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Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
16th March	Year 5	RSC NPAT film performance
17th March	Whole School	Comic Relief- Mufti Day
30th March	Rowling Class	Recorder performance at 9:30am
30th March	Year 4	Violin and Cello performance at 2:45pm
26th - 28th April	Year 4	West Runton Residential Trip
4th May	Whole School	Whole Class photos
5th May	Whole School	King Charles Coronation Celebrations 1:30pm-3:00pm
15th May	Year R & 6	School Nurses, heights & weights
20th & 21st	Year 5	The Festival at the Derngate
22nd – 23rd June	Year 3	Frontier Centre Residential Trip
21st-30th June	Year 6	West Runton Residential Trip



Friends of SDS Upcoming Events

Please find all events on your ParentPay Account

Wednesday March 22nd- Film Night, 3:15pm-5:00pm, Cost: £3 - We will be watching Despicable Me which is always lots of fun! Your child will receive a packet of crisps and a drink.

Friday March 31st- Easter Raffle, Cost- 1 ticket for £1, 10 tickets for £5. This raffle will include chocolate hampers, easter eggs and other prizes too! Prizes will be drawn on the last day of term- good luck!! The shop will close on Wednesday March 29th.

Friday April 14th (within the Easter holiday) Film Fun Morning 9:30am-12:00 noon, cost £5 per child. Drop your child off with a snack and a drink for them to enjoy time with their friends watching a film and enjoying a playtime together. Cost £5 per child. Teachers will be at this event. The shop will close on Wednesday March 29th.





Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone enjoyed celebrating our love of reading yesterday as we joined in with World Book Day. It was wonderful to see so many parents reading in school, the 'Books in a Box' were fabulous and showed such imagination and seeing the children engaged in reading with classes across the school was superb to be a part of.

Books bring such joy to children and allow them to enter worlds of imagination, along with widening their general knowledge. Research shows that children who read regularly with an adult, or read independently, have a higher level of language development with a wider range of vocabulary, show a greater concentration span, are more creative and have a more improved social and emotional awareness across all areas of their life. Wow!! Many reasons why those 15 minutes per day reading with your child are so beneficial, along with being such a special time.

As you know, we value reading and books highly at SDS and we love to hear about their favourite author or their special book. Your child has many opportunities to bring books home to share and read- individual reading book, library books, class library book plus the 15 Books for All. If you would like more books to borrow, don't forget our local library which is filled a books that will suit everyone.

Enjoy the weekend, keep reading and enormous thanks for your ongoing support.

Mrs Fennelly

Book in a box competition!

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our book in a box competition!
Here are just some of the wonderful boxes.



YOUR BRAIN IS YOUR
SUPERPOWER



HOW HAVE YOU
USED YOURS?

Poster of the Week

This week we discussed how amazing we all are and how we are using our wonderful brains all the time. We learned of the many things we can do, because of our amazing learning superpower.

Red Nose Day 2023 is just a couple of weeks away and we've decided to join in the fun and support this charity. With our help, Comic Relief is able to support amazing projects and organisations who are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world.

To raise money, we're going to host a whole school mufti day on the 17th March 2023 - we are asking for a £1 donation via this link, if you are able:

[Simon de Senlis is fundraising for Comic Relief \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/simonde-senlis)

As an optional activity- you might like to take part in the Build the Best Idea Ever. This is a competition being run by Lego with a chance to win lots of Lego for the school. Please see further information on the next page if you would like to take part and follow the link for further ideas and instructions on how to enter.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping us raise lots of money for Red Nose Day.



THE LEGO GROUP & COMIC RELIEF ACTIVITY SHEET



FRIDAY 17 MARCH



Can you build something to make the people around you smile?

We're calling on kids up and down the country to get involved in a creative building challenge. Use your imagination to build or draw something that will make someone smile and have a positive impact on the world.



YOUR CHALLENGE

We need you to get your thinking cap on and show us what you would create to make the world a better place and put a smile on someone's face **(hey, that rhymes!)**. It could be something that helps to support the environment and nature, reduces loneliness, or improves accessibility for those with mobility issues.

Some of our friends that could do with more smiles are Anushri who lives alone in a new area and feels very lonely and Isaiah who lives near a busy road where the air is very polluted. Find out more about them and what you could create for them here: comicrelief.com/LEGO



British Science Week

10- 19th March 2023

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. This year's theme - connections!

We will be celebrating British Science week in our Science lessons engaging in experiments involving connections.

Look out in on our blogs and in your key skills books for more information.

If you want to find out more about British Science week including lots of fun ideas and interesting videos check out the official website [Homepage - British Science Week](https://www.britishschools.org/science-week/)

Artist of the Week-Chiamonwu Joy

Every one of Chiamonwu Joy's artworks tells a story. With her hyper-realistic charcoal drawings, she portrays the early history and culture of her homeland Nigeria and the Igbo people. Her art is so similar to real life that most people think they are looking at photographs.

I have always been fascinated and proud of the rich culture and traditions that the Igbo people in Nigeria have. Due to technology and the advance of westernization, the rich traditions, culture and ethical values of the Igbo people are slowly dying out. So, I made it my duty to preserve them the only way I know how – through my drawings, says Chiamonwu Joy. When she starts working with the charcoal it can take up to six weeks to finish each piece.





Poem of the Week-Open A Book

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
2 MARCH 2023

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Open a book
And you will find
People and places of every kind;
Open a book
And you can be
Anything that you want to be;
Open a book
And you can share
Wondrous worlds you find in there;
Open a book
And I will too
You read to me
And I'll read to you.

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Inspirational Author of the Week- Cressida Cowell

Cressida Cowell is an English author who has written more than 50 books for children. She studied English and Illustration at university and says that her early life in Scotland inspired her to write her stories. Cressida says, "I spent a great deal of time as a child on a tiny, uninhabited island off the west coast of Scotland. By the time I was eight, my family had built a small stone house on the island, and with the boat, we could nearly fish for enough food to feed the family for the whole summer. From then on, every year we spent four weeks of the summer and two weeks of the spring on the island. The house was lit by candle-light, and there was no telephone or television, so I spent a lot of time drawing and writing stories."

Find out more about Cressida and other inspirational authors on the CBBC site here: [Awesome Authors - CBBC - BBC](#)

[CBBC Book Club Author Interviews - CBBC - BBC](#)



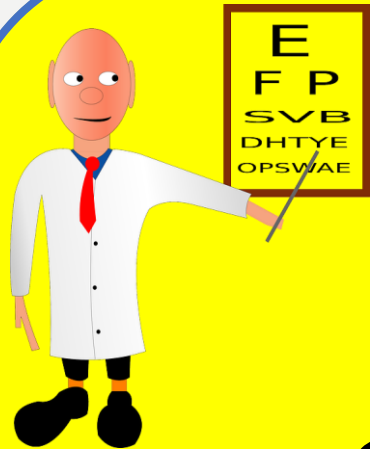


Musician of the Week- Alma Deutscher

Alma Deutscher is a British musician and composer, violinist and pianist. She is now 16 and when she was 5 she wrote her first piano sonata. She began playing piano at the age of two, followed by violin at three. Her strong link to music was apparent from an early age- she could sing in perfect pitch before she could speak, and she could read music before she could read words. She has mesmerised thousands of people around the world with her genius, and has already performed with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic, the Welsh National Opera, the Vienna Chamber Orchestra and others. She gave her debut at New York's Carnegie Hall in December 2019 and received multiple standing ovations. She has been described as the second Mozart.

Watch a video of Alma here-[Viking:Alma Deutscher Performs in Vienna](#)
[Bing video](#)





Appointments



Please try to book Dentist, Doctors and Opticians appointments outside of school hours.



DIGITAL ART AT HOME

Digital art is artwork created on a device which combines skills such as; coding, shape, design and creativity. Creating digital artwork is something which we cover in school as part of the computing curriculum and we would love to see some digital artwork created at home. Below is a list of sites and resources which can be used to create artwork:

Skill



Digital Art

Art & Crafts

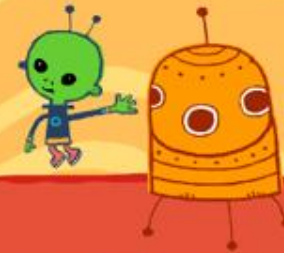
DIY.org

Digital Artists create magic on their screens. We paint, sketch and illustrate digitally. The stylus is our friend.

Please make sure you share any artwork or designs with us!

ABCya

Destination
Modern Art





NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

After a walk to the park, or a hunt in your garden, could you make a natural noughts and crosses game? Instead of noughts and crosses, you could use different types of leaves or stones, or anything else you can find. Have fun!!



The Kings Coronation Badges 2023

We are selling 'The Kings Coronation 2023' badges via Parent Mail/ shop from today, at a cost of £1.00 each. Due to our limited supply, purchases are limited, at this stage, to one per child. Prepaid orders will be received and sent home prior to 5th May 2023.



Mindful March Calendar

Mindful March 2023

MONDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

TUESDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

WEDNESDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

THURSDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

FRIDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

SATURDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

SUNDAY

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



School Mental Health Leads

Ms Cunningham and Miss Garrard are the Mental Health Leads at Simon de Senlis

If you have any worries or concerns about any aspect of your child's mental wellbeing please speak to your child's class teacher or contact us in school.



Laura Cunningham

Inclusion Leader
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



Hannah Garrard

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider

Miss Garrard says...

Take a look at some of these free opportunities in Northampton for yourself or your children.

Free English Speaking Course – Kings Heath Primary School

Do you want to improve your English speaking skills?

Free for all. Fridays 9.15 - 11.15 am at Kings Heath Primary Academy, North Oval, NN5 7LN

Please give us a call on 01604 751165 to join in.

Abington Community Centre

Free Counselling

Free counselling is available at our centre!

Because one person can make a difference and everyone should try. Email enquiries@lcls-counselling.co.uk for more information or to get started.

For more information on this and all of our other events and groups please visit [Northampton Abington Community Association - Home](#) | [Facebook](#) or [Abington Community Centre \(abingtoncc.co.uk\)](#)

Miss Garrard says...

A new, free smartphone app – Flare Report



This has been launched to help women and girls feel and be safer on the streets of Northamptonshire.

Women and girls can use it to report incidents and behaviour that are inappropriate and make them feel unsafe, such as cat-calling, comments or touching, street harassment or other threatening behaviour.

Flare is not for reporting crimes in progress that need an immediate response, but Police will check reports every day to make sure that nothing that needs an urgent response has been submitted.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has brought the app to the county and hopes that reports made on Flare will help to build a clearer picture of where incidents are happening and give women the confidence to report things that might otherwise go unreported.

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.



**If you could change
the days of the week,
what would you do?**



Do you fancy going on an outdoor Scavenger Hunt?

Why not try one of these activities this weekend?



For Internet Safety

Stay anonymous!

- Use another name or a nickname
- Keep your address a secret
- Don't say where you go to school
- Only give your phone numbers to people you actually know
- Make sure you don't give ANY clues about yourself

Privacy!

- Always make sure your settings really ARE private so YOU choose who can see your account
- Don't give out any personal details
- Don't discuss your problems online
- If you think your account's been hacked, report it and change it

Think before you post

- Don't post before thinking CAREFULLY and ask:
- Is it offensive?
 - Could it affect your future employment?
 - Would you be happy for your parents or family to see it?

Passwords

- Keep your password secure and change it regularly
- Don't use your name or anything easy to guess
- Don't share it with ANYONE, even your friends
- Use a mixture of capitals, numbers and special characters
- If in doubt CHANGE IT!

TOP TIPS

Remember...

- NOTHING is private
- Don't say anything you wouldn't say in real life
- Don't post other people's photos
- NEVER post invitations unless you are absolutely sure they will only be seen by a closed group

Are they real?

- Do you know this 'friend' in real life?
- Are you REALLY sure it's their account, not someone pretending to be them?
- Remember: some people are VERY clever at pretending to be someone they're not!

Feeling uncomfortable

- DON'T reply to trolls or people making unkind comments
- Don't be afraid to 'unfriend' or block people who upset you
- Do REPORT people if necessary

Believe NOT!

- Don't fall for it - things aren't ALWAYS what they seem!
- Everyone exaggerates - you probably do it as well!
- Remember: most people only tell you the good bits!
- Don't be fooled by 'free' offers!

Be Safe! Be Sure! Be Smart!

In assembly this week

This week, both ks1 and ks2 have thought about the British value of tolerance and understanding of the beliefs and religion of others. We discussed what tolerance means and the things we are tolerant of. We noticed that if we are intolerant, there are few things we enjoy in life and that we have few friends and few hobbies. We have linked this to our celebration of diversity and our pleasure and fascination of finding out about other religions, cultures and traditions.



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 Cunningham 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)

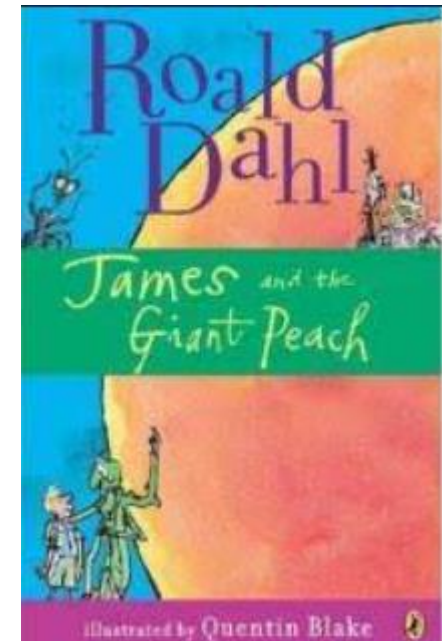
To book, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4vb728rb>



Maths

World Book Day inspired Maths activities based on the book 'James and the Giant Peach'.

1. Guess the number of words in the first chapter.
2. If the peach doubles in size every 20 seconds, how much would it weigh after 2 minutes?
3. Estimate how long it would take to eat this giant peach.
4. If an average peach contains 165mg of potassium, how much potassium would be in this giant peach?
5. It takes 36 seconds for James to remove three of the centipede's boots. How long would it take for James to remove all the centipede's boots? Give your answer in minutes.



Sports - Football Challenges

   Claire Rafferty TRY TO ENCOURAGE YOUR TEAM MATES AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE.	   Toni Duggan TRY TO USE A STEPOVER TO BEAT AND GET PAST A PLAYER.	   Ellen White TRY TO SCORE A GOAL USING YOUR SECOND FOOT.	   Rebecca Spencer TRY TO START A COUNTER ATTACK HAVING MADE A SAVE.
   Vincent Kompany TRY TO STEAL THE BALL AND PLAY DIRECTLY INTO THE FINAL THIRD WHEN POSSIBLE.	   Raheem Sterling TRY TO MAKE AN ATTACKING DRIBBLE INTO THE OPPONENTS AREA.	   Kelechi Iheanacho TRY TO BEAT AN OPPONENT BY KNOCKING THE BALL PAST THEM AND WINNING THE RACE.	   David Silva TRY TO PASS FROM ONE THIRD OF THE PITCH AND RECEIVE IN ANOTHER.

Try a free session with the Wildcats or give these challenges a go next time you are playing a game. Stay active. Miss Bland.

ELITE FOOTBALL COACHING

WILDCATS

Moulton, Brunting Road

Wildcats
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

**MOULTON, BRUNTING ROAD,
NN3 7QF
MONDAY 5-6PM
AGES 5-11**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL -
WILDCATS@ELITEFOOTBALLCOACHING.ORG**

ELITE FOOTBALL COACHING

FIRST SESSION FREE (€3 PER SESSION)

KICK IT OUT
TACKLING RACISM & DISCRIMINATION





invites you to a FREE

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 1st APRIL 2023

We are a **registered charity** made up of a group of young people who are **passionate** about the **performing arts** and we are committed to coming together on a **weekly** basis to create work of a **high standard**. You can join us from **Year 1** onwards up until you are 18!



Come and join us for our open day at the **Silhouette Studios** in **Weston Favell Shopping Centre!**

Please visit

www.silyt.com/open-day
to sign up!



Our sessions are run by **professionals** who have a lot of **experience** of working in drama, music, dance, songwriting and film. We pride ourselves on the **standard of our work**.



COME AND JOIN US!

SATURDAY TRACK CLUB

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club are pleased to announce a new 5-week athletics course for young athletes in Northampton and surrounding areas. It runs from Saturday

March 18th to Saturday April 15th April

This course will give an introduction to the track and field events – running, jumping and throwing and is suitable for all – from total novices to more seasoned athletes – no experience required – just lots of energy. The emphasis will be on fitness, skills and fun with all sessions being led by a qualified club coach.

When

Saturday mornings 10-00 until 11-15

Where

The sessions will take place at the Moulton College athletics track



Who

The sessions are open to both club and non- club athletes NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Costs

R&N members – free

Non-club athletes – £15 per 5 week block

Ages – MINIMUM AGE is Yr 3 at school (aged 7+) – MAXIMUM is Yr 10 at school



On completion – all course members will be invited to participate in the MOULTON TRACK INVITATIONAL EVENT to be held on Saturday 22nd April

- Places are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- To register or for further information, please contact the address below.

The first session is due to take place on SATURDAY 18th March

contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org





Female FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of different opportunities for females to play football around Northamptonshire

OPPORTUNITIES

WILDCATS | SQUAD GIRLS' GRASSROOTS | RECREATIONAL WALKING FOOTBALL

5-11 YEAR OLDS



12 YEARS OLD +



Scan here!

www.northantsfootball.com/femaleopportunities

World Cup FEMALE FESTIVAL

WELLINGBOROUGH OLD GRAMMARIANS NN8 6BS

SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2023

10AM - 4PM

Tournament

5-A-SIDE
U9 | U11 | U13
9-A-SIDE
U15

EARLY BIRD OFFER *
£20 P/TEAM
UNTIL 23/04

Skill Sessions
5-11 YEAR OLDS
FREE! SIGN UP HERE!

ENTER HERE!

FALCON FRANKIE | BOUNCY CASTLE | FACE PAINT | STALLS | REFRESHMENTS

For more information please contact: Harley.Collyer@NorthantsFA.com

U12'S NEWS



WEDNESDAY'S
18:30-20:00
NN1 5RX

OLD
NORTHAMPTONIANS
RFC

SUNDAY'S
13:30-15:00
NN1 5RX

RUGBY TRAINING 18:30-20:00



OLD NORTHAMPTONIANS U12s GIRLS RUGBY TRAINING

JOIN OUR TEAM ON'S U12S ARE RECRUITING!
WHETHER YOU HAVE PLAYED BEFORE OR BRAND
NEW WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF
OUR TEAM

TRAINING IS WEEKLY WEDNESDAY'S 18:30-20:00
& SUNDAY'S 13:30-15:00

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
TONY:07368223120 or
EMAIL:fionagirlsrugby@gmail.com



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.





ELITE FOOTBALL COACHING



DEVELOPMENT

For players to enhance their skills outside of team training.

Open to all players. The emphasis is on our female players improving their fundamental techniques in a competitive environment.



OPPORTUNITIES

Every Friday
Ages U10 - U12
6:30 - 7:30PM

£35 Per Month



SKILLS

Players learn close control, dribbling, 1st touch and other footballing techniques.

Players will be challenged in practical exercises to improve the ability to execute in games.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Email info@elitefootballcoaching.org



SESSION LOCATION
Moulton 3G, Brunting Road

EFC Player Development

Elite Football Coaching brings ELITE level coaching to grassroots players.

At Elite Football Coaching we want to bridge the gap and give players access to quality coaching with experienced coaches.

EFC Player Development program is designed to improve the players overall technical and tactical ability with the ball.

Each player will have a ball at their feet for the majority of the session.

Girls Player Development

Girls Player Development returns this February

This program will focus on our female players improving their fundamental techniques in a competitive environment.

In these fast paced sessions, players will be encouraged to be creative and take risks. This program is perfect for all players.



LIMITED SPACES PER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Email info@elitefootballcoaching.org to SIGN UP

For more information please visit | WWW.ELITEFOOTBALLCOACHING.ORG | 07592299384



Holiday Fun



Easter Break 2023

Games /Sports 	Atomic Science 
Arts & Crafts 	YOGA and Mindfulness 
Circus Skills 	Music 

Is it for me?

Open to Primary age children from Reception to Age 11

How much?

£15 per day, 9am – 3.30pm each day

How do I book?

To book spaces please visit: 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.

Parents/Carers must drop off and pick up children.

Please ensure your child's lunch does not contain any nuts.

Queries?

Email- msmith@northamptonesco.co.uk or 07917 535762

Easter Week 1 2023 Monday 3rd April – Thursday 6th April

Monday 3 rd April	Tuesday 4 th April	Wed 5 th April	Thursday 6 th April	Venue
Sports 	Yoga 	Sports 	Circus 	Earls Barton Primary School Broad Street Earls Barton Northamptonshire NN6 0ND
Arts & Crafts 	Science 	Arts & Crafts 	ISM Music 	
			Pop Choir 	

Easter Week 2 2023 Tuesday 11th April – Friday 14th April

Monday 3 rd April	Tuesday 4 th April	Wed 5 th April	Thursday 6 th April	Venue
Sports 	Yoga 	Yoga 	Circus 	Cedar Road Primary School, Broadway East, NN3 2PP (access through pedestrian gate to main hall)
Arts and Crafts 	Arts and Crafts 	Games Club 	ISM Music 	
			Pop Choir 	



Save the Date-
King Charles III Coronation
Celebrations- Friday May 5th
1:30pm-3:00pm





***3RD MARCH
2023***

**SOME
NEWS FOR
OUR CHILDREN**





Will the world become cashless in the future?

Bank of England

CRYPTOCURRENCY

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AndreMChang/ZUMA Press Wire/Shutterstock

Let's look at this week's story



A safe, digital pound that can be used in shops or online is likely to be needed for the future, the government has said. The Treasury and the Bank of England will explore the idea. It would be issued by the Bank of England and accessed by people and businesses through 'digital wallets' on smartphones or smartcards. Users would not hold accounts directly at the central bank and could use the currency online and for payments made in shops or restaurants in person.

Living in a skip



Pictured: The Skip House **Source:** @SkipHireMag Twitter page

Harrison Marshall, an artist from London, has moved into a skip for a year! He said the move is to get people talking about cost-of-living problems in London. The artist has moved in to a converted skip in Bermondsey, south-east London, to highlight the problems that people are having affording accommodation in Britain's capital. 'I don't expect other people to pursue this or replicate it,' Mr Marshall said, 'It's very hard to replicate. So, really, it's more of a statement and something which tackles or talks about the issue in a light-hearted way and highlights

just how crazy it is to live in central London.' Harrison began considering whether it would be possible to live in a skip whilst working on a skip art project. His new home, comprised of a standard 8-yard skip (3.6m x 1.8m) with an insulated timber frame and a barrel roof, became reality when he returned to London and tried to find somewhere affordable to live. Mr Marshall also has access to a portaloo, and says he will shower at work or the gym. *Can you think of any other objects that could be transformed into a home?*

Record-breaking rower

An Australian professional sailor and rower has achieved 10 world records on a rowing expedition! Lisa Farthofer battled icy temperatures, frost nipped, broken toes and sleep deprivation to become the first woman to row on the Southern Ocean and first woman to row on Polar open waters. In January, she rowed 407 nautical miles (753.7 km) on the open waters in Antarctica aboard a rowing boat named, Mrs Chippy. Lisa and her international team were rowing for seven days and six nights, 24 hours a day. They worked in groups of three, taking it in turns to row in one and a half hour shifts, then swapping over to rest, cook, eat and sleep. As a team, they earned a further eight records: first human-powered expedition in the Southern Ocean, fastest row on the Southern Ocean, first human-powered expedition on the Scotia Sea, first

human-powered expedition from the Antarctic, fastest polar row, longest distance rowed on the Southern Ocean, first human-powered expedition on the Southern Ocean (south to north), and southernmost start of a rowing expedition. Lisa said: 'I saw some really amazing things. It was rough and difficult at times but there were some astonishing moments like being in the middle of a pack of fin whales, and it also felt like there was always a pack of penguins with us. They never seemed to be far away.' Reflecting on the amazing achievement, she said she would do a few things differently 'If I was going to do it again, I'd definitely take more chocolate with me, that's for sure, and more shoes,' she laughed.

What would you take with you on an expedition?



Pictured: Lisa Farthofer in her rowing boat and taking a selfie as she arrives in Antarctica after one week of sailing
Source: Guinness World Record Facebook page

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Colourful clouds



Pictured: Nacreous clouds, photographed from the Isle of Lewis
Source: Domhnall Macsween @sweenyness Twitter page.

Rare nacreous clouds, also known as 'mother-of-pearl' clouds, have recently been spotted in the UK. The clouds of shimmering colours form in very cold and dry conditions. Domhnall Macsween, a crofter from the Isle of Lewis in North West Scotland, captured the photo above. These clouds are one of only two clouds found high up in the stratosphere. The other being Noctilucent clouds, which are also rare and usually only seen on clear summer nights. The stratosphere, the second layer of the Earth's atmosphere as you go upwards, is located above the troposphere and below the mesosphere.

The Met Office website describes the large, thin, disc shaped clouds reflecting vivid colours, stating, 'The colours are reminiscent of the colours which reflect from a thin layer of oil on top of the water, an effect known as iridescence. Due to their high altitude and the curvature of the Earth's surface, these clouds are lit up by sunlight from below the horizon and reflect it to the ground, shining brightly well before dawn and after dusk. They are most likely to be viewed when the Sun is between 1° and 6° below the horizon and in places with higher latitudes, such as Scandinavia and northern Canada.'

Last week's topic:

What is the most important form of communication?

Emojis or pictures because you can understand what people are feeling even if you speak different languages.

Seb



With friendship.

Toby

I think the best way to communicate is by speaking as if you tell someone and they might help you.

Nicole

I think every form of communication is important.

Grace

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In the news this week

A safe, digital pound that can be used in shops or online is likely to be needed for the future, the government has said. The Treasury and the Bank of England will explore the idea. It would be issued by the Bank of England and accessed by people and businesses through 'digital wallets' on smartphones or smartcards. Users would not hold accounts directly at the central bank and could use the currency online and for payments made in shops or restaurants in person.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you have any of your own money? If so, is it in a bank or kept at home? How do you make sure it stays safe?
- > How often do you pay with coins or notes? Can you think of any situations when you wouldn't be able to pay with a card or app?

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