED.** Buy your activity leaflet for only £2.75 from the Snack Shack between 10am – 3pm.

Complete the mission by finding all the clues to crack the code. Pick up your little secret agent kit, complete the trail and collect your certificate (one per activity leaflet sold).

Give written feedback and your contact details at the end of the trail to be entered into a prize draw to win a top-secret prize!

**Become a Stanwick Lakes**  
**SECRET AGENT** £2.75 per activity leaflet

Calling all young spies!  
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Trail running from Sat 12th Feb - Sun 20th Feb 2022

Complete the mission by finding all the clues and crack the code!  
Pick up your little secret agent kit (one per trail sold), complete the trail and collect your certificate.

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Claudius Way  
Wellingborough  
NN8 2DH

[Home - Chester House Estate](#)



## Forest School (age 6 - 10)

From: 15/02/2022

To: 16/02/2022

## SEND Forest School (age 5 - 10)



Event Date: 15/02/2022

Experience SEND (special educational needs and disability) learning like no other in our first SEND Forest School at the Chester House Estate!

## Stay Active Staycation Survival Kit from



### #Together

# BINGO

Complete an activity and tick it off the list!



Go for gold: complete all the activities



Super silver: complete a horizontal or vertical line



Brilliant bronze: complete one activity per line



JUMP up and down in a space 40 times	PLAY musical statues	RIDE a bike, scooter	BALANCE on a part of your body for 60 seconds	JUMP or MOVE over a pillow 40 times	PLAY hide and seek
HOP, JUMP or STAND on the spot for 60 seconds	BALANCE in a plank position	PASS a ball around your waist or head 25 times	BALANCE an object on your head	KEEP a balloon in the air for 60 seconds	PERFORM 50 star jumps
COMPLETE 20 shuttles (running, walking or moving)	SKIP or MOVE for 2 minutes	ROLL a ball across a table 10 times	PERFORM 40 of the same type of jumps	CREATE and complete an obstacle course	THROW or ROLL an object into a target 10 times in a row
DRIBBLE a ball in and out of objects	PERFORM 40 squat jumps / sit forwards	THROW or ROLL a ball against a wall or with a sibling	MOVE and complete 10 laps of your house or garden	PERFORM 40 jumps	PLAY a new game with a sibling, parent or carer
PERFORM 30 push ups	PERFORM dance movements	PERFORM a short fitness workout	PERFORM 30 sit ups or lean forwards	PERFORM a gymnastics routine	INVENT and play a new game

Keep active at home.

Try this fun bingo game and have a go at as many activities as you can.

Miss Bland



Simon de Senlis Primary - 11th February 2022



# Hardingstone Players

present

# Cinderella

Written by TLC Creative and presented by  
arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts



**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
February 2022 at 7.30 pm,  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00 pm**

at

The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 0RZ

**Tickets: Adult £8.50, Child £7, Family of 4 (max 2 adults) £28**

Available from the Box Office, telephone 07521 389025  
or email us at [boxoffice@hardingstoneplayers.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@hardingstoneplayers.co.uk)  
or book online via TicketSource (*booking fee applies*)  
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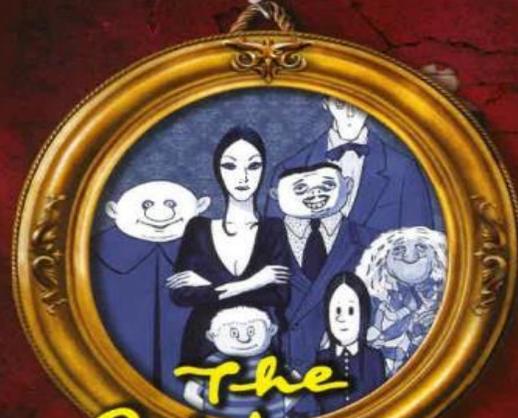
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YOUTH SOCIETY  
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## The Addams Family

SCHOOL EDITION  
A NEW MUSICAL

Book by MARSHALL BRICKMAN and RICK ELICE  
Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA  
Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

THE ADDAMS FAMILY School Edition is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW).  
122-124 Regent Street, 5th floor, London W1B 5SA. [www.theatricalrights.co.uk](http://www.theatricalrights.co.uk)

SAT 9TH - SUN 10TH APRIL 2022  
TICKETS £9 - £17  
BOX OFFICE 01604 258666  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/cripps-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cripps-hall)  
Matinee 2.30pm / Evening 7.30pm

 [www.northamptonmusicaltheatrecompany.co.uk/youth/](http://www.northamptonmusicaltheatrecompany.co.uk/youth/)

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**HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for any of our Camps throughout the year, please head to our website. Select the camp activity and dates you desire and your good to go.

**NEED SOME HELP REGISTERING?**  
If you are experiencing any difficulties registering your child for one of our clubs or camps please don't hesitate to get in contact with one of the team who will be more than happy to help.

Email: [enquiries@rhinosportsacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@rhinosportsacademy.co.uk)  
Phone: 07894713006



*Did you know that we're registered with **easyfundraising** and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?*

When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Friends of Simon de Senlis.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosds>

Please click this link to support Friends of SdS with every Amazon purchase you make...

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# Holiday Fun



## February Half Term 2022 Holiday Activities

<p><b>Music</b></p>	<p><b>Atomic Science</b></p>
<p><b>Big Bubble</b></p> <p><b>Cheerleading!</b></p>	<p><b>YOGA and Mindfulness</b></p>
	<p>Click to add text</p> <p><b>Sports</b></p>

Is it for me?

Open to Primary age children ages 5-11

How much?

£15 per day, 9am – 3.30pm each day

How do I book?

To book spaces please visit: [www.northamptonesco.co.uk](http://www.northamptonesco.co.uk), you can book as many days as you require. Full details can be seen on our website/facebook page.

What do I need?

Packed Lunch and plenty of drinks. Wear clothes suitable for moving freely and trainers/plimsolls. Must drop off and pick up children.

Queries?

Email- [msmith@northamptonesco.co.uk](mailto:msmith@northamptonesco.co.uk) or 07917 535 762

February Half Term 2022 Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February					
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Venue
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p><b>Big Bubble</b></p>	<p><b>Big Bubble</b></p>	<p><b>Cheerleading</b></p>	<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p><b>Cedar Road Primary School</b></p>
<p><b>Sports</b></p>	<p><b>Yoga</b></p>	<p><b>Music</b></p>	<p><b>Yoga</b></p>	<p><b>Sports</b></p>	

TRILOGY

JUNIOR ACTIVE



# TRILOGY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

14-18 February

## SPORTS SESSIONS

Sessions across our centres for 5-10 year olds

- Gymnastics
- Football
- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Fun Fitness

£5.80 per session or FREE to Junior Active members. Booking available online 8 days in advance

CLICK HERE  
TO SEE OUR  
ACTIVITY  
TIMETABLES

## SWIM CRASH COURSES

Improve confidence and ability in the water with Trilogy Swim School 5 day crash courses across our centres.

- Beginners
- Butterfly Improvers
- Try Stage 2
- Water Fun
- Introduction to Deep Water
- Backstroke Improvers
- Frontcrawl Breathing
- Personal Survival
- Breaststroke Improvers

5 day courses are free to Junior Active members and £28 for non members. Booking available by calling 01604 838333 or in person at one of our centres 8 days in advance

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# A NEWSPAPER FOR OUR CHILDREN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

11TH FEBRUARY 2022



## Flying Solo!

**A**t 19 years and 199 days old, Zara Rutherford, from Brussels in Belgium has made aviation history by becoming the youngest female to fly solo around the world! The route she took, in a Shark Aero aircraft, spanned across 52 countries and 5 continents. Zara took off from Belgium, in the ultralight, high-performance, innovative and fast cross-country airplane on 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. The round the world trip, where she couldn't fly at night and had to negotiate some tough weather conditions, was completed when she landed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. Zara Rutherford, who now holds a Guinness World Records title, said on her website, "Through my round the world trip I'm hoping to encourage other girls to start flying too or (/and) enter STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] related careers. Only 5% of commercial pilots are women, and 15% of computer scientists are women! That's an extremely low number considering these are amazing careers with wonderful opportunities."

**Are there any World Records that you would like to break?**



**Pictured:** Zara Rutherford with and flying the Shark Aero aircraft.  
**Source:** Guinness World Records Twitter page.

## Bionic eye implant

**T**he UK's first bionic eye implant has been switched on in the blind eye of a patient at Moorfields Eye Hospital, in the London Borough of Islington. The 2mm-wide microchip could help her to see properly again! The patient has to wear special glasses, containing a video camera that is linked to a small computer attached to her waistband. The breakthrough, experts say, offers the hope of returned sight to people suffering vision loss because of dry Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and involves a revolutionary chip that is implanted behind the blind left eye. Hi-tech camera glasses she was given to wear this week, captured

the scene in front of her before relaying the data to the implant, that then sent an electrical signal to her brain, just like natural vision. "Losing the sight in my left eye through dry AMD has stopped me from doing the things I love, like gardening, playing indoor bowls and painting with watercolours," the patient said. "I am thrilled to be the first to have this implant, excited at the prospect of enjoying my hobbies again and I truly hope that many others will benefit from this too."

**Pictured:** The patient having her special glasses fitted.  
**Source:** Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Twitter page.





Pictured: A Jack Russell terrier

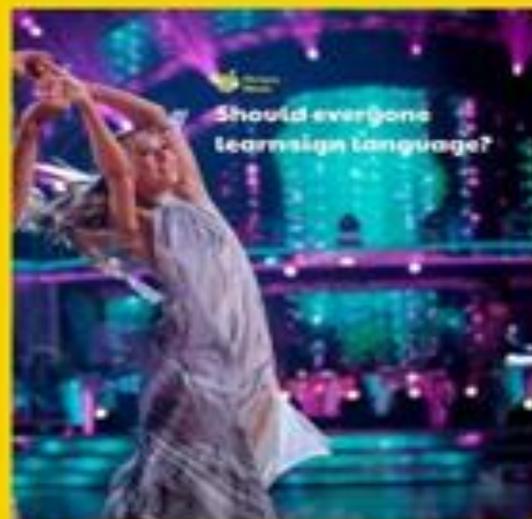
## Sausage Drone!

A missing Jack Russell terrier, called Millie, has been lured to safety by a sausage attached to a drone! The three-year-old dog had slipped her lead and disappeared close to dangerous mudflats in Hampshire. Mudflats are wide areas of muddy coast, exposed by low tide, where rivers meet the sea or ocean. After sightings of Millie, several rescue missions were launched involving the coastguard, police, firefighters and even volunteers on kayaks. All these attempts failed and, as a

last resort, rescuers decided to attach a sausage on a cord to a search and rescue drone, which then flew close to the lost dog to encourage her to come to them before the tide came in. Chris Taylor, from Denmead Drone Search and Rescue said, "It was a crazy idea!" He added, "We certainly would consider using sausages again: every dog and search operation is always going to be different. But if we were ever in a similar situation again, we would employ the same methods to lure the dog."

Last week's topic:

## Should everyone learn sign language?



People don't have to learn sign language if they don't want to but if they want to have a new skill then they can choose to learn sign language.

Erin - age 9

I think everyone should learn sign language because then we can understand the difficulties that deaf people have.

Samiksha Saha - age 8

I think people have their likes and dislikes, but as a child of deaf parents I would like it to be learnt more and more people should know about it because it is amazing, and they should have a choice to learn it.

Finn - age 10

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



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## Rule of Law

The Highway Code is a set of rules and advice for people using roads to follow. They are in place to help keep everyone safe.



# Reflection



The Highway Code is in place to keep us all safe on our roads, it's important we are aware of the rules and keep up to date with any changes.





## Should everyone using our roads learn the Highway Code?



## In the news this week

An update to the Highway Code has introduced a hierarchy of road users, which creates 'clearer and stronger priorities' for pedestrians. The Department for Transport claims that the changes, which are split into three main rules, have the foremost aim of improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The changes came into force at the end of January and whilst they have been welcomed by cycling campaigners, the government has been accused, by some in the media, of not making the updates clearer and known to road users.

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

- > What do you already know about the Highway Code? Can you ask any adults who you live with what they know?
- > Do you think it's important for everyone using our roads to know about the Highway Code? Who do you think should be responsible for making sure we know and understand the rules?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments