



## 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**  
**0800 800 5000**  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
13th June	Year 1	Woburn Safari Park
14th & 15th June	Year 5	The Festival performance at The Derngate
17th June	Whole School	Whole Class photographs (Full school uniform please)
20th June	KS1 R, I and 2 1:30-3:00	Sports Day- all Parents welcome
22nd June	Year 4	National Art Gallery London
27th June – 1st July	Year 6	West Runton Residential
2nd July	Whole School	School Fete 11:30am-2:30pm
4th and 5th July	Whole School	Transfer Days to new classes and year groups



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5	National Space Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2	Hatton Country World
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Children across school	Performing Arts Evening (more information to come) for children in choirs and taking music lessons.
13 <sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm	All parents	The Players Drama Club present 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'
14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2-3,4,5 and 6 9:30-11:30	Sports Day
15 <sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm	All parents and families	The Players Drama Club present 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School	Obstacle course
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Whole School	School closes for Summer at 3:15pm



## Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to begin our final term of the year with so much positivity across the whole school. As you know, from my letter at the beginning of the week, it is a full packed term with so many year group and whole school events taking place.

This week our Year 1 children completed their statutory phonics check, and we are so proud of how well they read their words. We know that having this strong phonic foundation and strong early reading skills has an extremely positive impact on children's reading knowledge and ability across the rest of their schooling.

Please do continue to read regularly with your child and remember that every child, no matter how old, will always love to listen to stories being read to them by their parent or carer. Reading, and reading together is such an important part of every child's development- take some regular time to switch off the devices and enjoy this special time!

Please enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes

Mrs Fennelly





## Star of the Week Assembly

**YOU ARE AMAZING!**

YOUR POSITIVITY, DEDICATION AND  
DRIVE SHINES AS BRIGHTLY AS A STAR



**KEEP GOING- IMAGINE WHAT  
MORE YOU CAN ACHIEVE!**

This week, in the Star of the Week assembly, we reminded ourselves about how great we are. As we have returned to school for the final term, we remembered that the hard work, dedication and positivity that we all show is such a wonderful thing. We are so proud of our achievements so far and we have 7 weeks to achieve so much more!!  
Great work everyone!!



## Whole Class Photos

Full school uniform on Friday 17th  
June please for whole class  
photographs

## Miss Garrard says...

### Could your child be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

If you receive one of the following benefits then your child may be entitled:

#### Qualifying benefits

- Universal Credit (annual net income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying)

### What does this mean for your child?

£150 towards the following each year:

- School day trips
- School residential trips
- School clubs
- Peripatetic music lessons
- Snacks (reception)

You will also receive a £40 school uniform voucher to spend online at Jules at Home each year.

You can apply for Pupil Premium by completing the form on this website: [Free school meals and pupil premium | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/)

Alternatively, I can make the referral on your behalf. I will require the following information to do this: your date of birth, address and National Insurance Number. Please email [info@simondesenlis.org](mailto:info@simondesenlis.org) if you would like me to apply.

# Computational Thinking in Early Years

## Summer Catcher Activity 30 minutes

Children use the collected objects from their walk to make a 'Summer Catcher'. Children look at positioning the petals and objects to make a pattern. Encourage children to plan where they place the items to try and create a pattern.

### Resources needed

- paper plates
- plastic wallet/sticky back plastic
- string/wool
- PVA glue

### Making the Summer Catcher

- Take a paper plate and cut out the centre.
- Then cut out a circle of sticky back plastic slightly bigger than the hole in the paper plate (or use a plastic wallet and add PVA glue)
- Next stick the sticky back plastic (contact paper) to the bottom of the plate (sticky side up)
- Add the petals, leaves, grass and/or objects in a pattern
- Next cut out a second circle of sticky back plastic and stick it on top of your design
- Finally use a hole punch to make a hole at the top of the plate and add a loop using a piece of wool/string or a pipe cleaner



Computational thinking, which is a fundamental part of computing, allows us to understand and solve problems. Even in Early Years, children can begin to think in this way which supports their development of a range of computing skills. To the left, is an activity you can complete at home which supports children to develop their creating, pattern and persevering skills!

Concepts and approaches covered



Creating



Pattern



Persevering



## Break it down

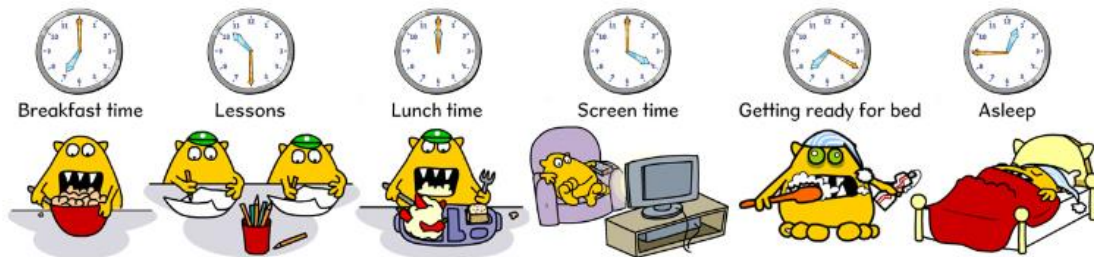
Before jumping into the details of a clock face, start with the general concept of time – morning, afternoon, evening. Initially talk about activities that happen at certain times of day e.g. “we eat breakfast in the morning” and “we go to sleep at night”.

You can then move on to asking your child when certain things happen – this starts off the idea of blocking time into sections.

Why not incorporate story books with a time theme into your bed-time routine too.



## Introducing the concept of time



# maths

## Get to grips with time duration

To kick start your child's understanding of the passage and tracking of time, make a habit of pointing out how long things take in everyday life such as cleaning your teeth, eating breakfast or how long until you need to leave the house.



You could make a point of timing some of your child's favourite activities to help them connect more with the passage of time – do some baking together and set the oven timer, announce that their programme will be on the TV in 10 minutes and set an alarm or stopwatch.

Here's how you can start practising...

Start making a habit of pointing out the time on a clock when events happen in your day, to introduce what that time looks like. Move on to asking your child to tell you what a certain time looks like: "What will the clock look like at 1 o'clock" (or more tricky "in 15 minutes") or "when it's time to play?".

Once these basics are established, let your children remind you when it is time to do something... You may well find that they will pick this up especially easily if it's something they're really looking forward to, perhaps not so quickly if you've asked to be reminded when it's time for bed!



Why not make a paper plate clock!

We would love to see your designs

Please bring them in to show us!

Mrs Phelps and Mrs Housham 😊

- 1.Remember, telling the time can be tricky to grasp – take it one step at a time.
  - 2.Begin by introducing the general concept of time into your everyday conversations.
  - 3.Start practising with an analogue clock-face and incorporate telling the time into everyday activities.
  - 4.Counting is essential for time-telling – the more comfortable a child is with counting from 1 to 60 and the 5 times table, the easier telling the time will become.
- Ultimately every child learns differently and at a different speed, try different activities and techniques – just keep it fun and rewarding. Reinforce concepts of time during your everyday routines and they will be confident in *no time*!



As the local winners of the Summer Reading Challenge last year, we can't wait for the challenge to begin this summer! We will be welcoming our local librarians to school on June 28th to explain more about this fun challenge. The challenge begins on July 9th.

## It's that time of year again—Summer reading challenge at the local libraries.

Encourage your pupils and families to sign up for this year's summer reading challenge at the local library or online.

Students can join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around them.

The libraries are teaming up with the Science Museum Group for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire students to their imagination and creativity!

#gadgeteers





## **Creative Writing ideas!**

**Mrs Parker and  
Miss Gedney**

Here is a great website full of pictures that can inspire your story writing at home.

[Once Upon A Picture - Image prompts to inspire reading and writing](#)

Why not bring your writing into school to share with your class teacher?!

Here are some great images to get you thinking...







Parents and visitors are reminded that Danes Camp and Tesco supermarket kindly offer free parking for dropping off and picking up your children.

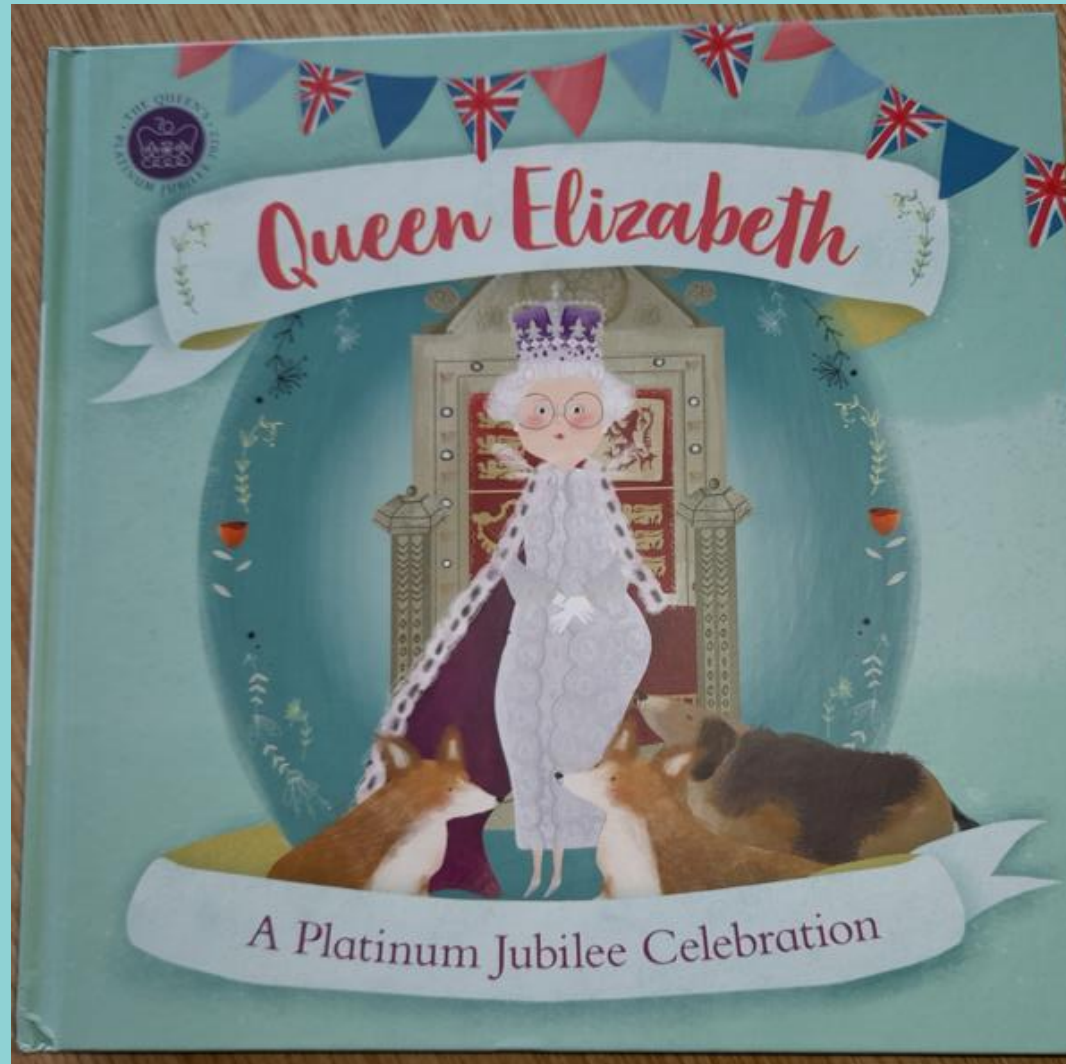
The car park at school is for staff parking, unless you have a pre-arranged agreement.

Please be aware the local police will be monitoring parking and issuing tickets where necessary, we ask that you remain considerate of our neighbours and their access requirements.



**Please leave our disabled bays for our disabled staff and visitors, access is required at all times.**

**Many thanks**



The government have produced a book to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and every child in the country will receive one; your child will be bringing their copy home today. Please enjoy reading this book with your child, finding out more about Queen Elizabeth, her life and work.

## 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.

How did people make the first tools, if they didn't have any tools to make them with?





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### JUDITH KERR'S **MOG** THE FORGETFUL CAT

Adapted for the stage by  
THE WARDROBE ENSEMBLE



ROYAL  
DERNGATE &  
NORTHAMPTON

FRI  
03  
JUN 22

TO

SUN  
19  
JUN 22

For all the lovers of 'Mog the Cat' books, you may want to watch him in person at The Derngate! Link below-

**[Mog - The Forgetful Cat - Royal & Derngate \(royalandderngate.co.uk\)](https://royalandderngate.co.uk)**



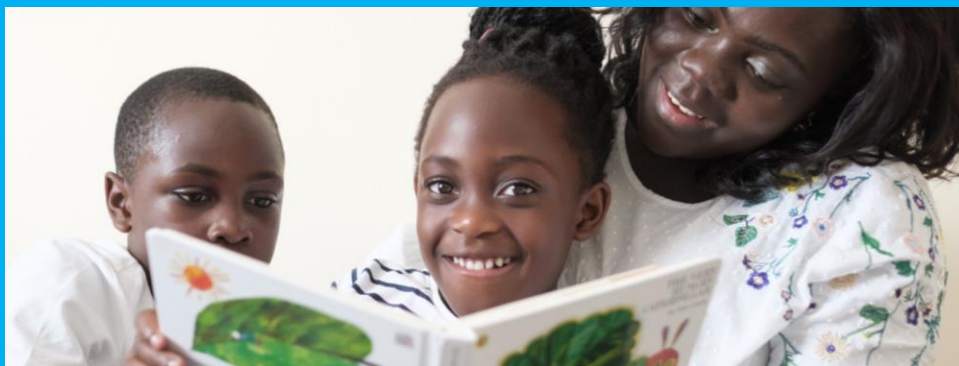


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## Family Fund

Helping disabled children



**Family Fund** helps families with disabled or seriously ill children with: grants, IT support, accessing benefits and information on other support available. If you feel you may benefit please look at the link below or speak to Mrs Holland or Mrs Haigh for help.  
[Family Fund Support | Family Fund](#)

If you're raising a disabled or seriously ill child, we might be able to help. There are three things to consider when applying to Family Fund:

1. **Are your family eligible?** We help families living in the UK on low incomes. Check our [eligibility criteria](#) to find out if this could be you.
2. **If you have applied to us before,** [check when you can you apply again.](#)
3. **Is your child eligible?** We use our own criteria to assess your child or young person's additional support needs. Look at our [child and young person eligibility criteria](#) to see if we might be able to help.
4. **Get an application form.** If you've read the information and think you would be eligible, [you can get started right now](#) and [register to apply online](#), [download an application pack](#) or [we can send a pack to you.](#)
5. **We cannot provide an additional grant for a further child within the same family until:**

## Joyful June 2022

### MONDAY



### TUESDAY



### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

### SUNDAY

1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

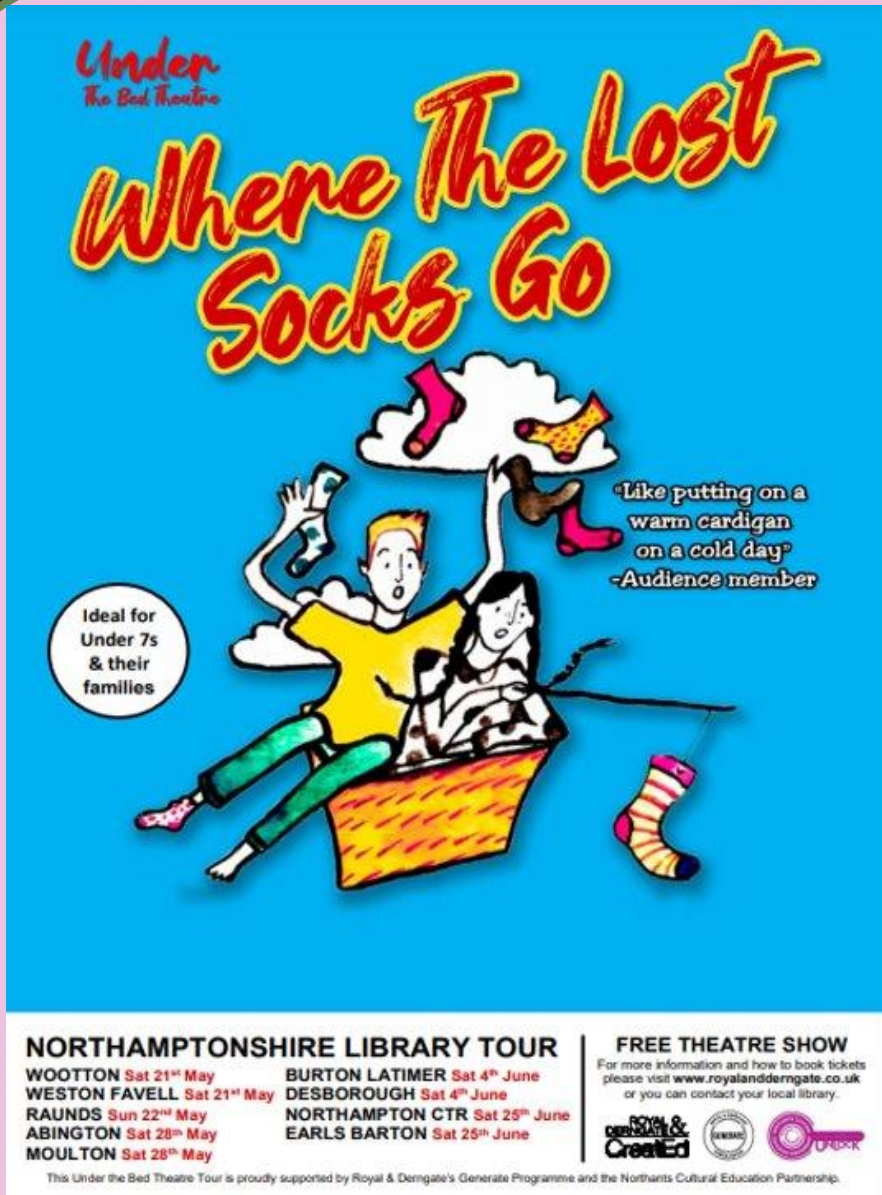
28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)







**Under the Bed Theatre**

## Where The Lost Socks Go

Ideal for Under 7s & their families

"Like putting on a warm cardigan on a cold day"  
-Audience member

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LIBRARY TOUR**

WOOTTON Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> May	BURTON LATIMER Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> June
WESTON FAVELL Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> May	DESBOROUGH Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> June
RAUNDS Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	NORTHAMPTON CTR Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> June
ABINGTON Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> May	EARLS BARTON Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> June
MOULTON Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> May	

**FREE THEATRE SHOW**  
For more information and how to book tickets please visit [www.royalandderngate.co.uk](http://www.royalandderngate.co.uk) or you can contact your local library.

**Royal & Derngate's Generate Programme**

This Under the Bed Theatre Tour is proudly supported by Royal & Derngate's Generate Programme and the Northants Cultural Education Partnership.

Where The Lost Socks Go – Libraries Tour:

**Sat 21 May – Sat 25 June**

**Venue: Touring Libraries. Age: Ideal for Under 7s and their families. Duration: 40 minutes**

**FREE EVENT!**

Join Milo & Luna in an exciting musical adventure about **Where The Lost Socks Go**. The adventure begins when Milo is trying to find his missing sock. He is desperate to find it for an audition and he wants to wear his coolest pair of socks so that he can fit in. Along the way, Luna shows Milo that it is always important to be yourself and that odd socks are okay!

This touring production by Under the Bed Theatre is proudly supported by ROYAL & DERNGATE'S GENERATE PROGRAMME and funded by the NORTHANTS CULTURAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.

To book your free tickets, please contact your local library directly. Please note availability depends on the capacity of the individual venue.

## **TOUR DATES FOR WHERE THE LOST SOCKS GO AND BOOKING CONTACTS**

**Northampton Central Library**  
**Abington Street, Northampton, NN1 2AB**

**Date: Sat 25 June**

**Time: 10.45am**

**Contact:** [james.toal@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:james.toal@westnorthants.gov.uk) / [northampton.libraryplus@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:northampton.libraryplus@westnorthants.gov.uk) / 0300 126 7000

**Earls Barton Library**  
**30 Broad Street, Earls Barton, NN6 0ND**

**Date: Sat 25 June**

**Time: 1.15pm**

**Contact:** [earlsbartoncm1@gmail.com](mailto:earlsbartoncm1@gmail.com) / 01604-368216

For general queries or more information about the tour please email [getinvolved@royalanderngate.co.uk](mailto:getinvolved@royalanderngate.co.uk) or call our Box Office on 01604 624811.





Our theme this year is belonging and the week is a chance for parents as well as schools to recognise how important sport is for the development of every child.

NSSW takes place this year from Monday 20 to Sunday 26 June so there is plenty of time for you to get involved.

There are activities for every day and certificates to download so click on the link below and enjoy.

**Miss Bland**

[National School Sport Week Resources 2022 - Youth Sport Trust](#)

### About National School Sport Week

Children's charity the Youth Sport Trust started the annual National School Sport Week campaign in 2008 and it has run every year since. National School Sport Week is run in association with European School Sports Day which takes place on 30 September 2022. Join the conversation on social media using #NSSW2022 and tagging @YouthSportTrust

Do you fancy some outdoor fun this weekend or in August? Take a look a Mega Funtopia at Delapre Abbey.



**MEGA FUNTOPIA** 11am-5pm

Under 90cm Free  
Over 90cm £10  
Adult £2.50  
Family Tickets also available!

The **BIG** day out for **LITTLE** Kids

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Driving School  
and much more!

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11th & 12th June, 13th & 14th August  
Delapre Abbey, Northampton NN4 8AW



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Northampton  
Pride  
2022**

**SUNDAY, 26 JUNE**

**NORTHAMPTON,  
MARKET SQUARE**

Brought to you by  
Northampton Pride  
Committee





For more information: [Pride Northampton Colour Run 2022 - Running in Northampton — Let's Do This \(letsdothis.com\)](#)

## Pride Northampton Colour Run

Join with fellow runners and members of the community for a 5k colour walk/run in celebration of the LGBTQ+ Pride Month. With no horrible hills and 6 colour stations providing music, food and bars, this will be a fun and colourful evening 5k.

### Location

University of Northampton, Waterside Campus, University Dr,  
Northampton NN1 5PH, UK

### Start times

Thu, 9 Jun 2022, 7:30pm

### Entry Fee:

£5





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# A NEWSPAPER FOR OUR CHILDREN

10TH JUNE 2022





## Wild mammals making a comeback



Pictured: European Bison

It has been reported that wild mammals are making a huge comeback in Europe. After being on the verge of extinction, due to hunting and loss of their habitat, many species are increasing rapidly in numbers across multiple European countries. There are more than 30 times the number of European bison alive today than there were in 1960. Bison have shaggy brown fur, which is longer on the head, neck, and shoulders. There are more than twice as many Brown bears. Despite their enormous

size, Brown bears are extremely fast, and can run at speeds of 30 miles (48km) per hour. There are three times as many Eurasian elks. Elks, or Moose are the largest living deer species. Red deer have increased in numbers five fold. Red deer stags have antlers, which start growing in the spring and are shed each year, usually at the end of winter. The Eurasian beaver has made the most remarkable recovery. Its numbers have been estimated to have increased by 140 times since 1960!



Pictured: 'Think Tea, Think Cup II' a ceramic installation on display at Dakar Biennale by artist Ngozi-Omeje Ezema. Source: @artaxis\_org Twitter page.

## Dakar Biennale returns

One of Africa's largest modern art events, Senegal's 14<sup>th</sup> Biennale of African Contemporary Art, is underway in Senegal's capital Dakar, after being postponed due to the pandemic. Dak'Art, as it is also known, is a month-long celebration of art featuring the work of hundreds of artists from around the world, ranging from immersive installations to costumed performances. The creations

on display, including a floating teapot and a red swimmer, are expected to attract close to 300,000 visitors! The aim is to make art accessible to all, with art to view in many places including restaurants and hotels that have converted their walls into display areas. The theme for this year's Dak'Art is "Ī Ndaffa," which means "to forge out of the fire" in the Senegalese language, Serer.

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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# Scuba divers recover lost ring

**S**cuba divers from Bedford have found a missing wedding ring that was lost in the River Great Ouse in Bedfordshire! Emma Lyon was enjoying a day out with family and friends on the riverbank watching a boat race. As she cheered on a local team, her grandmother's almost 100-year-old wedding ring flew from her finger and fell into the river. Not ready to give up hope that the antique gold ring could be returned, she got in touch with Bedford Scuba Divers club to ask for their help.

They assembled a team of volunteers to search for the ring, and amazingly found it in one evening! Emma exclaimed, "I am just so, so grateful to everyone from the scuba club who gave up their evening to help out and cannot believe that Matt was able to find it. It was a total miracle!" She expressed her gratitude to the members of the club by taking them out for a drink to celebrate the return of the precious heirloom.



**Pictured:** Above left – Emma, pleased to have her ring back, with Matt from Bedford Scuba Divers. Above right – The scuba divers searching for the lost ring. **Source:** Bedford Scuba Divers Facebook page.

Last week's topic:

**How important is it for us to have a sense of duty?**



It is very important to have a sense of duty because we should know what we are supposed to do. For example, finish your school-work within the given time.  
Samiksha - age 10

I think it is very important to believe and be proud in yourself, whether that means having a role that is important or just being proud in yourself.  
Ella - age 10

It is very important to have to bear your duties because if you do not do your duties then you will not be able to enjoy life properly. For example, I am a Faith Leader in my school, and I have to bear that duty respectfully. If I was to just ignore this job, then I would lose it.  
Noah - age 10

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



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# TAKEHOME

6 - 12  
June



## Can anyone be a hero?



## In the news this week

Wales' Chief nursing officer, Sue Tranka, has said that depicting nurses as superheroes has added pressure onto already exhausted workers. Ms Tranka added that the NHS faced an unsustainable staffing gap. There are more than 1,700 nursing vacancies in Wales, according to the Royal College of Nurses. She has said that unrealistic expectations placed on staff following the pandemic was not helping as, at the start of the pandemic, images of doctors and nurses as superheroes appeared everywhere.

### Things to talk about at

- > What is your definition of a hero?
- > Who are your heroes? Are they real people? Do you think our heroes should be real people or do you think they should be superheroes or characters from stories?
- > Do you have any experience of being treated by nurses or doctors? Do you think staff in the NHS are heroes?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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