

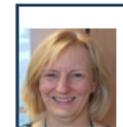


Designated Safeguarding Lead



Joanne Fennelly.
Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Rachel Rosevear. Deputy Headteacher



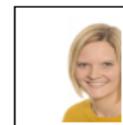
Jennifer de Board.
Assistant Headteacher



Laura Cunningham. Inclusion Lead



Hannah Garrard.
Family Support Worker



Natalie Richards. EYFS Lead



Dear Parents and Carers,

After a wonderful term with such amazing learning and experiences taking place, I hope you can take some time to enjoy time with your family, take time in the fresh air and of course, enjoy some delicious chocolate!

As always, thank you for your continued support, have a lovely two weeks, and I look forward to seeing you on 15th April.

Mrs Fennelly



As we continue to keep our community safe at the beginning and end of the day, please follow the highway code when parking. Recently cars have been parked in the bus bay, on the zig zags and on the corners of junctions.

Earlier in the week the local PCSO made an unannounced visit to SdS and issued tickets to those that were parking inappropriately.

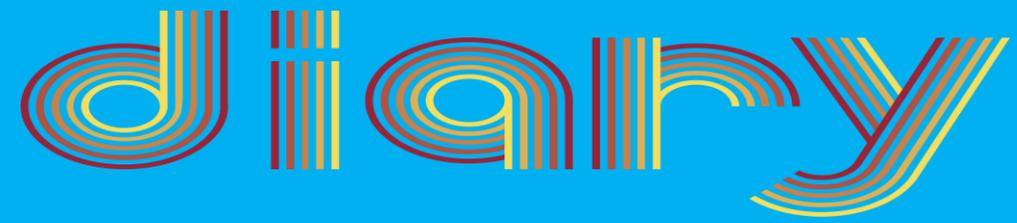
We are all here to ensure our children, families and neighbours are safe.

Dates for your



| Date | Year group | Event |
|------------|--------------------|--|
| March | Whole School | Clubs booking form for Summer term has been sent via ParentMail |
| 28th March | Whole School | Easter Raffle to be drawn. Please buy your tickets on ParentMail |
| 28th March | Whole School | 3:15pm. Break up for Easter Holidays |
| 15th April | Whole School | Welcome Back |
| 18th April | Reception & Year 6 | Heights and Weights |
| 1st May | Whole School | Whole Class photographs |
| 13th May | Year 6 | SATs week |

Trips dates for your



| Year Group | Date | Event |
|---------------|------------------|--|
| Reception | 23rd May | Crocodile World |
| Year 1 | 14th June | Woburn |
| Year 2 | 9th May | Cadbury World |
| Year 3 | 20th – 21st June | Frontier Centre Residential Trip |
| Year 4 | 26th – 28th June | West Runton Residential Trip |
| Year 4 | 4th June | National Art Gallery |
| Year 5. Dyson | 18th June | Festival performance at the Royal & Derngate |
| Year 6 | 12th June | STEAM Event at Northampton university |
| Year 6 | 1st - 5th July | Isle of Wight Residential Trip |

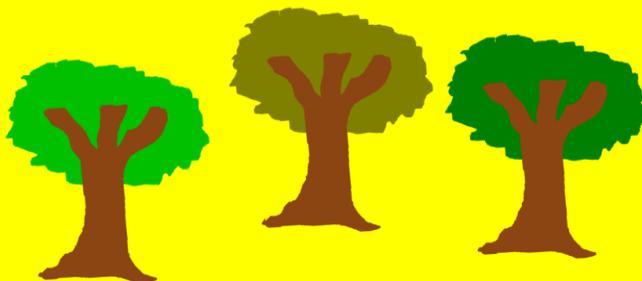
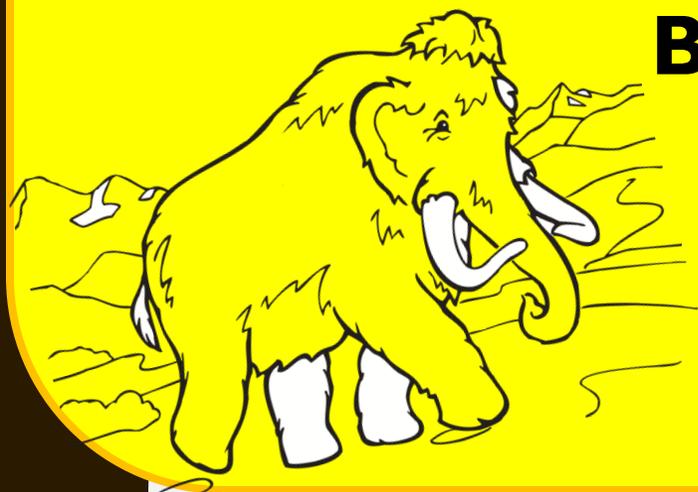


Extracurricular clubs

The booking form has been sent via ParentMail for our amazing extracurricular clubs for the Summer term.

Please go through them with your child.

Booking closes on the 7th April.



Are you looking for part time job?

We are looking to recruit a reliable and committed Lunchtime Supervisor to join our hard-working team. The successful candidate will be able to work effectively as a member of the team, have excellent interpersonal skills and consistently support the school values and approaches.

Start date ASAP

Days of work: Monday – Friday

**Starting salary: Grade C, Point 2 (£22,366 FTE – pro-rata). Hourly rate
£11.59**

Contract: Permanent, 5 hours per week (term time only – 38 weeks per year)

**If you are interested and would like more details or would like to apply please
email: info@simondesenslis.org**

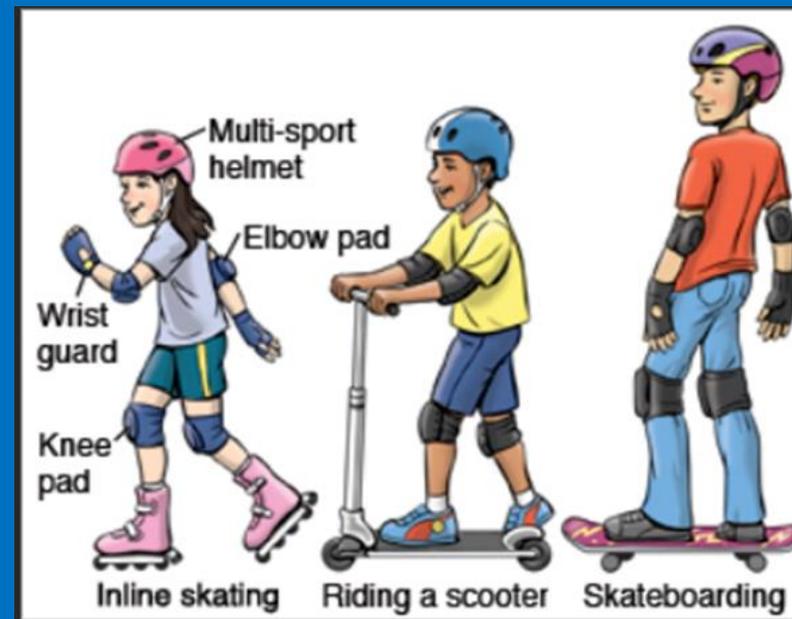
Bike and Scooter Safety

As the days become warmer and the evenings are lighter, please see the following pieces of information to share with your child about bike and scooter safety.

[Cycle Safety | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](http://capt.org.uk)



WALK THIS WAY



Road Safety



STOP

Always stop before crossing. Make sure it is clear before moving from the pavement.

If there is a crossing nearby, use it. Even if it means walking a little further to get to it.



LOOK

Make sure you can see clearly in both directions.

Look for cars approaching - Also make sure you look for motorbikes and bicycles. You should let vehicles pass before crossing.



LISTEN

Listen out for traffic.

Sometimes you can hear vehicles before you see them.



THINK

Do not cross:

- between cars
- on a bend
- or over the crest of a hill drivers will have less chance of seeing you.

If you are sure it is clear and safe you should cross. If you are unsure - wait!





When crossing, look out for friends and siblings. Try and find the safest route to where you are going, look out for designated crossing points.



At a traffic light crossing, press the button and wait for the green man to light up and sleepers to sound.



At a zebra crossing wait until the traffic from both directions has stopped, and then cross.



When crossing with a School Crossing Patrol Officer always follow their instructions, and remember to say Thank-you.

ROAD SAFETY

THINK
about where you should cross.

STOP
in a safe place at the side of the road.

USE YOUR EYES & EARS
to see and hear any approaching vehicles.

WAIT
until all the vehicles have passed.

LOOK AND LISTEN
again to make sure all is clear.

CROSS
the road. Keep looking and listening.

Helmets and Safety for Toddlers when riding Balance Bike

Balance bikes are one of the safest rides yet there are a number of safety precautions that parents need to take to ensure that:

- ✓ Children do not suffer any injuries in case they do fall when they are new to bikes and trying to master balance.
- ✓ It will save the children from skinned knees, grazed elbows or any injury to the head.

If you want to read more about how to support your child to read or to continue to love reading, click on the links below:



[Tips for reading with your child | BookTrust](#)

[Parents and families | National Literacy Trust](#)



[CLS Reading for pleasure puts children ahead in the classroom, study finds - CLS \(ucl.ac.uk\)](#)



Mindful March 2024

MONDAY



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

TUESDAY



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

WEDNESDAY



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

THURSDAY



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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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



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.



Why does Chocolate taste so nice?



Easter Raffle

**The Easter Chocolate raffle is back!
Tickets are on sale on ParentMail at:
£1 for 1 ticket, £5 for 10 tickets.**

**The raffle will be drawn on the last day of the
term! Good luck everyone.**

**See pictures of the chocolate hampers on the
next page**

Easter Raffle Hampers



SPORTS – EASTER ACTIVE FUN

. Leapfrog/bunny game

Leapfrog is always a fun game, have you tried this in Gymnastics? Pretending to be bunnies instead of frogs makes it perfect for Easter.

. Obstacle course/relay race

Set up a simple obstacle course in the backyard or even the living room and give it a fun Easter theme. Lots of hopping, eggs on spoons, egg throwing and catching, and maybe even some bowling with a hard-boiled egg to knock over the pins.

Stay Active,
Miss Bland

Try out some of these activities and create some games of your own. Remember to practice all your skills, dance, football drills and throwing and catching.

Animal friends

Get in on the Easter fun with an animal activity. Pretend to be some of your favourite spring animals (chicks, bunnies, and ducklings) and you will soon be , hopping, waddling, and quacking the way along the road to developing your skills ready for next term. Can you make it into a challenge?



Easter Holidays Activity Camp

northamptonshire
sport

2nd – 12th April 2024
9:00am – 4:00pm

£15
per child
per day

Benham Sports Arena
5 – 11 year olds

Experienced & knowledgeable
staff with enhanced DBS
checks

Safe & inclusive activities
designed for all ability levels

Fun & enjoyable sports &
physical activities

Activities include...

Dodgeball | Handball | Rugby |
Basketball | New Age Kuring |
Kinball | Volleyball | Team Games |
Netball | Arts & Crafts | Cricket |
Athletics | Badminton | Tennis



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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
Senior Mental Health Lead



Hannah Garrard

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider

Miss Garrard says...

Have you received a letter regarding your child's attendance?

Our school's target for pupil attendance is 96%. If your child's attendance drops below 96%, we will write to inform you.

These letters are sent home as a supportive measure to help parents make informed decisions when it comes to keeping children away from school. A child that is too unwell to come to school should absolutely stay at home, however, many sore throats / colds etc. can pass without affecting a child's attendance.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance, or require further information regarding the NPAT attendance policy, please let me know.



Miss Garrard says...



Starting secondary school is a significant milestone in a child's life. It marks a passage into adolescence and brings about several significant changes. They will go from being the oldest in school to being the youngest, having to find their way around a large new school with different teachers for different subjects. They will also have to take more responsibility, such as:

- taking a new and unfamiliar route
- planning for each day's timetable
- making sure they have the right books and equipment
- doing homework most evenings, which must fit into their routine alongside other interests

All of this will have to fit into your child's new routine, alongside their other interests and the often-daunting prospect of becoming a teenager. It can take time for children to adjust to these new responsibilities.

Getting ready for secondary school

- Once your child has a place at a school, make sure you attend the open day arrange for new pupils. These days are vital to help new pupils settle in
- Shop for uniform and equipment in good time. If this is expensive, it may be possible to get help with the cost
- If your child feels nervous, take time to listen and reassure them that all children feel this way before starting secondary
- Travel the route to school together a few times so it becomes familiar and use the buses if that is part of the route
- Visit your LEA's website for details on assistance such as free school transport or free school meals. If your child is eligible, make sure you apply in good time
- If you are on social media, you can like the school page for updates and there may be a parent group that you can join

Miss Garrard says...



Settling into secondary school

The move to secondary school can come as a shock to both parents and children. They will usually have more books and equipment to carry around and may find it difficult to stay organised. At secondary school, your child will be expected to take greater responsibility for their own organisation. You can help to encourage this at home with the following tips:

- Encourage your child to get organised for school the evening before. This can save them (and you!) a lot of undue stress in the morning. Remind them to check their timetable for the following day, pack their bag and lay out their uniform if necessary
- Try and resist the temptation to do everything. Your child needs to learn to manage their time efficiently and they won't do it if you get everything ready for them
- At this age, children start to want more privacy when they're getting ready. Consider organising a schedule for the bathroom in the mornings so no-one is made late by waiting
- Your child will probably have several homework tasks to complete each night. Make a note to yourself to read and sign their school journal or diary at least once a week to make sure your child is keeping up with their assignments
- Have a calendar on display at home clearly marked with different equipment needed for different days (sports kit, music, projects etc.) Encourage the habit of looking at the schedule the night before and organising schoolbags there and then
- If your child is getting to school on public transport for the first time, find out if any friends live nearby so they can travel together
- Use every opportunity to keep in contact with the school - this may be more difficult now that classes are bigger, and your child has many different subject teachers. However, if the school has a website, be sure to check regularly for information updates and news

Food Aid / Community Larders. No referral required

| Day | Time | Location | Membership / costs |
|-----------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Monday | 1:30pm – 2:15pm | Roade village Hall. Bailey Brooks Lane. NN7 2LS | Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w |
| Monday | 4pm – 7pm | McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre | No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items |
| Tuesday | 2pm – 3pm & 6pm - 7pm | The Nest, Woodford Halse Primary Academy, Scrivens Hill, Woodford Halse, NN11 3SU. | Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w |
| Tuesday | 4pm – 7pm | McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre | No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items |
| Wednesday | 11am - 1pm | Dostiyo Community Fridge. Northampton Town Centre | No Criteria |
| Wednesday | 4:15pm – 6pm | Towcester Community Larder Riverside Centre, Islington Road, Towcester, NN12 6AU | Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w |
| Wednesday | 4:30pm – 5:15pm | Brixworth Community Larder | Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w |

Food Aid / Community Larders. No referral required

| Day | Time | Location | Membership / costs |
|-----------|-----------------|---|---|
| Wednesday | 5:30pm – 6:15pm | Moulton Community Larder | Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w |
| Wednesday | 4pm – 7pm | McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre | No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items |
| Thursday | 10am – 11:30am | Towcester Community Larder Riverside Centre, Islington Road, Towcester, NN12 6AU | Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w |
| Thursday | 11am - 1pm | Dostiyo Community Fridge. Northampton Town Centre | No Criteria |
| Thursday | 4pm – 7pm | McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre | No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items |
| Friday | 4pm – 7pm | McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre | No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items |
| Saturday | 12pm - 2pm | McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre | No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items |
| Sunday | 12pm - 2pm | McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre | No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items |

THIS WEEK IN ASSEMBLY

This week in assembly we considered the importance of honesty.

In ks1, we remembered the story of Pinocchio and how each lie led to another. We also heard the story of the boy who cried 'Wolf' and the consequences of lying.

In ks2, we investigated the phrase 'a tissue of lies'.

Finally, we considered the British values and remembered that because we enjoy individual liberty, we have the right to make our own decisions about the actions we take and the things we say.



All ages welcome

April 2nd , 1 p.m.

East Hunsbury Park

Easter Litter pick

We are a group of student children's nurses at the University of Northampton.

Help us get your parks ready for spring with this easter litter pick. All ages welcome.

Bags, Gloves and water will be provided.

Come and get involved and Teach your children the importance on keeping the parks clean.

Any questions please contact at:
litterpickquestions@outlook.com

— Abbey Centre —
COMMUNITY
FRIDGE



Preventing good quality food going to waste

Why not pop along to one of our community fridge sessions to see what you can save from landfill.

The fridge is free and open to all. Helping to save the planet and supporting people in the local community.

Opening times:

Tues 10:30 - 12:00

Wed 16:00 - 17:30

Fri 10:30 - 12:00

Where to find us:

**The Abbey Centre, 10 Overslade Close,
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Northampton. NN1 5JS

**SPRATTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**9AM - 4PM
£24.50 PER DAY**

**MULTISPORTS
& GYMNASTICS**

Northampton. NN6 8HY

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and surf the waves in a tube!





Easter **TENNIS AND** **MULTI SPORTS**



CAMP



Week 1
Tuesday 2nd -
Friday 5th April

Week 2
Monday 8th -
Friday 12th April

Tennis , Tennis Golf,
Ultimate Frisbee, Football,
Basketball, dodgeball,
Easter Egg Hunts
and many more activities!

Full Day - £25 9-4pm
Half Day - £12.50. 9-12am/ 1-4pm
Week 1 - £75
Week 2 - £100
Early Drop Off - £2.50 8.15-9am
Late Stay - £5. 4-5.30pm
Email: joshuawgolding@gmail.com
Phone: 07909094921

SIGN UP
NOW!!!



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GEORGE'S DAY

PARADE

Sunday 28 April, from 2pm
St Columba Church,
Collingtree

Join us there will be
Dragons!

1st Collingtree and Milton Malsor Scouts will lead a procession from the school to the Church where the service will be held. Scouts will then parade through the village with Afternoon tea served at the School.

All welcome



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10TH APRIL 2024
11TH APRIL 2024

THOMAS BECKETT 3G,
NN3 6HT

9:30AM - 3:30PM |
AGES 6 - 14

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3RD APRIL 2024
4TH APRIL 2024

9:30AM - 3:30PM
AGES 6 - 14

THOMAS BECKETT 3G,
NN3 6HT

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND

Easter Programme

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) is a funded opportunity for children to access fun, creative and active holiday camps for FREE this Easter, with lunch provided!

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) can attend the camps for FREE with a code from their school. Children who are not eligible for FSM can also access the camps for £22 a day. To book your child's place, please scan the QR code.

Week One

Dates: Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April
Times: 9am to 3pm
Venue 1: Sixfields Stadium, NN5 5QA
Venue 2: Kingswood Children's Centre,
NN18 9HU

Week Two

Dates: Monday 8th to Thursday 11th April
Times: 9am to 3pm
Venue 1: Sixfields Stadium, NN5 5QA
Venue 2: Kingswood Children's Centre,
NN18 9HU



FEMALE SKILLS CENTRES

Northampton Town Community Trust hold regular Skills Centres in Northampton for girls aged 7-15, currently playing grassroots football. These are held during term times in the football season and give female players the chance to practice and build on their skills in a safe and friendly environment.



These sessions are run by our qualified and experienced coaches and once registered are available for players to turn up and pay. Sessions are just £5.50 a week.



Please go to:

Skills Centres — Northampton Town FC Community Trust (ntfccommunity.co.uk)



Details for these sessions are as follows:

Venue: Northampton High School, Newport Pagnell Road, Northampton, NN4 6UU.

Day: Mondays

Time: 7.00pm-8.00pm

Please note all sessions are on AstroTurf.
(Please ensure that you are suitably dressed and have appropriate footwear, plus plenty to drink.)

Players who impress may be invited to trial at our Girls (Elite) Player Development Centre.



Please wait for confirmation of signing up before you attend the sessions.



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 | | | | | |
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| Mon | | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
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| Wed | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
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| Fri | 30 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |

| October 2024 | | | | | |
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| Fri | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |

| November 2024 | | | | | |
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| December 2024 | | | | | |
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| January 2025 | | | | | |
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| March 2025 | | | | | |
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| April 2025 | | | | | |
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| May 2025 | | | | | |
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| June 2025 | | | | | |
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| July 2025 | | | | | |
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| August 2025 | | | | | |
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Key

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| School Holidays | Teacher Training Days |
| Pupil Days | Bank Holidays |



NPAT Academic Calendar 25/26

Teacher Training Days

Monday 1st September 2025
 Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Monday 3rd November 2025
 Monday 5th January 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026*
 (disaggregated)

| September 2025 | | | | | |
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| August 2026 | | | | | |
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News For Our Children

28th March 2024



What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

25th - 31st March 2024



**Should there be a
limit on how rich one
person can become?**



Let's look at this week's story

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This week's story looks at events related to ...



Glitter for Lunch?

If you are visiting Blackpool Zoo at the moment, you may see something rather surprising in the elephant enclosure – glittery poo! This is because keepers at the zoo are putting glitter into the food of the female elephants in order to be able to tell which poo belongs to who. Asian elephants are currently on the 'endangered' list,

meaning these animals are at a very high risk of extinction in the wild. Keepers at the zoo will collect the glittery poo twice a week and send it to a research laboratory at Chester Zoo for testing. The aim is to find out if any of the female elephants are pregnant. The elephants can then be suitably cared for in the hope of increasing their numbers.



Pictured: Endangered Asian elephant. **Source:** Canva.



Pictured: Chess pieces. **Source:** Canva.

Checkmate!

8-year-old Ashwath Kaushik, who was born in India and now lives in Singapore, has made history by becoming the youngest-ever chess player to defeat a grandmaster in classical chess. Grandmaster

(GM) is the highest title of any chess player.

The young player began learning to play chess at just four years old! He practises every day after school and spends weekends finessing his game. When asked about his performance at the tournament in Switzerland, Kaushik said. 'It felt really exciting and amazing, I felt proud of my game'. Kaushik came 12th in the tournament overall and says his dream is to one day become a world champion in chess.

Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



I think phones can be distracting in school but taking them off pupils could be too complicated.

Monika

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



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Back to Earth with a Splash!

NASA's SpaceX Crew-7 has safely landed back on Earth. The team has returned from six months of science and discovery aboard the International Space Station (ISS). The crew, from four different countries, splashed down in their Dragon spacecraft off the coast of Pensacola, Florida, USA. Whilst they were on the ISS for 199 days, Jasmin Moghbeli (USA), Andreas Mogensen (Denmark), Satoshi Furukawa (Japan) and Konstantin Borisov (Russia) completed 3,184 orbits around Earth!

NASA Administrator, Bill Nelson, spoke of the successful mission saying, 'After more than six months aboard the International Space Station, NASA's SpaceX Crew-7 has safely returned home. This international crew showed that space unites us all. It's clear that we can do more - we can learn more - when we work together. The science experiments conducted during their time in space will help prepare for NASA's bold missions at the Moon, Mars, and beyond, all while benefitting humanity here on Earth.'

How do you think it would feel to return home after six months in space?
What do you think you would miss if you were away from Earth for that long?



Pictured: NASA's SpaceX Crew-7 - Borisov, Mogensen, Moghbeli and Furukawa, shortly after landing. **Source:** NASA X page.

Solo Sailing

Cole Brauer, from New York, has become the first US woman to sail solo around the world! She was the only woman competing in one of the most extreme sailing events in the world, the Global Solo Challenge. The Global Solo Challenge is a unique sailing race that starts from A Coruña, Spain, and takes participants on a single-handed, non-stop circumnavigation across the globe. Captaining her 40-foot vessel, 'First Light', Brauer crossed three oceans. The 29-year-old travelled 30,000 miles on a journey that took 130 days and finished second in the race. Talking about the challenges of sailing alone, Cole said, 'Solo sailors, you have to be able to do everything. You need to be able to take care of yourself. You need to be able to get up, even when you're so exhausted. And you have to be able to fix everything on the boat.' She also commented on what inspires her to be determined



Pictured: Cole Brauer becomes the first US female to sail solo non-stop around the world. **Source:** Global Solo Challenge @marconannini X page.

saying, 'I push so much harder when someone's like, 'no, you can't do that,' or 'you're too small. It would be amazing if there was just one other girl that saw me and said 'Oh, I can do that, too.' **Have you ever been sailing or on a boat? Would you like to?**

Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?

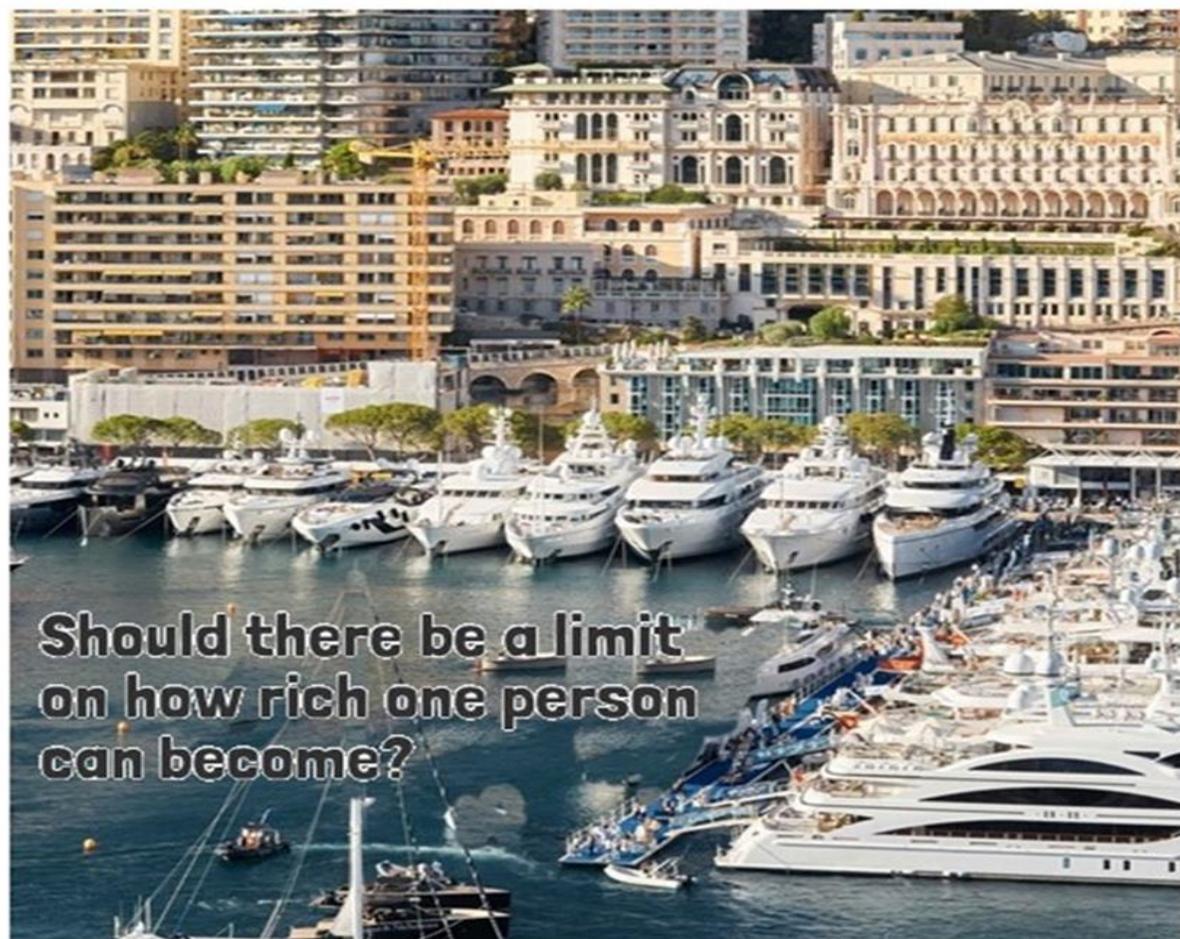


I don't think that mobiles phones should be banned, people just need to be sensible and use them sensibly!

Nikolas

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Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on this week's story. Are you surprised to learn that there will likely be a trillionaire within ten years?
- > Can you name any billionaires? Do you know how they acquired their money?
- > Do you think more should be done e.g., by governments, to reduce the gap between the world's richest and poorest people?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Reflection



Inequalities around the world can be linked to many causes. This is why there are organisations that help populations in need. For example, UNICEF tries to help children around the world by providing resources in education and health.

