

Happy New Year.

Let's make a Dent
in the Universe
during 2023.



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
9th January	All year groups	After school and morning clubs to start.
11th January	Year 6	5:45pm - Year 6 Parent Meeting re Year 6 Statutory Tests
27th January	All Parents and Carers	9:00am-9:30am RSC Open Morning- come and see your child's showcase piece from the Romeo and Juliet unit.
2nd February	All Parents and Carers	Short Reports Out to Parents
3rd February	Year 6	Year 6 Trip to Parliament
7th February 9th February	All Parents and Carers	3:30pm -6:30pm Termly Learning Conference (Parent's Evening) Sign up for your slot on Monday Jan 9th at 6pm- parentmail will be received



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and Happy New Year!! What brilliant start to the new term we have had at SdS!

The start of the term has been filled with drama across all classes as the children have started to learn about Shakespeare's story of Romeo and Juliet. This is a favourite time of year for staff and children as we complete our whole school Shakespeare unit, developing our knowledge of the characters, setting and plot from one of his many great stories. At the end of this unit of work, your child will create a written and art final piece, which we will celebrate at our whole school RSC Showcase. This will take place on January 27th from 9:00am-9:30am and I hope you can come along.

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school and I know it will be another successful term.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

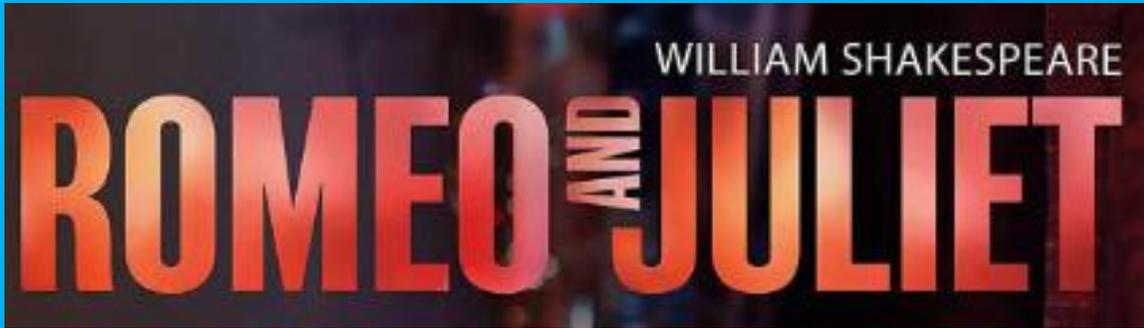
Best wishes

Mrs Fennelly

Poster of the Week

As we begin the new term and the new year, today, we discussed our new start. Thinking about the goals we want to achieve and how together, we will be able to achieve them.





Whole School RSC Showcase

Please come and see your child's writing and art outcomes at the end of our whole school unit on Shakespeare's Rome and Juliet.
Date: Friday January 27th
Time: 9:00am-9:30am

Musician of the Week- Yo Yo Ma

Yo-Yo Ma (born October 7, 1955) is a Chinese-American cellist. Born in Paris to Chinese parents and educated in New York City, he was a child prodigy, performing from the age of four and a half. He graduated from the Juilliard School and Harvard University and attended Columbia University. He has performed as a soloist with orchestras around the world. He has recorded more than 90 albums and received 19 Grammy Awards.

He said- the way we express ourselves and understand each other, can bind us together as one world.

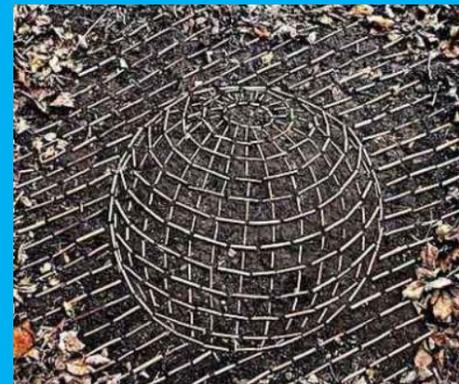
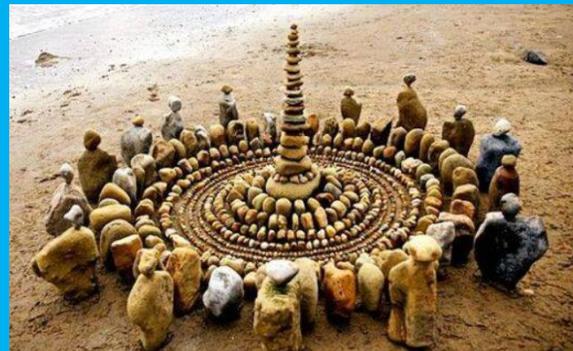
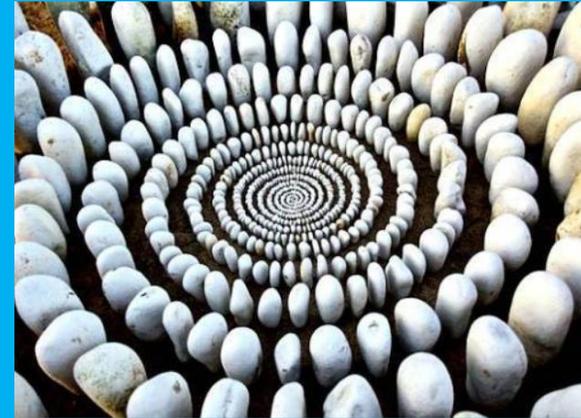
Watch Yo Yo playing Bach's Cello Suite no. 1 in G major here- [Yo-Yo Ma - Bach: Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, Prélude \(Official Video\) - Bing video](#)



Artist of the Week- James Brunt

James Brunt, uses natural objects to make art. James was born in Yorkshire and spends hours arranging pebbles, rocks, leaves, twigs, and almost everything that he can find on beaches and in forests. His diligence, intricacy and hard work is spectacular to see.

Could you recreate some of James' work using natural objects you have found in your garden or the park?



THE OLD CLOCK

It was the dark of the midnight hour.
The Old Clock eagerly waited.
"I strike the New Year in," he said.
"For so it has been fated.
A hundred years I've ushered in!
Full well I like my task.
I think myself supremely blessed,
No finer work I ask.

"A hundred years!" the Old Clock said.
"Just think of the changing times!
Think of the history in the making!
It's a subject for ringing rhymes!"
"I strike the New Year in!" said Old Clock,
"And now the hour is here!"
The Old Clock solemnly lifted its gong –
And struck in another New Year.



by Lenore Hetrick

Poem of the Week

As we begin 2023, read this poem about ringing in the new year. Looking back to 2022, what was your greatest achievement and thinking forwards to 2023, what do you hope to achieve?

Inspirational Person of the Week

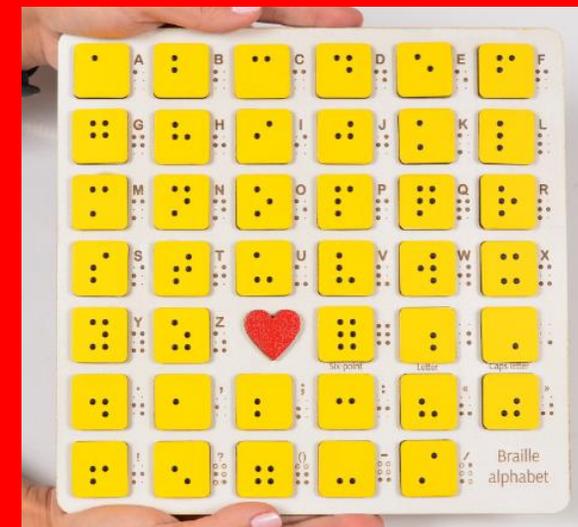
Louis Braille

Louis Braille was born in a small town called Coupvray, in France in 1809. He was blinded at the age of 3 by an accident with a tool in his father's harness-making workshop, and so received very little schooling. In 1824, at age 16, Braille developed a code for representing music and maths which used an arrangement of raised dots. This system was further developed as Braille learned more about the needs of the blind community.

The development of Braille continued over many years as it had to be adapted for various languages and cultures. Fifty years after Braille's death, at least 50 different Braille codes were being used throughout the world.

By 1961, a single international Braille code was created which could be used in every language and every country.

Louis Braille definitely made a dent in the universe!



Abington Museum

Vegan market



Saturday 28 January

11am - 4pm

Free entry

Veggie delights will be in abundance at this vegan market. Whether you are vegan, vegetarian or just v-curious, you will find a wide choice of stalls selling delicious plant-based food and drink produced in the region, along with vegan beauty products and other ethically produced items, including clothing.

Abington Museum

Vintage and craft fair



Saturday 11 March

11am - 4pm

Free

A selection of vintage, reworked and handmade stalls selling fashion, accessories, jewellery, collectibles, homeware and more. Enjoy the delicious hot food and drinks in the courtyard from local food and drink producers.

Would you like to make a rocket from three toilet roll tubes?





Delapré wellbeing

Wellbeing Festival

[Wellbeing Festival January 2023 – Delapré Wellbeing \(delaprewellbeing.co.uk\)](https://delaprewellbeing.co.uk)

Wellbeing Festival

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd January
Spaces limited, pre-booking advised

Relax and unwind at Delapré Abbey with three days of informal talks, classes and activities designed to increase your health and wellbeing. Help banish those January blues and move your body as you soak in the beautiful surroundings of the historic Abbey and its green spaces.

With a varied programme, you can choose which events you'd like to attend to create your own tailored experience.

Introductory classes include pilates, nordic walking, seated yoga, Zumba and more (all levels and abilities welcome).

The programme of talks include tips on managing chronic pain, ways to boost your mood during winter, using creativity and crafting to support your mental health and wellbeing, and tips for improved sleep.

This festival is programmed by Northamptonshire Sport and Delapré Abbey.



Contact Details

Please remember to email the school office if, over the holidays, there have been changes to your:

- **Circumstances**
- **Phone number**
 - **Address**
 - **Email**

info@simondesenlis.org

FREE
event

could you help a
child feel safe, loved
and supported?

YOU can make a difference

Join us on Saturday 21st January 10am - 12pm at 7 Doolittle Mill, Froghall Road, Ampthill, MK45 2ND. It's the perfect opportunity to find more about becoming a foster carer and how you can help a child in your area. Enjoy some refreshments while having an informal chat with our carers and team.



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to reserve your space call

0800 389 0143

or email Rebecca on
rebeccar@nexusfostering.co.uk

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Do you want to do extra computing at home? ICOMPUTE has a range of lessons and coding activities designed from children aged 6 -11. If you would like to practice your coding skills at home, you can access a range of themed coding projects designed to help you make the most out of the skills you have learnt in school.

You can find the activities here: <https://icompute-uk.com/free-stuff/free-stuff-main.html>

Be sure to share any projects which you create with us!

Stay Safe on New Devices

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



Stay Safe on New Devices



BE WINTER WATER AWARE

Water temperatures can be extremely cold in the UK and in winter can plummet to below zero.

Here are some top safety tips for keeping safe:

- Do not walk or play on ice
- Keep your pets away from ice and on leads at all times
- If your pet enters extremely cold water, do not attempt to rescue them yourself - you could put yourself in danger and they are more likely to rescue themselves
- If you go for a walk near cold water, try and go during daylight hours when visibility is good. If not, make sure the route is well lit
- Stay away from the water's edge



If you see someone else in the water:

- Do not go into the water to rescue them. You could get into trouble yourself
- Call 999 and ask for the fire service and be as precise as you can with the location
- Tell the struggling person to float on their back in a star shape
- Throw something that may help them float – like a branch, an inflatable ball or even a water bottle



Download the what3words app to help give emergency services your precise location



Follow these safety tips and enjoy a safe time by the water.

Find out more by visiting

www.northantsfire.gov.uk/safety/water-safety

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#safe4winter

If you find yourself in the water:

- Relax and float on your back to catch your breath. Try to get hold of something that will help you float
- Keep calm then call for help or swim for safety if you're able



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 I borrow a
million pounds,
am I a
millionaire?**



Don't forget to practice your times tables and number facts. Use these websites and try to beat your personal best. If you have forgotten your TTRS login they are easily found in your reading diary and key skills books. If this doesn't help, please ask your class teacher for help. Remember that 5 minutes of practice every day is far better than a single longer session a week! Good luck and remember to enjoy the challenge!



The Winter Reading Challenge is back!

After the success of the Summer Reading Challenge, the Winter Mini Challenge has arrived.

The challenge runs from: 1 December 2023 – 20 February 2023

The Winter Mini Challenge is an online-only challenge that encourages children to keep up their reading over the winter holidays.

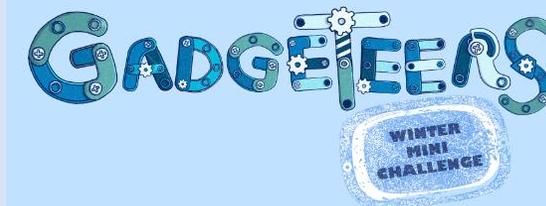
To take part, sign up at www.wintermini.org.uk

Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile.

Read three books to unlock a virtual badge and a special certificate!

You'll find cool do-it-at-home experiments, new reading activities and content from the best children's authors and illustrators, games and other goodies right here on our online platform.

You can also look on Facebook for some fun competitions!





Sports

Kickstart your new year with an exercise challenge to get your body ready for a whole year of fitness workouts!

Follow the link for your fitness session:

<https://youtu.be/5QrkToDIGmQ>



Information for Year 5 Parents of children with SEND IASS Northants information events

Dear Parents and Carers, IASS Northants will be holding their secondary school transfer seminars for parents of children with SEND (with or without EHC Plans). These are open to families in both North and West Northamptonshire. Please see below for more information. The first sessions are held in January - to book please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4vb728rb>

For more information please contact Ms Holland or Mrs Haigh via the school.

Northamptonshire Information, Advice, and Support Service for SEND (IASS)
Year 5 Seminars 2022-23

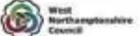
Supporting the positive transfer from primary school to secondary school for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This seminar is for you if you're a parent or carer of a child in Year 5 who either has an EHC Plan or receives SEN Support at school.

Dates & Locations:

- Corn Market Hall, Kettering - Thu, 19 Jan 2023 (6pm-8pm)
- Castle Theatre, Wellingborough - Tue, 14 Mar 2023 (10am-12noon)
- NMPAT, Northampton - Thu, 26 Jan 2023 (12:30pm-2.30pm)
 - Daventry Town FC - Wed, 15 Mar 2023 (6pm-8pm)

To book, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4vb728rb>





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The Community Fridge is located at the Abbey Centre. This is open Tuesday and Friday 10.30-12 pm and Friday 4-5:30pm. They require a £1 donation.



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course- English for
Speakers of Other
Languages

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To find out more, contact Emilia Ratcliffe on:

- Email: AdultLearningEssentialSkills@northnorthants.gov.uk or Emilia_ratcliffe@northnorthants.gov.uk
- Mobile: 07912 186944
- Website: [Adult Learning \(northamptonshire.gov.uk\)](http://AdultLearning.northamptonshire.gov.uk) and enter course code XOA8XR02

Pupil Days

Bank Holidays

School Holidays

Teacher Training Days

NPAT Academic Calendar 23/24

Teacher Training Days
Monday 4 September 2023
Tuesday 5 September 2023
Monday 30 October 2023
Monday 26th February 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024

September 2023					
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

October 2023					
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

November 2023					
Mon			6	13	20
Tues			7	14	21
Wed		1	8	15	22
Thu		2	9	16	23
Fri		3	10	17	24

December 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
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January 2024					
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Wed	3	10	17	24	31
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Fri	5	12	19	26	

February 2024					
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Fri	2	9	16	23	

March 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

April 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

May 2024					
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

June 2024					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
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Fri		7	14	21	28

July 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

August 2024					
Mon			5	12	19
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Wed			7	14	21
Thu		1	8	15	22
Fri		2	9	16	23

**SOME NEWS FOR
OUR CHILDREN**

6TH JANUARY 2023





Hidden history

A recent storm has uncovered what is believed to be a shipwreck from the 1800s on a Florida beach. The mystery items found along the Daytona Beach shore are likely shipwreck remains from the mid to late 1800s state archaeologists said, during a visit to the site. St. Augustine Lighthouse Archaeologist, Chuck Meide, said, 'The shipwreck is most likely a cargo-carrying sailing vessel from the 1800s. It would have likely sailed within sight of the coast and used lighthouses for navigation.' The museum's Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program measured and studied parts of the ship that are above the sand and estimated the merchant ship would have been over 80 feet long (25 metres). The amazing relic was revealed by beach erosion after Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole struck Volusia County. 'Here in Florida, we often have storms that reveal cultural material either offshore or right on the beach. In these cases, our collective human story is brought to the forefront,' said Secretary of State, Cord Byrd.



Pictured: The beach where the shipwreck was uncovered as a result of recent storms. **Source:** Florida Department of State @FLSecofState Twitter page.



Pictured: A lifeguard operating the rescue drone, to deliver a float. **Source:** EagleEye Innovations @EagleEyeInnova1 Twitter page.

Rescue drones

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) has been conducting a trial using drones, that will hopefully help sea swimmers in trouble. RNLI lifeguards, who rescued more than 3,000 swimmers off the UK coast in 2021, are conducting studies in southern Wales to see if this will be a way to help people more quickly. The special drone used for the trial, IP65, is a waterproof drone that can fly in rainy conditions and higher winds than a typical drone; it can also land and float on water before taking off again. Its fully waterproof camera can be used to locate a person needing assistance, and the special hook and release mechanism can then deploy the buoyancy aid, which can be carried

under the drone. The technology isn't intended to replace lifeguards, who will still be very much needed to rescue people from the water and provide any first aid required. However, it is hoped that with lifeguard operated drones locating people and providing them with a flotation device, more people will be saved. Tony Weston, who attended the trial course run by drone specialists Eagle Eye Innovations, The Emergency Response Drone Pilot Award, said: 'Wow - what a week, learning a new life skill - flying a drone that could aid the saving of lives! The experience was memorable, and the training team were excellent.'

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Macro masterpiece

David Gilliver has won the Macro category at the British Photography Awards. The winning piece, called Summer Vacation 2021, was created using a blue facemask and model railway figurines. The artist said that the image is dedicated to anyone who suffered disruption to their holiday plans over the last couple of years due to the pandemic. The facemask was illuminated using a lightbox, miniature people were arranged to show a joyful, relaxed holiday scene and then photographed using a 100mm Macro Lens. David said on his website, 'I am shaking like a leaf – my artwork 'Summer Vacation 2021' has just scooped top prize in the Macro Photography category at this year's British Photography Awards!!!! I am in utter shock.' The British Photography Awards, which aim to celebrate photographic talent from all British and British-based photographers, work with a range of UK charities and say, 'Together we can use the massive power of photography to do real good in the world.' The Macro category at the awards celebrates a branch of photography that takes extreme close-up pictures of small objects, most often insects or flowers. Over the past 20 years the Scottish artist has created thousands



Pictured: David Gilliver - Summer Vacation 2021 and Pac-Man scale & polish **Source:** David Gilliver Facebook page.

of photos of his 'little people', to highlight serious messages, about topics such as the pandemic and plastic pollution, using humour and playfulness to get his message across.

Last week's topic:

Are television channels as important as they once were?

TV can teach us things on educational programs but nowadays people watch it all the time and it doesn't occur to them that it was much more limited in olden days

Caroline



They are important but not as important as they used to be as there are so many other things to watch.

Johnny

Nowadays, TV Channels are not seen as much, because we've now got social media, I think TV channels are still entertaining and essential because you can get instant and truthful information from around the world.

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**Should all the energy we use
be renewable?**

EXTENDING SINK 6000

Savernagh
Abacus Belsize Primary School

Savernagh from Abacus Belsize Primary School in Belsize Park in London designed the Extending Sink 6000. This self-adjusting sink was designed to automatically rise or lower dependent on the user's height.

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Belle
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Belle from
in East
Wharfedale
to use a

Cove
Drive

Let's look at this week's story



A flatpack wind turbine, invented by Douglas Macartney from Scotland, is to help provide power to communities in Kenya, Africa. Douglas designed the turbine for a competition four years ago, when he was only 15. It has now been developed into a working prototype with two additional solar panels by teams of student engineers from Glasgow Caledonian University. It is hoped the device, which can be assembled without any specialist training, will be used to help areas recovering from natural disasters and in rural settlements.

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you have any sources of renewable energy either in your home or at school? What are they used for?
- > Share your thoughts on Douglas' invention. How do you think it may benefit the rural communities in Kenya?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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