

**World Laughter Day
5th May**

Designated Safeguarding Lead

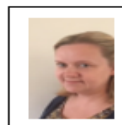


Joanne Fennelly.
Headteacher

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



Do you know these facts about Laughter?



- Laughter is contagious
- Laughter boosts your immunity and wellbeing
- Humans laugh before they talk
- Rats are ticklish
- Monkeys and dogs can laugh
- Gelotology is the study of laughing
- Laughter is a sound that has no language
- Children laugh more than adults
- Laughing can reduce stress
- The average person laughs about 13 times a day






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Dear Parents and Carers,

As our wonderful Ofsted announcement is starting to sink in, I am so thankful for the kind messages from families and the community. Our outstanding grading is about everything at SDS, and it is fantastic for others to see what we do and what we achieve each day. As always, great staff, superb children and wonderful families are our recipe for success.

One thing that Ofsted noted was the wide and varied experiences that children at SDS have as part of their daily lives. We know that these additional experiences enhance wellbeing, enjoyment, knowledge and confidence. The planetarium is a great example of this- each child had an immersive experience in the planetarium learning about space, the wider world and their bodies- a truly memorable event for everyone!

As we begin the bank holiday weekend, please enjoy time together as a family and fingers crossed that the rain stops and the sun shines. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning.

Mrs Fennelly



Parents and visitors are reminded that Danes Camp and Tesco supermarket kindly offer free parking for dropping off and picking up your children, including for meetings and events.



The car park at school is for staff parking and Blue badge holders



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

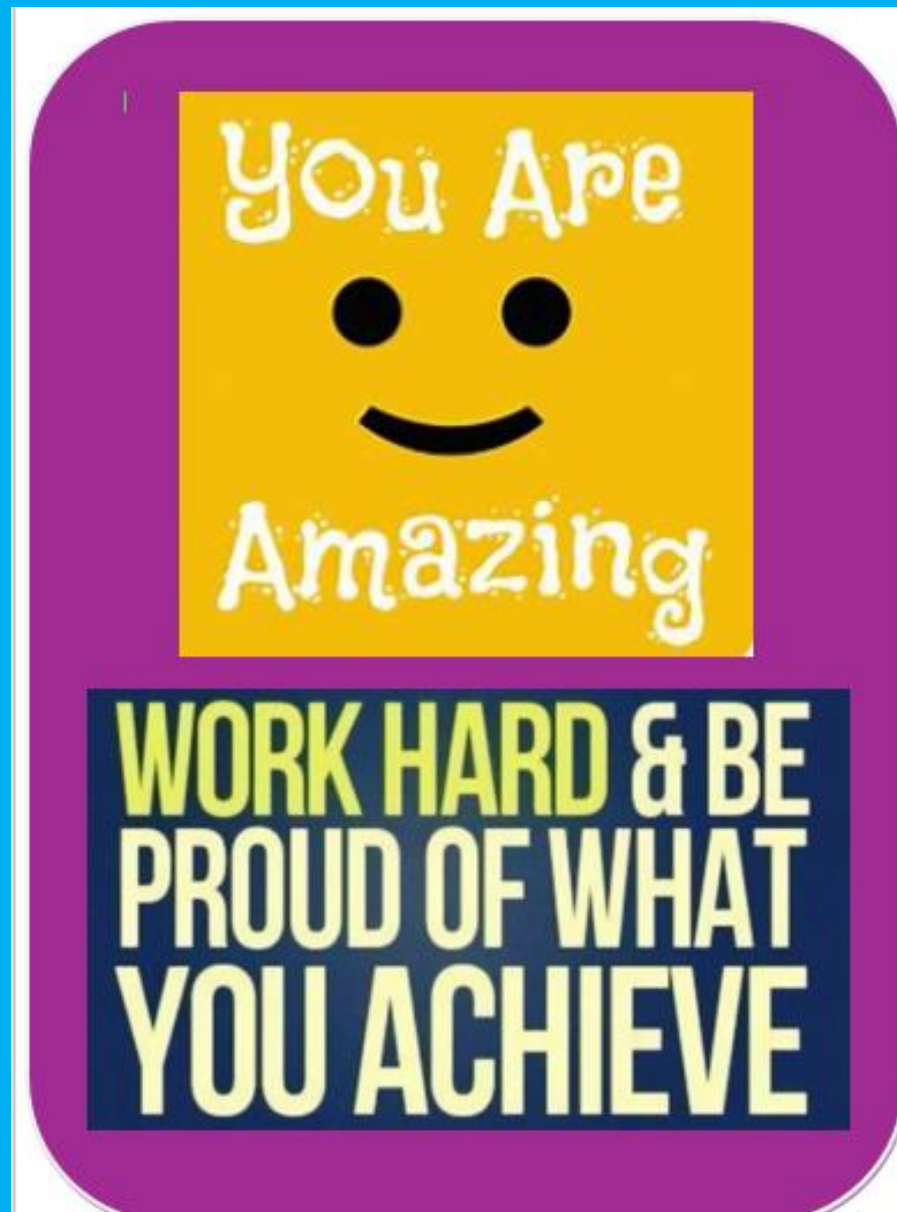
Many thanks

Welcome to the children and families who will be joining us in Reception in September 2024. We can't wait to start this exciting journey with you.



Weekly Poster

**This week, we celebrated how amazing each child is and the wonderful things we have all achieved, either together as a class or individually. There are so many things for each child to be proud of!
Great work everyone!**





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. The local PCSO will make unannounced visits to SdS and issue tickets to those parking inappropriately. We are all here to ensure our children, families and neighbours are safe.

Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
13th May	Year 6	SATs Week
17th May	Year 6	Picnic Lunch - on the field
7th June	Whole School & Families	Fun Run 3:30pm to 4:30pm If taking part, wear PE for the day
13th June	New Reception Parents 2024/25	Parent Intake Meeting 6:00pm to 8:00pm

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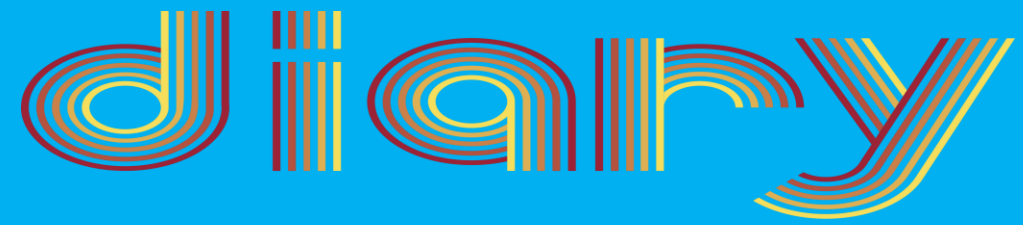
Date	Year group	Event
17th June	KS1 (Reception, Years 1, 2 & SU)	9:30am Sports Day – families invited
21st June	Year 6	Transition Prayer Space
28th June	Whole School	End of Year Reports
29th June	Whole School Community	School Summer Fete
1st July	Changemakers	Changemakers to University of Northampton
8th & 9th July	Whole School	Transition Days
10th July	KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	9:30am Sports Day – families invited
11th & 12th July	Whole School	Circus Skills Day- more information to come

Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
15th July	Music groups, choirs- details of whom to come	Performing Arts Evening 5:30pm to 7:30pm
17th July	Drama Club Players	Drama Performance 10:00am to parents and families. Tickets coming soon
17th July	Whole School	Summer Disco 3.15pm to 4.15pm for Years SU, Rec, 1 & 2 4:30pm to 5:30pm for Years 3 & 4 5:45pm to 6:45pm for Years 5 & 6
18th July	Drama Club Players	Drama Performances 1:45pm & 6:00pm to parents and families. Tickets coming soon
19th July	Whole School & Families	Art Exhibition starts at 2:30pm
22nd July	Year 6 & Families	Leavers Assembly followed by tea and cake on the field

Trips Dates for your



Year Group	Date	Event
Reception	23rd May	Crocodiles of the World
Year 1	14th June	Woburn Safari Park
Year 2	9th May	Cadbury World
Year 3	20th – 21st June	Frontier Centre Residential
Year 4	26th – 28th June	West Runton Residential
Year 4	4th June	National Art Gallery London – Take One Picture
Year 5 Dyson Class	18th June	The Festival Performance at the Royal & Derngate
Year 6	12th June	STEAM Event at UoN
Year 6	1st - 5th July	Isle of Wight Residential

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**

Changemakers

As part of their plans to improve the playground, our group of Changemakers are determined to create another zone for children to enjoy playing games together. They would like to paint the pagoda bright colours, install tables and seats and purchase games such as uno, chess, snakes and ladders to engage their classmates even more during lunchtimes.

**Thank you for your support
Great News we have raised £452.**

We will update you with how much was raised and how we used the money soon.

Finally, if you have any games, coloured paint suitable for outside use or any work links for match funding, please email Mrs de Board jennifer.deboard@simondesenis.org



WANTED

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM



**Please drop off at the school
office between 6 - 10 May.**

**A pre-loved uniform sale will be
announced shortly.**

**All proceeds go to Friends of
Simon de Senlis.**

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 you had a million pounds that you could give to someone else, who would you give it to and why?



Online Safety- Are you worried that your child's relationship with their device?

Are you worried that your child is addicted to being online/on their device? Recent research from Ofcom reported that “34% of parents of children aged 3-4 said it was hard to control it, rising to half (49%) of parents of children aged 16-17.”* Bark have produced a blog which discusses what addiction is, how to recognise the signs and examples of what digital addiction can look like. You can find the blog here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/digital-addictions/>

[*source:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024> accessed 24.4.24]



[How to Recognize the Signs of Digital Addictions in Kids | Bark](#)

Online Safety- WhattsApp Group Warning

WhatsApp Group warning

Whilst WhatsApp has an age rating of 13+ (recently lowered from 16), a BBC investigation has found that children as young as nine have been added to WhatsApp groups and seen inappropriate content. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group settings as by default, group privacy settings are set to 'everyone,' which means anybody can add your child to a group without their approval. You can change this setting to 'My Contacts' so only contacts can add them to groups without their approval and if somebody who is not a contact wants to add them to a group then they will need to send them an invite.

You should talk to your child about the risks of joining groups and show them how to use the reporting/blocking tools. You can find out more about the BBC investigation here:

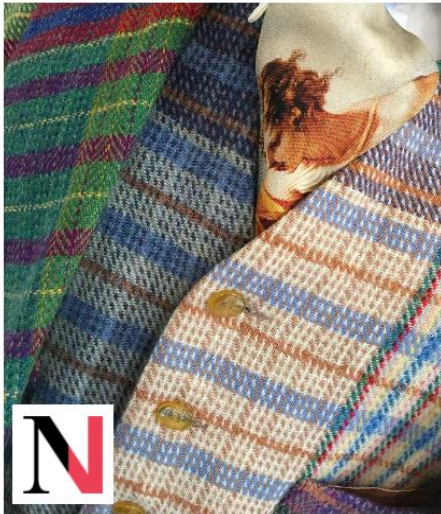
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy0l4z8n1p9o>

Nine-year-olds
added to malicious
WhatsApp groups -
BBC News

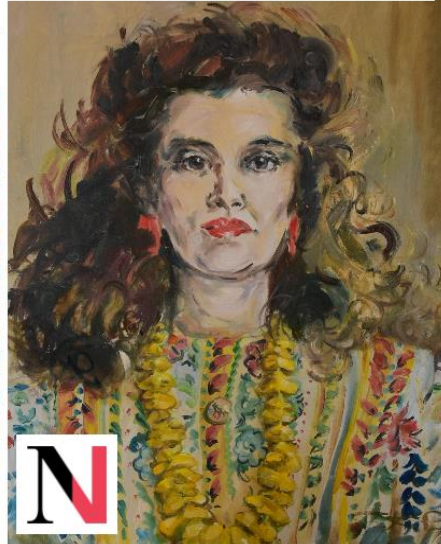
Northampton Museum and Gallery- town centre free exhibitions.

[What's On \(northamptonmuseums.com\)](http://northamptonmuseums.com)

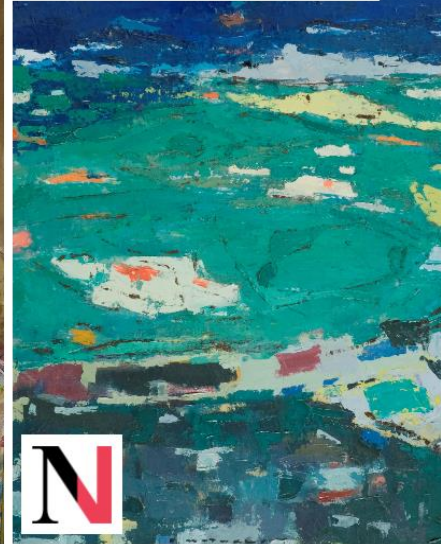
Vivienne Westwood: A Personal Collection



Life and Art: Elke Pollard Retrospective



From The Collection: Abstract Art



Unearthed: Portable Antiquities Scheme finds from Across Northamptonshire



Unearthed:
Portable Antiquities Scheme
Finds from across Northamptonshire

January to April 2024

An exhibition of archaeological finds in four Northamptonshire libraries

Brackley Library | Towcester Library
Daventry Library | Weston Favell Library



Northampton Museum & Art Gallery
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www.northamptonmuseums.com

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STOP PRESS!

Join us at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery between 10am-4pm this **Saturday, 4 May**, for a great **Vintage and Alternative Fair**, featuring lots of trader stalls with clothing, crafts, gifts and accessories. Free entry!

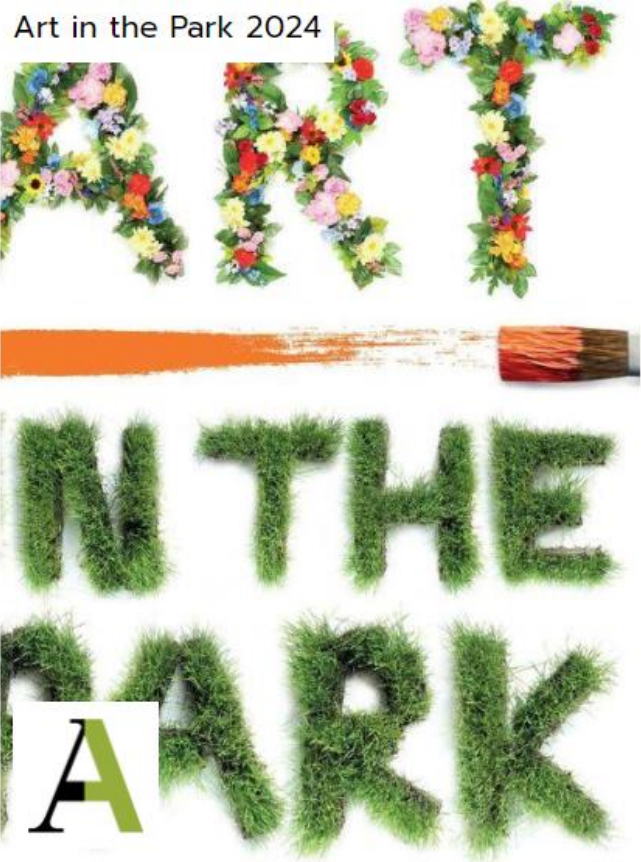
Abington Park Museum- free exhibitions.

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Beyond Photography: Artworks by Andy Carter



Art in the Park 2024



It's A Bug's Life



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TITANIC: HONOUR AND GLORY

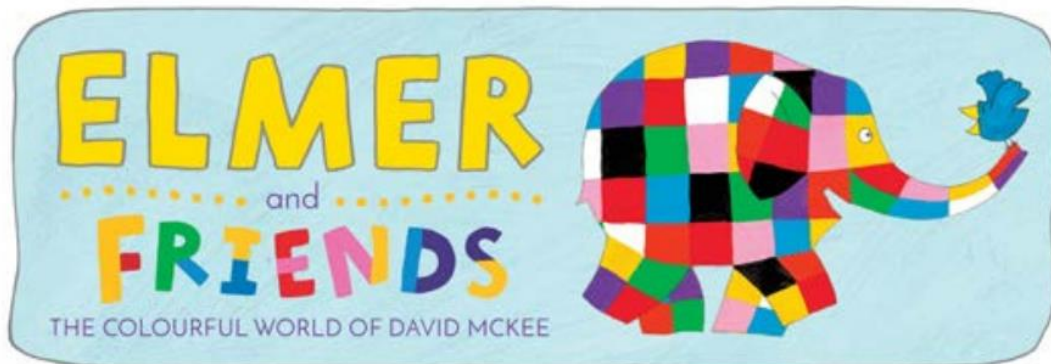
22 June - 15 September

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

This exciting exhibition brings to life the history of the legendary ocean liner, the Royal Mail Steamer Titanic. From her conception to her premature demise, Titanic has become one of the most famous ocean liners in the world, displaying artefacts from the disaster and props from the blockbuster film, *Titanic*.

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ELMER AND FRIENDS: THE COLOURFUL WORLD OF DAVID MCKEE

6 July - 8 September

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

As if by magic, Elmer, Mr Benn, and Bernard will be appearing at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery as the colourful world of David McKee is brought to life through original paintings, storyboards and illustrations, film, and interactives. There is something for big and little kids to discover as these well-loved characters are revealed. An exhibition from Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books.

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The National Centre for Children's Books

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CRAFT & CHATTER

Every Friday, 12.30-2pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

If you are looking for a way to unwind after a busy week or just want to make some new crafting friends, come along with your chosen craft to these friendly informal sessions. They take place every Friday lunchtime in the Northampton Museum & Art Gallery lower café area.

Drop in - no booking required but please purchase a drink or something to eat from the café.

Free Admission - donations welcome

Northampton Museum and Gallery- town centre free exhibitions.

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THURSDAY MORNING TALKS

10.30am-12pm
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Thursday 2 May **Spirit Photography in the Victorian Era**

Speaker: Corrine Gretton - West

Find out about the Spirit Photographers from the 1800s that used the Wet Plate Collodion process to create images of ghosts during the rise of spiritualism.

Thursday 16 May **The Underground Railroad - Patterned Path to Freedom**

Speaker: Kay Goddard

The incredible bravery, secrecy, and indomitable endeavours of escaping slaves from the Southern States of America. How stitching quilt blocks helped them to flee to safety in Northern states and Canada.

Thursday 6 June **D-Day**

Speaker: Richard Gibbons

D-Day was the name given to the June 6th, 1944, invasion of the beaches of Normandy. A fascinating insight into the build-up to D-Day, the plans for the invasion, landings, the campaign in the Bocage, and the aftermath.

Thursday 20 June **The Last Naval Hero**

Speaker: Roy Smart

The extraordinary story of David, 1st Earl Beatty, who rose with meteoric speed from humble Royal Naval Cadet to First Sea Lord and his controversial part in the greatest battle in maritime history. His life in the Shires, marital strife, immense riches, and scandal!

Thursday 4 July **Sulgrave Manor**

Speaker: Martin Sirot-Smith

Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family. Meet Lawrence Washington, twice Mayor of Northampton and builder of Sulgrave Manor.

Thursday 18 July **Mata Hari - Spy or Scapegoat?**

Speaker: Philomena Liggins

In 1917 Mata Hari was executed by the French as a German spy. Though she professed her innocence the British and French authorities thought otherwise. Who was right?

£3 per talk, £18 for the series
Booking essential

Book
online >

BEAVERS

TIME FOR FUN

For 5 3/4 to 8 years old who want to have fun and adventures. (can currently accept up to 7 years old only)
Abbey Centre, Mondays 6.15 to 7.15pm

Direct from the beavers

"Beavers are always on an adventure"
"Beavers is a fun place where you can play games, do activities and make new friends"
"Fun filled activities every week, learning life skills, we also have a promise and motto that keep us united"

beavers@50thnorthamptonhunsburyscouts.co.uk
Even if too young put their names down on our waiting list



SPORTS - WALKING

Did you know, walking is great for your health and wellbeing and what a fantastic way to get the family together and enjoy our beautiful countryside. This event takes place in Wellingborough every year with many different routes of varying distances travelling through the natural beauty of North Northamptonshire Countryside and the Nene Valley. Along the walks you'll visit country parks, quaint villages (maybe a pub or two!) and use the new bridge to access Chester House Estate. The walks start at the Castle Theatre, and you will be rewarded with a badge on completion of your route. For more information visit the website; <https://www.wellingboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-or-information/international-waendel-walk-2024/>

Enjoy the ramble and stay active, Miss Bland

43rd
INTERNATIONAL WAENDEL Walk

Wellingborough
17th - 19th May 2024
BOOK NOW

www.wellingboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk

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WELLINGBOROUGH ENGLAND

BRITISH WALKING FEDERATION

WML WALKING ASSOCIATION
WELLINGBOROUGH ENGLAND

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok

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...

NSPCC

How to help children deal with divorce or separation

More information can be found here [Helping Your Child Cope with Your Divorce or Separation | NSPCC](#)

Separation and divorce aren't easy.

There may be bad feelings between the parents and their families. Children can pick up on this, which may confuse or upset them, or even lead to them blaming themselves for a break-up. It's important to empathise with them.

To support children during a separation and help them with their worries, you should:



- remind them that both parents love them
- be honest when talking about it, but keep in mind the child's age and understanding
- avoid blame and don't share any negative feelings the adults have about each other
- keep up routines, such as going to school and having specific mealtimes and bedtimes
- let them know they can talk about their feelings with you – explain that it's OK to be sad, confused or angry
- listen more than you speak – asking questions will help them to open up.

Miss Garrard says...

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**WELCOME TO
iDISCOVER**

**Northamptonshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust**

A new community for children and young people in Northamptonshire.

Explore free and fun activities for learning, wellbeing and growth, including:

- Managing stress and anxiety
- Self-care and healthy lifestyle advice
- Staying well at school or work
- Creative wellbeing activities

Find us online at:
nhft.nhs.uk/iDiscover

Miss Garrard says...

The Gruffalo Party Trail at Salcey Forest

The Gruffalo is celebrating his 25th birthday and to celebrate, everyone is invited to take part in a brand-new forest adventure.

What to expect:

The interactive family trail features all sorts of party-themed activities and games, along with fun facts to teach you about life in the forest for the Gruffalo and other creatures.

Follow the trail to help find the missing party items to give the Gruffalo a birthday to remember. Search for balloons, pine cones, apples and the Gruffalo himself, and complete fun activities and rubbings as you go along.

Get the party started with a Gruffalo Party Trail pack

Pick up your pack for just £4 from the visitor welcome point, packed with fun things to do on your party adventure.

Inside you'll find:

- craft bag to colour in
- party headband to wear
- party trail activity leaflet
- stickers
- pencil and crayon
- keepsake sew-on Gruffalo Party patch



Support and ideas for helping your child get better quality sleep

For more information please contact the *Sleep Right* charity: sleep.right@scope.org.uk.

Factors to be considered when looking at sleep.....

Routine

Environment

Developmental

Sensory needs

Expectations
e.g., medical
issues

Right time to
make changes
– consistency

Environment

The environment they fall asleep in needs to remain the same all night for example, lighting and noise.

Individual needs should be considered when designing a bedroom.

A bedroom should be an association for sleep.

Layout of bedroom and furnishings

Location of bedroom in the house for example. how close to other rooms/kitchen, boiler.

It is recommended that bedrooms should be between 16 and 18 degrees.

Sensory Needs

Therapy ball

Story massage

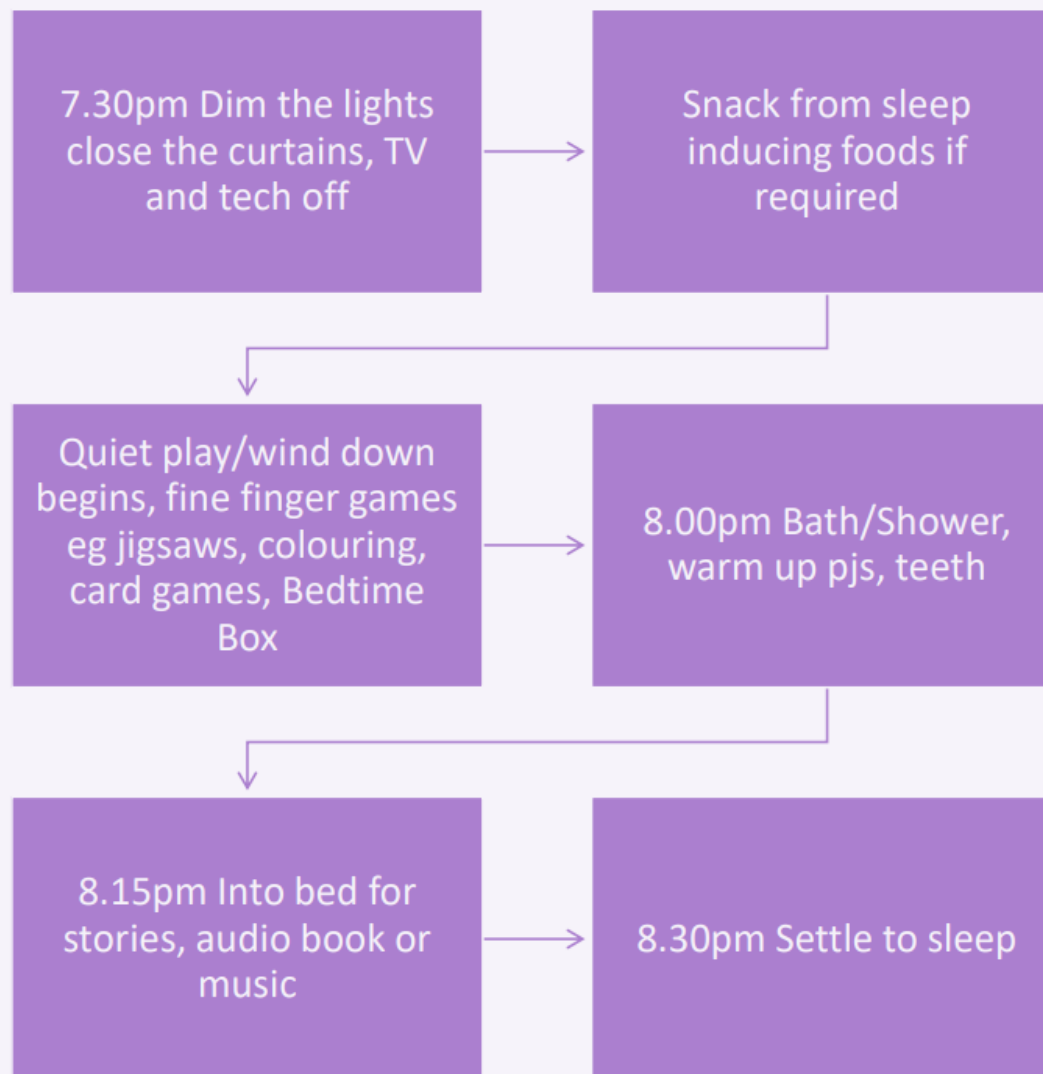
Weighted Blankets
- limit use or
compression sheet

Body Pillow

Red/orange bulb

White/Brown
noise

Example bedtime routine





SEND SESSIONS 2024
First Friday of every month
6:30pm-8:30pm

Exclusive SEND sessions
for families and friends of children
with special educational needs and disabilities

£8.95 per child

Adults Free

Strong Start Pre-School Learners

Helping you to be a happy, healthy family

A programme of 3 1-hour weekly sessions for parents with children under 5 to promote school readiness for pre-school and school.

Each session children can take part in a craft activity, use resources and play games linked to their learning. The programme will include a variety of activity ideas to help your child develop the key skills they will need to start pre-school and school.



Starting on Friday 3rd May 11-12 at the Camrose Centre.



Scan the QR code for the latest programme dates and for more information on Eventbrite.

You can also follow us on social media platforms for updates and information.





EVERY 2ND TUESDAY
7-8.30PM
STARTING 14TH MAY

NORTHAMPTON
PARENT/CARER
SUPPORT
GROUP



Are you a parent/carer of
an autistic child or young
person?

Come along and meet other
parents /carers, increase
your support network and
take some time out for you!

THE COACH HOUSE
DELAPRE ABBEY
NN4 8AW

For more information email:
fiona@enfold.org.uk



www.enfold.org.uk

National Autistic Society

The wonderful Mills and Charlie, along with their older sister, have raised £375 so far!

They are fundraising for the National Autistic Society by taking part in a Spectrum Colour Walk during World Autism Acceptance Week 2 - 8 April 2024.

They walked 5k on Wednesday 3rd April around Salcey Forest

- 💜 We are walking for autistic children to have a happy and fulfilled time at school.
- 💙 We are walking to ensure autistic people are given proper opportunities to work.
- 💚 We are walking for shorter diagnosis wait times.
- 💛 We are walking for autism acceptance.

The fundraising page is

<https://waaw.autism.org.uk/fundraising/joannecoolen>

Great work!!!!



Chloe has raised £895 for Cancer Research UK & Marie Curie. Great work Chloe!

SWIMATHON  

2024



Distance: **2.5K**
(100 lengths)

Time: **2 HRS**

Amount Raised: **£895.00**

SPRINT RACING



TEAM AQUALIGHT



1 **30M FREESTYLE KICK**
2 **30M FREESTYLE**
1 **60M FREESTYLE**
2 **TEAM RELAY**



FREE*

YOUTH CLUB



Danes Camp Leisure Centre

5-8 years 4.45pm-5.45pm

9-13 years 6pm-7pm

Every Tuesday (Term Time only)

*Please note these sessions are only available for children and young people residing within the East Hunsbury Parish. You will be asked to supply an eligible postcode to attend.



Funded by:



East Hunsbury
Parish Council



Danes Camp Leisure Centre, Clannell Road, NN4 0RX

**Book 8 days
in advance**

via www.trilogyleisure.co.uk

[Events in Northampton | Local Events Near Me | Day Out \(delapreabbey.org\)](#)

DELAPRE ABBEY

As a local place to visit, take a look at the events taking place over the coming weeks.

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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

Calling All Kids: Get Ready to Dash for Cash!

Enter the Northampton 10k, 5k or Junior Run to support our amazing local NHS and your school at the same time.

Sponsored by:



Join us for an unforgettable event!

- A fast and flat route, suitable for all abilities
- **FREE** entry with a minimum sponsorship*
- **Distances available:** Junior (half a mile) 10k and 5k
- Money raised will support Northamptonshire Health Charity and your school!

*£50 for Junior Race, £150 for 10k and 5k Race, T&Cs apply, contact us for details.

Sunday
26th May
at Sixfields
Stadium



Sign up here



www.northamptonshirehealthcharity.co.uk



Registered Charity No: 1165702



If you're interested in taking part in a sponsored funrun, this could be of interest to you.

The entry to the funrun is free but there is a requirement for sponsorship.

The first £50 of sponsorship will go to Northampton Health Charity, anything above this will be split 50/50 between Northampton Health Charity and Simon de Senlis.

If you want to register for the run go to the following website: www.northamptonshirehealthcharity.co.uk

The logo for the Milton Keynes Brick Festival is set against a yellow background with a grid of squares. The text 'MILTON KEYNES' is in white on a black background. 'BRICK' is in large white letters on a black background. 'FESTIVAL' is in white on a red background.

MILTON KEYNES BRICK FESTIVAL

MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

Don't miss the chance to be a part of the most epic LEGO celebration! Grab your tickets and get ready for a day filled with building, creativity, and endless fun!

Book now at www.MiltonKeynesBrickFestival.com

Save the date: Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Where: Middleton Hall, centre:mk, Midsummer Blvd, Milton Keynes, MK9 3QA

Event Times: 10am – 6pm (see your ticket name for your entry time)

Find out more – www.BrickFestivalEvents.com

LEGO CAR RALLY

RUBBER BAND CHALLENGE

BUILD ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE ONLY USING LEGO ELEMENTS

*FURTHEST DISTANCE IN EACH CLASS
WINS AN AWESOME LEGO PRIZE!*

3 AGE CLASSES

- > UNDER 11s
- > 11-16s
- > 17s & OVER



YOUR RUBBER BAND WILL BE SUPPLIED ON THE DAY:



VEHICLES MUST BE MADE ENTIRELY OUT OF LEGO ELEMENTS. THEY MUST BE EXCLUSIVELY POWERED BY THE RUBBER BAND PROVIDED. THERE ARE NO SIZE OR WEIGHT LIMITS. VEHICLES MUST NOT LEAVE THE GROUND DURING THEIR POWERED RUN PLEASE VISIT THE LEGO CAR RALLY SIGN IN DESK WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE EVENT. ENSURE YOUR VEHICLE IS BROUGHT INTO THE EVENT IN A NAMED BAG.

*BUILD YOUR VEHICLE AT HOME
BRING IT ALONG TO RACE & WIN!*

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**AWESOME LEGO
DISPLAYS**

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**ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES**

**EXCITING BUILD
COMPETITIONS**

**PICK YOUR OWN
LOOSE BRICKS**

6TH MAY 2024

MILTON KEYNES
BRICK
FESTIVAL

**MORE LEGO THAN
YOU CAN DREAM OF**

MIDDLETON HALL





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
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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	
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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
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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



Key

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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News For Our Children

3rd May 2024



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Space Junk!

The Otero family in America received an out-of-this-world surprise when a piece of space debris fell through the roof of their Florida home! The metal object was a small cylinder, about 10cm long and weighed less than a kilogram, which has left a hole in the roof. Dad, Alejandro Otero, said, 'I was shaking. I was completely in

disbelief.' Luckily, nobody was hurt, the noise of the impact just scared Alejandro's son. NASA has since identified the metal object as a piece of equipment that was discarded from the International Space Station (ISS). Since our first explorations of space, humans have left behind quite a collection of rubbish; including old satellites, parts of rockets and other space equipment. This is known as space debris, or space junk, and it can be problematic for spacecraft. The ISS, for example, has had to alter its course 30 times in the past to avoid colliding with a variety of space debris. Researchers are currently looking into solutions for this problem, including possibly using a giant net or magnet to collect space rubbish!



Pictured: International Space Station.
Source: Canva.

Star Dunes

Sand dunes are large bodies of sand that are moulded and shaped by the wind. They can be found across the world and even on Mars! The largest sand dune on Earth is the Lala Lallia in Morocco, Africa. It is nearly as tall as Big Ben and is the width of about seven football pitches. Scientists believe this sand dune is about 13,000 years old. This particular sand dune is known as a star dune. This is because, as the fierce wind changes direction often, the dune forms different branching ridges, giving it the appearance of a star. While



Pictured: Star dunes. **Source:** Canva.

scientists understand the basics of sand dunes, exactly how and why dunes form in the way they do remains a mystery. Sand dunes are currently an area of interest for researchers as many parts of the world become hotter due to climate change. Scientists wish to understand more about their formation and hopefully be able to predict patterns of shifting sands.

What does art mean to you?



I love art because it can tell a story and it inspires me.
Eva, 9

Siren Birdsong

A bird who lives outside a police station in Oxfordshire has learnt to mimic the sound of a police siren. Thames Valley Police, at a base in Bicester, released a video of the bird singing, and the copycat call sounds just like a police siren going off.

Officers at the base admitted that they were initially confused and thought that their cars may have developed a fault! Further investigation revealed that the cars' sirens were in full working order. The bird was tracked down and its 'siren song' was recorded.

Thames Valley Police posted about the incident on their social media platforms,

'Before you read on... this is 100% real and NOT a late April Fools joke! 🚫

Officers at our Roads Policing base in Bicester have been left a little confused this week, after finding out one of their resident birds has learnt to mimic the sound of a police siren! 🚓'



Pictured: Emergency lights.
Source: Canva.

The video posted shows the bird sitting in a tree chirping before replicating the sound of a two-tone siren.

Thames Valley Police added, 'It's so accurate, they've been left thinking the sirens were faulty on the cars! From our workshops that test out the two tone-tune to officers deploying to jobs, this little fella has been sat patiently observing the noise to recreate it.'

Did you know that starlings are able to accurately mimic man-made noises?

Have you heard any other birds replicating sounds they hear in the world around them?

Shining like the Sun

A new Guinness World Record has been set at Niagara Falls for the 'largest gathering of people dressed as the Sun'! Niagara Falls Canada excitedly made the announcement on social media, posting,

'IT'S OFFICIAL! The City of #NiagaraFalls has broken the Guinness World Record for 'Largest gathering of people dressed as the Sun' with 309 participants! The previous record was held by China Life Insurance Company Limited, which achieved the record in 2020 with 287 participants. Congratulations to everyone involved, making this special day even more memorable!'

To celebrate the recent solar eclipse, hundreds of people, wearing sun costumes, gathered on a boat with the falls behind them. The 309 people were

wearing red ponchos with yellow suns hanging over their chests.

Do you enjoy getting dressed up for occasions? Do you think it helps to make them more special?



Pictured: People dressed as the Sun at Niagara Falls.
Source: Niagara Falls Canada @NiagaraFalls X page.

What does art mean to you?



I like art that shows something I recognise - like a landscape or building. That's what helps me see the beauty in the world.
Jim

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



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How can shops make sure everyone feels represented?

In the news this week

Stef Reid MBE, a former Paralympian medal-winner who represented Canada and Great Britain, is asking Nike and other sportswear companies to start selling individual trainers to single-leg amputees. The request comes after noticing the company using mannequins with running blades to promote its products in shops. Stef has said that by refusing to sell single shoes, Nike is not living up to its values of diversity and inclusion. In a video viewed over 3 million times, Reid said she was thrilled to be shown photos of mannequins in Nike stores with running blades wearing a single shoe.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe all sportswear companies should sell single shoes to single-leg amputees? Ask others at home to share their thoughts.
- > Can you think of any shops or businesses that take action to celebrate diversity?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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