

13th September Roald Dahl Story day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another great week at SdS and we have been grateful that the temperature has dropped but that the weather has still meant that we have been able to have outdoor PE, playtimes and access to the field.

We were all so proud to hear the great news that we were the winners of the Summer Reading Challenge in the local area for the third year running! This shows to us how much our children love to read and the commitment you place on reading at home. Research and statistics show that children who read regularly, with or without an adult, have improved vocabulary, communication, imagination, empathy, wellbeing and knowledge of the world around them. Statistics also show that children who read regularly throughout their Primary and Secondary schooling achieve greater outcomes across all subjects at GCSE and A level. It really is amazing how spending these precious moments with your child, enjoying a book together, has such an enormous positive impact on them.

Take care, enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Fennelly

INSPIRATIONAL MUSICIAN

Today we listened to the pianist Lang Lang play Chopin's Piano Concerto No 2



To watch the performance click here:
[Bing Videos](#)

Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
20th September	Years: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Meet the teacher: 5:30pm- presentation to all parents in the hall from Mrs Fennelly Teacher sessions- 6:00pm- 6:30pm OR 6:30pm-7:00pm
28th September	Prospective parents for 2024	Open evening for prospective parents of Reception parents for September 2024 at 6pm
2nd October- 20th October	Whole School	Donations for The Hope Centre- dried foods and toiletries
9th October	Prospective parents for 2024	Open evening for prospective parents of Reception parents for September 2024 at 6pm
17th & 19th October	Whole School	Parents Evening The Book Fair and Jules at Home will be in school.
18th October 2:30pm	Year 3 Harvest Assembly	Year 3 parents invited to attend



West Northamptonshire Council

Is your child currently in Year 6?



**Apply for Year 7
at Secondary school**

 **Application Deadline:**
31 October 2023

 www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions

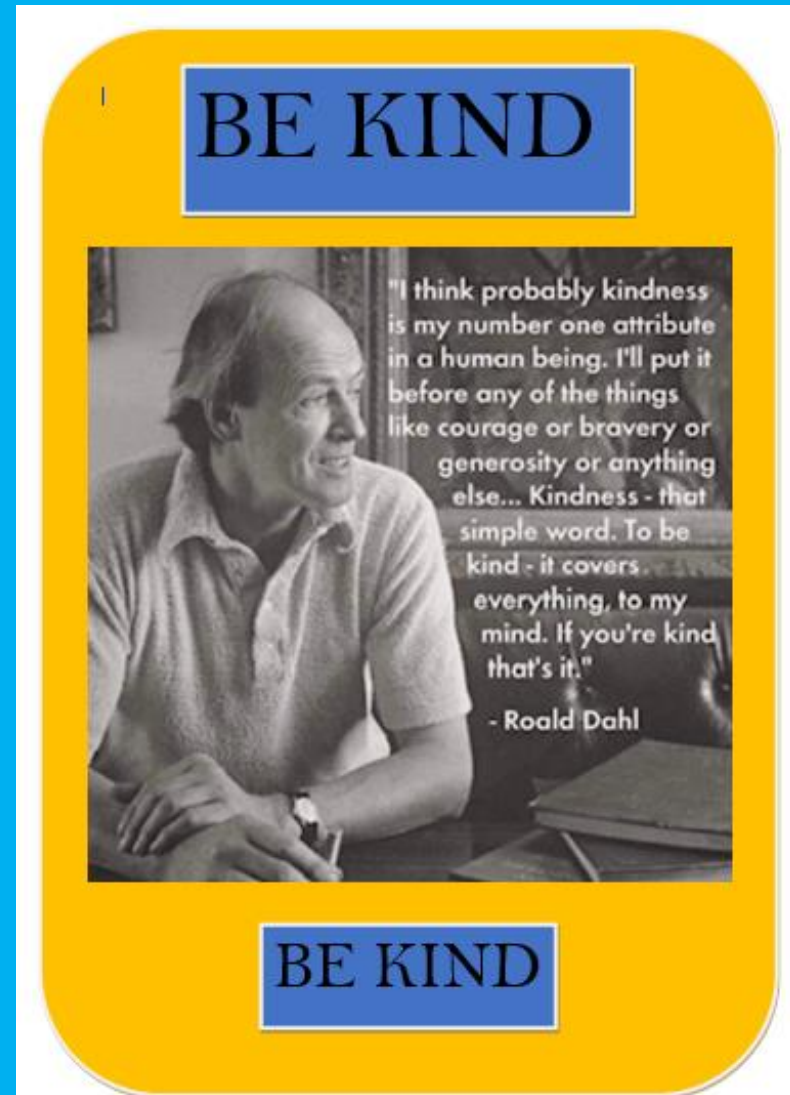
Secondary School Places 2024

The application portal is now live for parents/carers to submit their school preferences for a secondary school place at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions

Parents have until 31 October 2023 to apply.

POSTER OF THE WEEK

Today, we shared this wonderful statement from Roald Dahl on the most important thing to be- to be kind! Kindness is at the heart of all we do, and I am so proud of the kindness that takes place, each day across school.



HARVEST COLLECTION



We will be opening our whole school collection for The Hope Centre as part of our Harvest Celebration. If you would like to donate, please bring into school any dried foods or toiletries that will be gratefully received to support the homeless in Northampton. Please bring your donations into school from the Monday October 2nd.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING Years 1-6

We look forward to seeing you at the annual 'Meet the Teacher Evening' on Wednesday September 20th

5:30pm-Presentation from Mrs Fennelly (Reception parents also welcome)

6:00-6:30pm- Meet your child's teacher

6:30-7:00- Meet your child's teacher (repeated session for those with more than one child in school).

Please note that there will be a meet the teacher session for Reception parents in October- date to be arranged.



Summer Reading Challenge- We are the WINNERS for the third year!!!!



Congratulations to everyone who took part and completed the challenge- you are all amazing readers and we're so proud of you!

We're in the Chronicle and Echo!

If you have 5 minutes, take a read of our article about The Simon de Senlis Adventure by clicking on the link below:

[An exciting adventure at Simon de Senlis Primary \(northamptonchron.co.uk\)](https://www.northamptonchron.co.uk)

Simon de Senlis Primary School



Reception Places Sept 2024

We invite you to visit our amazing school, to hear about our ethos and see our wonderful staff and children in our engaging learning environment.

September 28th 2023 at 6:00pm | October 9th 2023 at 9:30am

November 16th 2023 at 6:00pm | December 5th 2023 at 9:30am

January 8th 2024 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org



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If any of your contact details:

- Your Address
- Your Phone number
- Your Email
- Phone number for your emergency contacts

have changed please email:
info@simondesenlis.org

ABSENCE



If your child is unwell, or going to be late, please leave a message on our absence line, option 1, by 08:30am.

A message must be left for each day of absence.

Any episodes of sickness or diarrhoea an absence of 48 hours must be taken, please call the absence line each day.

If your child is going to be absent for another reason, please complete a form available from the school office or on our website.



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 Blue badge**



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

Many thanks

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, **Sir Quentin Blake**; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with us by answering the questions below!

You can apply using our online form or by post.



So, what are you waiting for? Pick up a book, explore your school library, or become a member of your local library and you could be on your way to earning your very own Book badge!



To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- [Apply for your Book badge online using the uploader form](#), or click the 'get the Book badge' button above, to download the paper application form.
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the [Privacy Notice](#) and [badge attraction terms and conditions](#).
- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: **Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.**

Join the Blue Peter Book Club!

Do you love reading? Then join the Blue Peter Book club to share the joy of reading! Each month, they will talk about a different book from their list and allow you to share your thoughts on it too. They also have lots of fun activities, challenges and quizzes!



Everyone is welcome, just grab a book from the picture and start reading! They have put together a list of 6 exciting books to read and share.

If you're not sure which book to read, take their online quiz to find out.



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 only read one
type of book, which would
you choose?
Fiction or Non fiction?
Why?**



Computational Thinking

Solving problems effectively, with or without a computer

Concepts



Logic

Predicting and analysing



Algorithms

Making steps and rules



Decomposition

Breaking down into parts



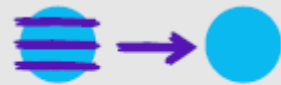
Evaluation

Making judgements



Patterns

Spotting and using similarities



Abstraction

Removing unnecessary detail

Approaches



Tinkering

Changing things to see what happens



Persevering

Keeping going



Debugging

Finding and fixing errors



Creating

Designing & making



Collaborating

Working together

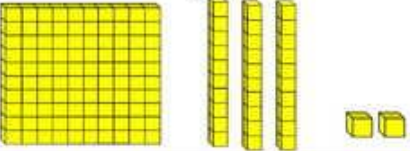
Maths

Across school we have been looking at place value in maths.

Place value is the value given to a digit in a number based on its position within that number. For instance, in the number 234, the digit 3 has a value of 30 or 3 tens.

Place value is an important concept in primary maths, as it lays the foundation for more complex mathematical operations.

We use concrete resources such as: straws, base 10 (diennes), numicon, arrow cards and place value charts to read, write and partition numbers and help us improve our number sense in order to calculate.

PLACE VALUE							
Millions	Hundred Thousands	Ten Thousands	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones	
4	9	2	8	6	5	3	
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WAYS TO SHOW A NUMBER							
Standard Form				Word Form			
4,928,653				Four million, nine hundred twenty-eight thousand, six hundred fifty-three			
Base Ten Form				Expanded Form			
132 				$4,000,000 + 900,000 + 20,000 + 8,000 + 600 + 50 + 3$			

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.



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Inclusion Leader
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



Hannah Garrard

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider

Simon de Senlis Primary



Miss Garrard says....

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break.



Medical Care Plans

If your child has a medical need, their medical care plan was sent home yesterday. Please can you read through this document, update where necessary and return by Friday the 15th September 2023.

Medication Reminder

If your child requires medication in school (including inhaler's and EpiPen's), please ensure these are in date and correctly labelled. If your child has a new medical condition and will require medication in school, please complete a medical care plan. Please speak to the office and they can provide you with the correct forms to complete.

Reception parents

If your child has just started reception and has a medical need or allergy/intolerance, please inform the school office and complete a medical care plan.



SdS Staff Wellbeing Walk



On Saturday 23rd September the SdS team are completing a 12km walk around Pitsford Reservoir to raise money for Cynthia Spencer Hospice. This is charity which will be close to the hearts many members of our school community.

This walk will also be the start of our mission to walk 200km before October half term. We have set up a Just Giving page and aim to raise at least £200 for this local charity.

If you would like to sponsor us or if you are able to share the page to help us raise our total the link is included below, many thanks:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sds-200k-wellbeingwalk?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fsds-200k-wellbeingwalk&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Self-Care September 2023

MONDAY



4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

TUESDAY



5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

WEDNESDAY



6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

THURSDAY



7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

FRIDAY

1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

SATURDAY

2 Notice the things you do well, however small

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are

SUNDAY

3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love





SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy 2023 – 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Last academic year, West Northamptonshire Council and partners held a series of events for children/young people, parents, carers, education, health and care colleagues and colleagues from public and private organisations to discuss what the priorities need to be for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

In line with recent national SEND reforms combined with this feedback, we have co-produced a **new SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy**. The new strategy sets out our priorities for SEND and alternative provisions, in West Northamptonshire over the next three years.

We would like to invite anyone who cares for a young person aged 0 to 25 with SEND, pre and post diagnosis to the launch event of the SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy on **Tuesday 26 September**. This event is being co-hosted by students from Creating Tomorrow College and Northampton Parent Forum Group.

At the launch event, we will be presenting the new strategy, the priorities for SEND over the next three years and the plans to deliver the strategy priorities. There will also be the opportunity to attend a workshop of your choice on SEND and speak to our many services and partner organisations as part of the market stalls available. **Please prioritise this date in your diary, to gain further knowledge of the new strategy and understand how everyone can contribute.**

SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy 2023 – 2026

Please see the details below of the launch event:

Venue: Icon Innovation Centre, Daventry, NN11 0QD

Date: 26 September 2023

Times: There are two available sessions on 26 September at different times, to allow attendees to attend the session which is more convenient. Both sessions will have the same content.

SESSION 1: 12noon – 3pm

Or

SESSION 2: 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Each launch session will consist of:

Presentation of the new strategy

Opportunity to attend 1 workshop

Market place with stalls

Please follow the link to book a ticket to attend the event:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/699847862797?aff=oddtcreator>

In assembly, this week...

It was lovely to restart our values assemblies this week. Children in both ks1 and ks2 explored some of the new experiences and achievements that the children (and staff) encountered over the summer, exploring our feelings before we tried and once we had finished. We then realised that every day in school brings a new challenge. We know that we should not let worry stop us from having a go.



Pupil Days	Bank Holidays
School Holidays	Teacher Training Days

NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

Teacher Training Days
 Monday 2 September 2024
 Tuesday 3 September 2024
 Monday 4 November 2024
 Monday 24 February 2025
 Monday 2 June 2025

September 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	
Tues		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri	30	6	13	20	27	

October 2024						
Mon	30	7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		

November 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	

December 2024						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thu	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		

January 2025						
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	

February 2025						
Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tues	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thu	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		

March 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	

April 2025						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		

May 2025						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tues		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2025						
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	

July 2025						
Mon	30	7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		

August 2025						
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



***15TH
SEPTEMBER
2023***

**SOME
NEWS FOR
OUR
CHILDREN**

The World's Happiest Country – Again!

Finland has been declared the world's happiest country for the 6th year in a row! The 2023 World Happiness Report, which states it is the first report to rank countries by how their populations feel, compiled a list of 146 countries. To do this, data was used that had been gathered by the Gallup World Poll, which asked about 1,000 people from each country to evaluate various areas of their lives and grade them between 0 and 10 in terms of their happiness. A 0 score is the worst and a score of 10 is the best. Once all the results were in, Finland topped the table with an impressive score of 7.804!

'Happiness can change, and does change, according to the quality of the society in which people live,' said John F. Helliwell one of the chief editors of the World Happiness Report.

Do you think this is a good way to work out how happy nations are?



Pictured: Northern lights between pine trees in Finland. Source: Canva.



Pictured: Person with the Finnish flag. Source: Canva.

Spotless Giraffe

Brights Zoo in Tennessee, USA, has welcomed a very special rare spotless baby giraffe! The baby giraffe was born at the zoo on 31st July. Experts believe that she is the only solid-coloured reticulated giraffe on the planet today and the first to be born in more than 50 years.

Tony Bright, the founder of Brights Zoo, talked about the media interest said,

'The international coverage of our patternless baby giraffe has created a much-needed spotlight on giraffe conservation. Wild populations are silently slipping into extinction, with 40% of the wild giraffe population lost in just the last three decades.' Dr Fred Bercovitch, a giraffe expert, referred to her lack of spots saying, 'In biology there are always exceptions to the rule and when exceptions pop up it is really cool.'

The zoo launched a public vote to choose a meaningful name for the new baby giraffe.

The names (and definitions) that people could choose from were, Kipekee (unique), Firyal (unusual or extraordinary), Shakiri (she is most beautiful) and Jamella (one of great beauty).



Pictured: The rare spotless giraffe born at Brights Zoo. Source: Brights Zoo Facebook page.

Which name would you have voted for?

Why do you think this would be the best name for the spotless giraffe?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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**Should lifejackets be compulsory
for all on open water?**

Wind Powered Cargo Ship

Pyxis Ocean is the world's first wind-powered cargo ship and it has just embarked on its maiden voyage. The freighter, which has been retrofitted with two sails (built from the same material as wind turbines) to help cut down emissions, is travelling from China to Brazil. The WindWings sails, developed by British company BAR Technologies, are designed to reduce fuel consumption and therefore the carbon footprint of shipping. The 37.5m tall wings (folded down when in port) are opened out when the ship is in open water. Experts say having the ability to power ships with wind, instead of relying entirely on engines, could reduce the lifetime emissions of a cargo ship by 30%.

Researchers believe that the six-week journey will help them work out how much of a reduction the large metal sails can have on the industry's estimated production of 837 million tonnes of CO2 each year. 'Wind power can make a big difference,' says Dr Simon Bullock, shipping researcher at the Tyndall Centre, at the University of Manchester. 'Ultimately, we do need zero-carbon fuels on all ships, but in the meantime, it is imperative to make every journey as efficient as possible. Slower speeds are also a critical part of the solution.' ***What do you think of using this technology to help reduce the shipping industry's emissions?***



Pictured: Pyxis Ocean. Source: Cargill Facebook page.

Last week's topic:

Can pets make good companions in schools?



I think it would be good because if someone gets stressed and you had a dog it could calm you down or cheer you up. You could play with it at break and lunch but I would only like it if you could bring your own pets.

Isla

Yes, they can but also sometimes people are allergic or scared of them, so we need to be careful and consider everyone before getting one.

Alexandra

I think that is a great idea for schools to have pets, as long as they are well looked after. A lady who works in our school office brings in her dog so we know that he is well cared for and happy.

Mario

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



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Let's look at this week's story

In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats. Parents, guardians, or other adults supervising children could be subject to a fine of up to \$200 (£130) if they do not comply. In the UK, currently, there is no legal requirement for anyone using rivers and seas for leisure purposes to wear a lifejacket/personal flotation device (PFD).

Reflection



Time spent on water can be unpredictable and dangerous.
It's important that we understand how we can keep ourselves
and others safe.



TAKEHOME

11 - 17
Sept



Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?



In the news this week

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of lifejackets. Have you ever been required to wear one? Where were you? Did everyone wear them?
- > Can you make a list of all the times you think lifejackets should be worn?
- > Do you feel there should be laws in place to ensure people wear lifejackets on boats at sea? If so, do you believe they should apply to everyone?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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