



### 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

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## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
23rd May	Year 5	Ancient Greek Day
24th May	Reception	Crocodiles of the World
26th May	Whole School	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
26th May	Whole School	Break up for Half Term at 3:15pm
6th June	Whole School	Return to School 08:40am
9th – 10th June	Year 3	Frontier Centre Residential
13th June	Year 1	Woburn Safari Park
14th & 15th June	Year 5	The Festival performance at The Derngate
22nd June	Year 4	National Art Gallery London
27th June – 1st July	Year 6	West Runton Residential



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
2nd July	Whole School	School Fete   1:30am-2:30pm
4th and 5th July	Whole School	Transfer Days to new classes and year groups
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5	National Space Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2	Hatton Country World
11th July	Children across school	Performing Arts Evening (more information to come) for children in choirs and taking music lessons.
13th July	?	The Players Drama Club present 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'
15th July		The Players Drama Club present 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'
19th July	Whole School	Obstacle course
22nd July	Whole School	School closes for Summer at 3:15pm



## Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Across school there are songs being sung, dances been composed and children preparing for our Jubilee Celebrations. The whole school is excited about this event and we can't wait to have this as our first whole school event since 2019! We hope you can all come and join with us in this celebration.

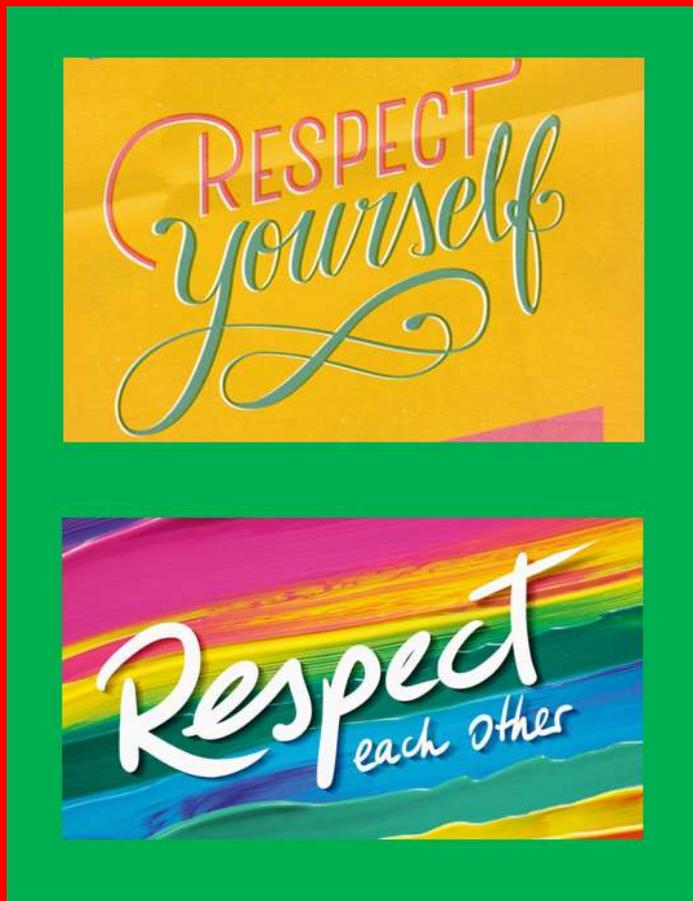
In addition, Year 5 have been busy rehearsing for their performance at the Derngate in The Festival. The children are working together as a team to produce a wonderful dance. Although there are a few nerves, we know the children will be brilliant on the night of the show and together, as a team, we will all be there to support each other.

As part of our whole school ethos, we ensure that children have rich and varied experiences across all our classes to develop their enjoyment, confidence and self-esteem. The two experiences above, plus the many more that will be taking place over the coming weeks, will help to enrich each and every child.

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

Best wishes  
Mrs Fennelly

## Star of the Week Class Visit



**This week we talked about how showing respect for each other is so important. We discussed respecting people's choices and showing kindness and consideration to all. We talked about showing respect for ourselves and remembering to be kind to ourselves and congratulating ourselves on the things we do each day. We also talked about being the best version of ourselves. Well done to everyone for the respect they show each day!**

WE ARE SO  
Proud  
OF YOU

**This week our Year 6 pupils have taken their end of Key Stage SATs tests and we are so proud of them for their determination and drive in all they do. They have remained calm and confident throughout the week and have taken the tests in their stride. We know that they have all done the best they can, and we could not have been any prouder of them. They are amazing!**



# Community Info-Hub

14th May 11am-1pm

## Hunsbury Library

Residents are invited to attend a drop-in Info-Hub session

West Northamptonshire Ward Councillors, East Hunsbury Parish Councillors, and the Neighbourhood Police team will all be in attendance to help with concerns and queries.

Advice will be available from the Neighbourhood Watch team.

Drop in - all welcome!

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or call the parish office on 01604 708429





**Did you know that it's National Gardening Week?**

**Take a look at the benefits that gardening has on your mental wellbeing. Why not get out in the garden this weekend whilst the sun shines??**

**Last week, the Rt Hon Angela Leadsom, MP, came to visit SdS to see the great things taking place across school. The Scholl Council were very lucky to be able to meet with her and ask her questions about her role as an MP. Their questions, interest and focus was astounding!**



## LONELINESS ONLINE: What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely? In a recent study, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

### CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

- Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
- Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
- Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
- People being unkind to me online
- When friends leave my group chat

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- Play single-player games you enjoy
- Listen to happy music
- Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- Send nice messages to your friends and family
- Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too

### TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- Paint or draw pictures
- Play with a pet
- Write about your feelings
- Hang out with your family
- Get outdoors & enjoy nature

### FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Chldline for free on

# 0800 1111

## ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s 10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

Children are accessing games and content online from a much younger age. Please take a look at this information on how to ensure they stay safe and that screen time is managed.

**1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER**  
This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

**2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

**3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME**  
This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

**4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE**  
Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

**5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE**  
Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

**6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES**  
If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

**7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES**  
There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

**8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY**  
If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

**9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK**  
The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

**10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY**  
Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement, dance and sing along to songs your child loves, and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

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# Creative Writing!

Why not try some creative writing at home this week?!

Here is a great picture you could use to get your imagination flowing! You could write your own story about the picture or use some of these question prompts to start you off.

- Who lives in this house?
- Why is it flying? Did someone ask/tell it to move, or can the house make decisions for itself?
  - Where did it come from and where is it going?
  - Describe the place it is currently flying over.
  - Is this the only flying house or are there others?
- Imagine this world... When people 'move house', their house flies to a new location. Would you like this? Would it work? Where would you choose to move your house to?

Remember to share any writing you do at home with your class teacher as we love to see what you have done!



**Mrs Parker and Miss Gedney**



# 100 books for everyone



We have a huge array of wonderful books in every year group.

Have you been reading the books on your year group 15 book list? Every year group has 15 books to read. These can be found in your year group area.

A huge well done to those children who have read all 15 books and have earned their 'Star Reader' badge.

As a reminder, when you have read 5 books, you will receive a **bronze** certificate, 10 – **silver** and 15 – **gold and a star reader badge**.

**If you need a new sheet, please ask your class teacher.**

**Mrs Parker and Miss Gedney**

## History

The children across school have been asked about their history lessons this term, it has been great to hear the excitement around school about this subject and the topics covered. Some of the comments made were:

“I like learning about what Northampton used to be like and how it changed”

“Learning about what people had to do in the past is interesting because it is different to how I live.”

“I think it’s cool that Northampton Football team are called the Cobblers because in the past people here were called cobblers when they fixed shoes.”

“The Great Fire of London started in Pudding in 1666, I’ve been there but the buildings are different now they are not wood now.”

These are the topics being learnt across the school this term:

- Year 1: Northampton and the history of shoes
- Year 2: The Great Fire of London
- Year 3: The Anglo- Saxons
- Year 4: Changing Power of Monarchs from 1066-1603
- Year 5: Ancient Greece

You will have been sent a Knowledge Organiser with key facts about these topics to support your child’s learning. Northampton Museum also has a lot of information and displays about the local history of the area – it’s free and well worth a visit!

**We have been having a great time in Forest School over the last few weeks. We have noticed the changes in the plants now that Spring is here. We made daisy chains, painted dandelions and had a try this activity where you put dandelion that has gone to seed into water and if you take it back out VERY slowly it stays undamaged! It is quite a surprise to see it happen. Look for a dandelion near your home or local park and see if you can do it too!**



# Maths



Across the school children are exploring measures in lots of different ways this term. Children love to measure and practical experiences provide the best foundations for learning these concepts. It is also a



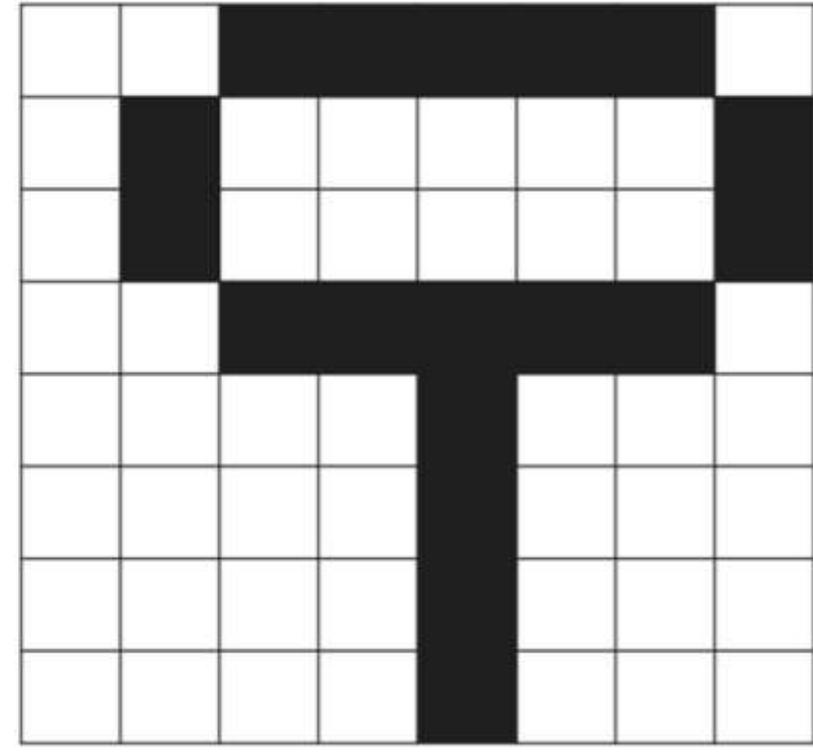
# Computing Activities – unplugged!

Skills:

Digital literacy

Data representation

Using a blank 8 x 8 grid shade in specific squares to create an image.



Create your own pixelated graphics using a spreadsheet or piece of squared paper.

## Activity type

Home

**Away**

Indoor

**Outdoor**

## Equipment

None

# FAST LANE

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## Walk & Run



## How to play



**2**

Players walk in a line, one behind the other. The player at the back of the line indicates - by saying 'beep, beep' - and pulls out to overtake, moving to the front of the line.

**4**

Continue until all players have had one turn at overtaking. Repeat with the first player but this time they keep overtaking until they are a few metres ahead of the line.

**1**

As you are walking to school or the shops, pretend you are driving cars.

**3**

After a few seconds, the next player - the one who is now at the back - does the same and overtakes to the front of the line.

**5**

Keep repeating so the players who are overtaking are travelling faster and further each time to get ahead of the line. Watch out for traffic and other pedestrians!

## Variations

- Have three lanes instead of two, with two players overtaking at the same time in different lanes.
- Make up your own rules and signals.

## Challenge yourself

- Can you move faster each time you overtake?
- Can you keep up the pace for longer?
- Can you last longer than 10 minutes in total?

Get ready for sports day sprints and practice your running skills.

Try this game to improve your skills.

Enjoy  
Miss Bland



### **May The Toys Be With You Exhibition April 30th to September 4th**

From a galaxy far, far away comes the UK's finest collection of vintage Star Wars toys and original cinema posters from 1977 – 1985. May The Toys Be With You is both a celebration of the now highly collectible vintage toy line and also of iconic design work and art of the Star Wars movies. This exhibition features toys never exhibited before and is the biggest version of the exhibition ever opened to the public





## It's A Bug's Life From May 22nd

Minibeasts, creepy crawlies- whatever you call them the small creatures that share our gardens and live in our fields are important. It's A Bug's Life is a family friendly exhibition that takes a look at their world. Find out how beetles see and hear, how they defend themselves, and how to make a beetle home in your garden or find how a butterfly changes from a caterpillar, what the difference is between a butterfly and a moth and what is mudpuddling.



Miss Garrard says...

The [Mental Health Foundation's](#) Mental Health Awareness Week is **running from 9-15 May** and, with this year's theme exploring the impact of **loneliness** and are continuing to encourage people to **'lift someone out of loneliness'**. Here are some top tips to manage feeling lonely!

### Be mindful of social media

If social media is making you feel lonely, take a break or be aware of what content is making you feel this way.

### Be kind

Showing gratitude for the things around us can help to make us feel more connected and less lonely.

## Top Tips for when you're feeling lonely



### Find people with similar interests

Don't worry if you haven't found "your people" yet. There are many opportunities throughout life to meet similar people.

### Explore ways to express your thoughts and feelings

Find out what works best for you. You could try journaling, sports or listening to music.

### Talk to someone

Opening up is brave. There is lots of support out there, including your GP, friends, family and school.

### Do things you enjoy

Doing things you enjoy and are confident in will make you feel happy!

### Connect with people

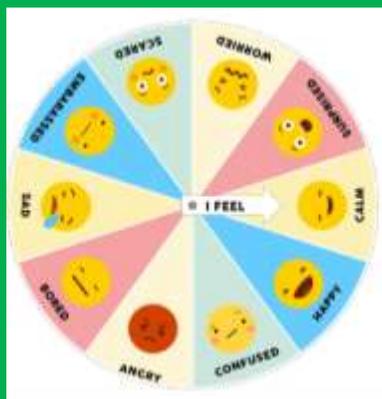
Supportive relationships will help us feel less lonely. Spend time with people you trust.

### Look out for yourself

Feelings of loneliness are okay and can happen to everyone at some point. Do what makes you comfortable.

Miss Garrard says...

## Loneliness and our children:



**Shout 85258**  
 Shout offers support 24/7.  
 Text "SHOUT" to 85258.

Young people may particularly struggle to make sense of feelings of loneliness & how to overcome them

## LOCKDOWN AND LONELINESS

Young people have reported substantial increases in feelings of loneliness during the COVID-19 lockdown. **2,3**

"Sometimes I have felt lonely due to not seeing my friends and being able to have normal conversations about day-to-day life."

"I have felt incredibly lonely despite having what is honestly a great support system and being in the same household as one of my best friends."

They worried:

- 1) About returning to "normal" social interactions.
- 2) That they would be less socially adept both in existing relationships *and* in creating new connections. **4,5**



Not all young people found it easy to use phones and technology to maintain their relationships during lockdown:

- It just wasn't the same as being face-to-face;
- They missed being with people physically. **4,5**
- The lack of touch and proximity made some young people feel disconnected.

## THINGS THAT MIGHT HELP



**Foster a climate of trust and connection**  
 (school isn't just about academic learning)

Make space and time to communicate and connect:

- ☐ Be honest – we've all been through challenging things recently.
- ☐ Celebrate that we've managed to pull through.
- ☐ Have regular check-ins with ourselves, each other and young people about how we feel and how we recognise how others feel.
- ☐ Help each other to feel included: "Every time they see a lonely person, they could greet him, and therefore he would feel a little better because he would see that others care about him and that others notice him, and I guess he won't feel alone anymore."

**Talk about loneliness**



- ✓ Open up the space so it is ok for young people to say they are lonely – don't dismiss or minimise loneliness.
- ✓ Explore what loneliness means and the forms it can take.



**Young people need space and time to (re-)build social skills **8,9****

- ◆ (re-)learn to be together in each other's presence.
- ◆ (re-)build dynamics with friends.

## Think of the week

A **think** is an **unusual question** that makes you **think**. A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light.



**What is the most important part of a fork?**





“We have lived through some extraordinary times, and we all need to pay attention to how we’re actually feeling. **HeadFest** is an attempt to bring all the useful tools together into one place, and to give access to services and people that you may have to wait weeks or months to see. Take some time with us to think about the real answer to the question, “how are you?”

Presented in collaboration with **BBC Radio Northampton** there will be a weeklong festival of talks, workshops, films and comedy promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. **HeadFest '22 – How Are You?** will take place at the theatre and in the Errol Flynn Filmhouse, from **Monday 9th to Sunday 15 May**.

To book your FREE tickets to a wide range of events please visit the Royal and Derngate website:  
<https://www.royalanderngate.co.uk/whats-on/headfest-2022/>

Many thanks,  
Ms Holland



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## Check and treat for Headlice and Nits

### Head lice and nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

#### 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.



## Warmer weather is on the way.

- Remember your Water Bottle
  - Bring a Sun Hat
  - Please apply Sunscreen

*Please do not use Nivea creams as these contain  
Almond Oil*





**Order your Queen's Jubilee, Dolce, picnic lunch now.**

**Lunch is available on Thursday 19th May.**

**You can place your order on school grid**

**Please note this is in addition to our school celebration and will be eaten in the hall.**

# Family Fun Day!

Sunday 29th May, 11.00 am till close (2pm Kick off)  
Kettering Town Football Club

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### *Planned play ideas*

### May/June 2022

Please tick sessions required:	(8am – 5:45pm)
Friday May 27 <sup>th</sup>	
Monday May 30 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday May 31 <sup>st</sup>	
Wednesday June 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Thursday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	CLOSED
Friday June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CLOSED

Prices: £22.00 per day (8am-5:45pm)

*We will provide toast for breakfast, a mid-morning snack and a mid-afternoon snack.*

*Please provide a packed lunch and a water bottle for your child.*

May / June 2022	AM	PM
Friday	Salt dough dominoes Mud kitchen	Design your own board game Weaving
Monday	Papier mache art Puzzles & beads	Hook the ball Ping pong cups
Tuesday	Make a clay pinch pot <u>Scallywags</u> tournaments	Outside fun: Rounders/obstacles Create a marble run
Wednesday	Melted crayon art Bring your own wheels	Malteser tray bakes Make your own lemonade

*Other activities include:*

*painting, junk modelling, beads, dot to dots, wordsearches, pictures to colour, crafts, construction, snooker/pool, football, PS3, Wii, outside fun...bats, balls, scooters*

# A NEWSPAPER FOR OUR CHILDREN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

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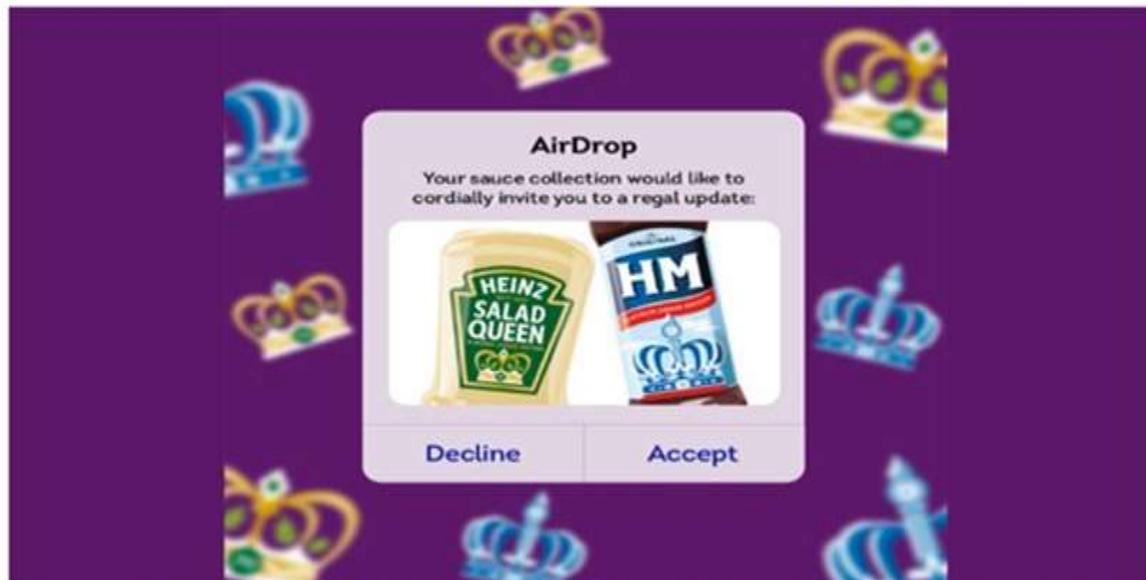


# Crab line recycling bins

**A** crab line recycling scheme in Weymouth harbour has been reported as very popular with tourists and locals, with over 200 items placed into bins in the first fortnight. The Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter Project collects the lines, string, nets and handles in five bins along the seafront. The project then arranges for them to be recycled, with the plastics being turned into furniture and panelling. The bins mean that any crabbing kits that won't be reused, aren't a danger to marine

life and birds in the harbour. Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter Project say on their website, "Crabbing has been a fun traditional activity for all the family for many years on Weymouth harbour. This scheme has been set up to address concerns over its effect on the environment and reduce single use plastics used in crabbing."

**Pictured:** Children fishing for crabs  
**Source:** Canva



**Pictured:** 'HM Sauce' and 'Salad Queen' sauces announced by Heinz. **Source:** @HeinzUK Twitter page.

## 'HM Sauce' and 'Salad Queen'

**T**wo of the UK's best-known condiments, Heinz Salad Cream and HP Sauce have had a royal makeover to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne, the sauces have been temporarily rebranded, 'HM Sauce' and 'Salad Queen', with the new limited-edition bottles being revealed at Windsor castle. Anke von Hanstein, senior brand manager at Heinz, said, "This is an extraordinary moment for the Queen and the great British public, and

we want to celebrate this with two of our most well-loved and historic sauces. We hope our customers enjoy these celebratory designs and that they add a squeeze of fun to the Jubilee celebrations, however one is celebrating. Releasing limited-edition bottles in time for the Jubilee felt like the perfect fit. HP sauce and Heinz Salad Cream have been on the dining tables of Brits throughout all the Queen's reign, bringing delicious and distinctive flavours to our favourite meals."

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# Flamingo on the run

**A** flamingo that escaped from Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, USA in 2005 has been spotted on the Texas coast. After nearly 17 years on the run, the Coastal Fisheries Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department tweeted a video, which shows the bird in South Texas. When he and other flamingos arrived at the zoo from Tanzania in the early 2000's, the zookeepers clipped the flamingos' feathers, a process that one staff member described as similar to getting a haircut, to discourage them from flying away. But in 2005, staff missed signs that their feathers needed to be clipped again, and two birds flew the coop. Flamingos are pink, orange, or white depending on what they eat. They have stilt-like legs, a S-shaped neck and can live for up to 50 years!

**Did you know, flamingos prefer to stand on one leg and experts can't say for certain why they do that?**



**Pictured:** A Flamingo  
**Source:** Canva

Last week's topic:

## Should pets be protected more than other animals?



Pets should be protected more than other animals because they are very important to us and they are part of our family.  
Sofia - age 9

I think, they are more special to people because they own them and they have possibly been together for a long time. But all the same, they are still animals that are living and breathing.  
Ella - age 10

No, animals should be treated equally, all animals make a difference in the world. The people who have pets always take care of them and look after them, but who look after the animals in zoos, farms and the wild?  
Amelia and Livia - age 8

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



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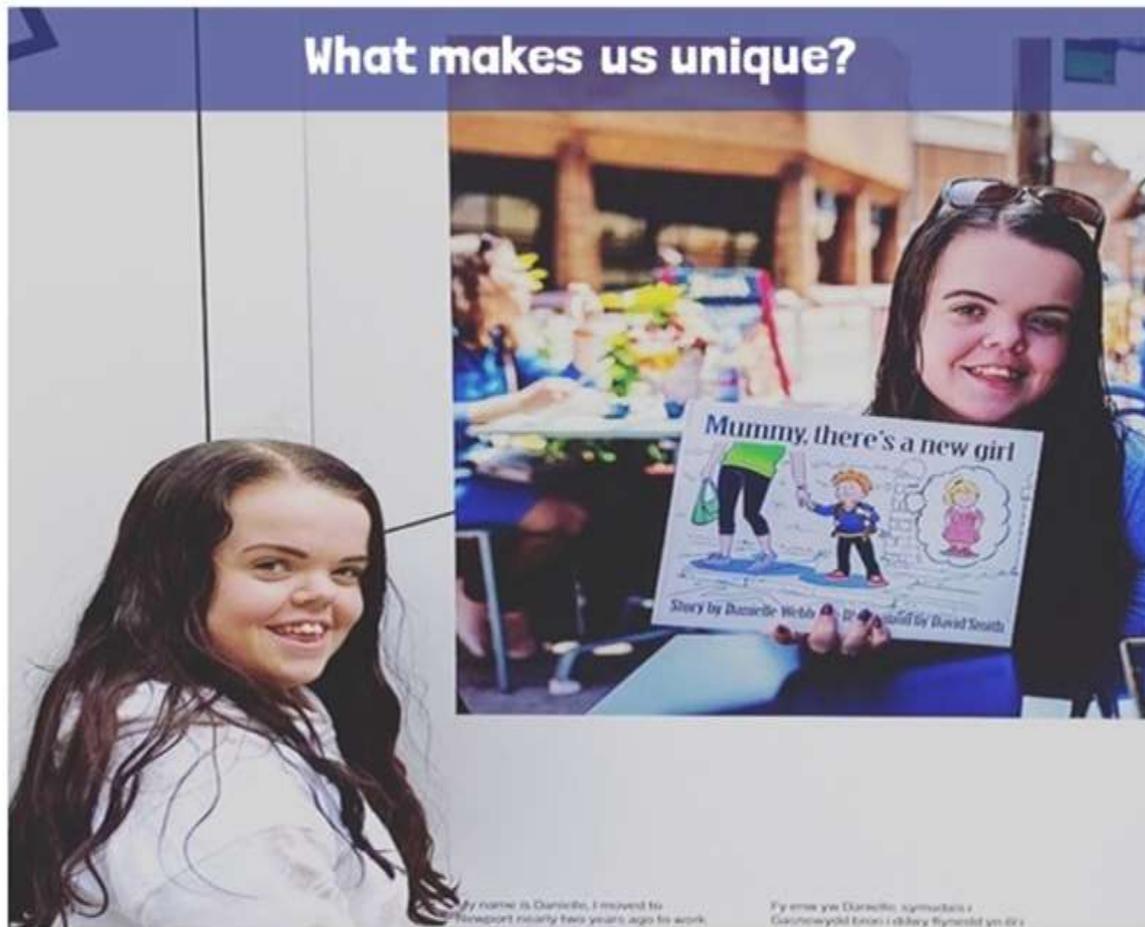
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## What makes us unique?



## In the news this week

Danielle Webb, who is 23 and lives with dwarfism, recently wrote a book and regularly visits schools to help educate others about her condition in a bid to stamp out prejudice. Danielle said that changing the minds of adults was difficult, so her focus was on educating children. The student, who is 3ft 11.5in (1.2m), said being called names and laughed at "just becomes our norm"; so her new book, 'Mummy, there's a new girl', tells the story of a girl who is picked on for her looks before a brave child looks past her differences and learns that size is no big deal.

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

- > Why do you think Danielle decided to write the book? How do you think Danielle's book might help people to understand differences?
- > Discuss the phrase 'never judge a book by its cover'. What do you think this means and do you agree?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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