



Monkey Day

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Fun facts about monkeys include:

- Monkeys are as intelligent as young children
- Monkeys can transmit illnesses to humans
- The night monkey is also known as the owl monkey
- Monkeys use grooming routines to communicate with each other
- There are over 264 different species of monkeys around the world
- Monkeys have opposable thumbs, which enable them to use tools and play games



Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we've had with the Drama Club, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas performances. Every child was fantastic and showed such confidence and happiness whilst performing and I know that the audiences loved the shows too.

I am so pleased that we find a way for KS2 children to still have a Christmas show, as many primary schools stop these after Year 2. As you know, our Drama group perform the acting within the show and the year groups provide the singing as the choir. In every performance, the choir is such an important element, and we saw this from our Year 3,4,5 and 6 children this week, who were superb. I must also congratulate the Drama Club who showed their excellent skills in performing throughout the week.

We now move onto Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their performances next week- again, I know these will be fantastic.

At this time of year, every memory is extra special and I'm so pleased that we can help you to create these memories with your child.

Please enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week for our final school week of 2024.

Mrs Fennelly

Rainbow Hamper Raffle

We can't wait for our traditional Rainbow Hamper Raffle that will be drawn on December 19th. Please see the wonderful hampers from last year as a reminder. Please bring in your coloured items for your year group from Monday December 2nd and purchase your raffle tickets from your parentmail shop.

Good luck everyone and fingers crossed that you're a winner!





FESTIVE RAINBOW RAFFLE!

AN AMAZING FESTIVE HAMPER FULL OF PRIZES TO BE WON FOR EVERY YEAR GROUP!

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE A PRIZE IN YOUR COLOUR BY 13TH DECEMBER

-  **SU - ORANGE** 
-  **RECEPTION - RED** 
-  **YEAR 1 - BLUE** 
-  **YEAR 2 - GREEN** 
-  **YEAR 3 - GOLD/YELLOW** 
-  **YEAR 4 - SILVER** 
- **YEAR 5 - PINK/PURPLE**
- **YEAR 6 - WHITE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY ON PARENTMAIL
£1 PER TICKET OR 10 FOR £5**

**THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON
19TH DECEMBER**



Simon de Senlis Primary School



Reception Places Sept 2025

Come and visit our OUTSTANDING school to hear about our ethos and see our amazing staff and children in our engaging learning environment.

September 26th 2024 at 6:00pm | October 10th 2024 at 9:30am
November 12th 2024 at 6:00pm | December 10th 2024 at 9:30am
January 7th 2025 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org



OFSTED Report:



Internet Safety at Christmas



[Get ready for a digital festive season | Internet Matters](#)

Click the link above for a guide to:

- getting new devices safely set up with parent controls.
 - setting up a safety checklist so that your children can use their new games and devices safely.
 - how to set up second-hand devices safely.
 - a personalised safety toolkit for your family.
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- *Internetmatters.org is a website that supports parents with resources and expert guidance to help them navigate the ever-changing world of internet safety.*

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
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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

School SEND Partnership Offer. Dates for your diary:

Sign up forms for these online sessions will be sent closer to the dates

Date & Time	Subject
Tuesday 7th January 7pm - 9pm	An Introduction to supporting your autistic child (secondary age) at home
Tuesday 4th February 7pm - 9pm	All about Speech & language Therapy: what we do and how we can help
Tuesday 6th March 7pm – 9pm	Supporting children with pre-writing, handwriting development and writing interventions
Tuesday 29th April 7pm - 9pm	How do I support my child with Emotionally Based School Avoidance

December Kindness 2024

SUNDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

MONDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

TUESDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

WEDNESDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

THURSDAY

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

FRIDAY

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

SATURDAY

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM?

Pupil Premium Payment 2024-2025

As you may be aware all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals under government initiatives. Are you also aware that your child could be eligible for additional support via the Pupil Premium fund that the school receives?

Do you or your partner receive any of the following?

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) **with no element of Working Tax Credit**
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

If your application is successful, you will receive:

- School uniform
- Funding to help pay for school trips
- Funding to help pay for school clubs
- Loan of forest school clothing for the year
- Reception snack paid for – if you are eligible

For an instant decision on whether you are eligible please click the link below:-

[Free school meals and pupil premium | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium)

Miss Wharton Says...



Christmas Craft Idea for you and the family!

This fun and easy craft is perfect for little hands! Children can create their own festive cards by turning their handprints into a Christmas tree. Add a touch of sparkle with glitter glue, decorate with self-adhesive gems, and get creative with your favourite colours. Similar idea for the Reindeer, using a footprint!



Information on Secondary School Transition:

Year 5 Secondary School Transition Seminars 2025

This event is for you if you are a Parent or Carer of a Child in Year 5 who either has an EHC plan or who receives SEN Support in School

Supporting the Positive Transfer from Primary to Secondary School for Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)



Northampton - Guildhall, The Jefferey Room - 22nd January 25 - 6pm to 8pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sendclass-wnc-year-5-secondary-school-transition-seminar-2025-northampton-tickets-1061963233619>



Towcester - The Forum, Council Chamber - 5th March 25 - 10am to 12noon

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sendclass-wnc-year-5-secondary-school-transition-seminar-2025-towcester-tickets-1070535884649>



Online - 7th March 25 - 12noon to 2pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sendclass-wnc-year-5-secondary-school-transition-online-seminar-2025-tickets-1070543778259>



Booking is Essential

For Parent / Carers only - Free Event
Please book your places through the Eventbrite links / QR code provided above.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.



**Is a house a home
without your
family living
there?**





[SEND Support Service | West Northamptonshire Council](#)

Who we are:

Our service works with children and young people 0-19 years old and their families, school/nursery and some other adults supporting them.

We work with children/young people who have a range of additional needs and disabilities. Sometimes you'll meet us once or twice, maybe via video call, sometimes we might be involved for a bit longer.

We might be working with the child or young person, the family, the school or nursery or all together.

We might give advice and ideas that may help you at school or nursery or at home.

There are a range of ways we can work together, depending on the needs and difficulties we are told about.

Sports - Judo

Looking for a new activity to do ?

Why not try Judo. It's a great way to for you to learn self-defense skills, develop co-ordination, balance and confidence. At Northampton Judo Academy the classes are fun way to stay fit and active.

You can find the Academy at;

Address

Abington PDC (Barry Primary Sports Hall)
Sports Centre behind 72 Barry Road
Northampton
NN1 5JS



Book a free class and begin a new adventure.

Click here for more information

<https://www.judoacademy.uk/>

Enjoy and stay active - Miss Bland

Dates for your



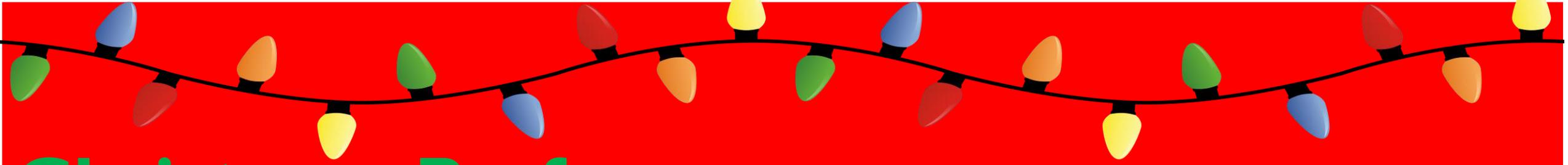
Date	Year group	Event
13th December	Whole school	Clubs finish
20th December	Whole School	Christmas Party Afternoon- wear party clothes to school. Bring a party lunchbox. No Dolce dinners today.

Dates for your



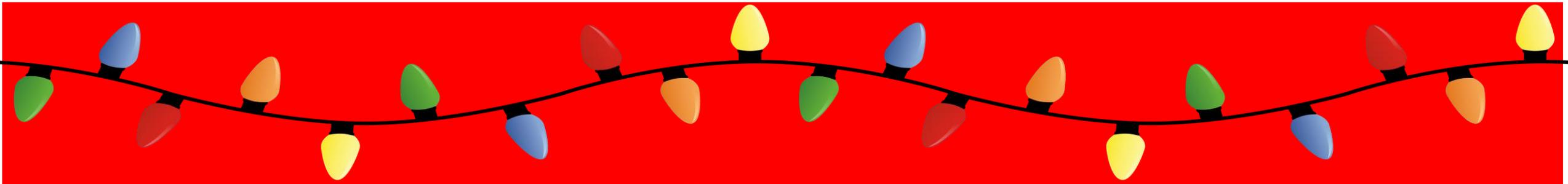
from the Friends of Simon de Senlis

Date	Year group	Event
9th December	Whole School	Bring a raffle prize in for your year, in your year group colour- see poster below. Raffle tickets available to buy in your ParentMail shop.
19th December	Whole School	Colour Raffle winners drawn- see poster below



Christmas Performances

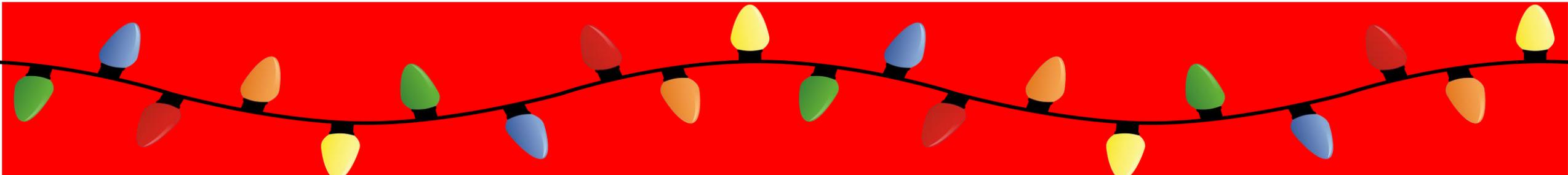
We are excited to have the dates for the Christmas performances. Tickets for the performances are ready to purchase at £1 per ticket in the parentmail shop. You can purchase up to three tickets per family for each performance. The church performances are for Year 5 and 6 which is limited to two tickets per family due to space. Drama club families can purchase tickets for the drama club performance as well as tickets at the performance for your child's year group.



Dates for your Christmas Performances



Date	Year group	Event
11th December	Drama club Families only	1:45pm Christmas Performance
12th December	Year 3 Year 4	10:00am Christmas performance 1:30pm Christmas performance
13th December	Year 5 Year 6	09:30am Christmas performance at St Benedicts Church 11:00am Christmas performance at St Benedicts Church
16th December	Reception Year 2 Year 1	09:30am Christmas performance in school 10:00am Christmas performance in school 10:30am Christmas performance in school

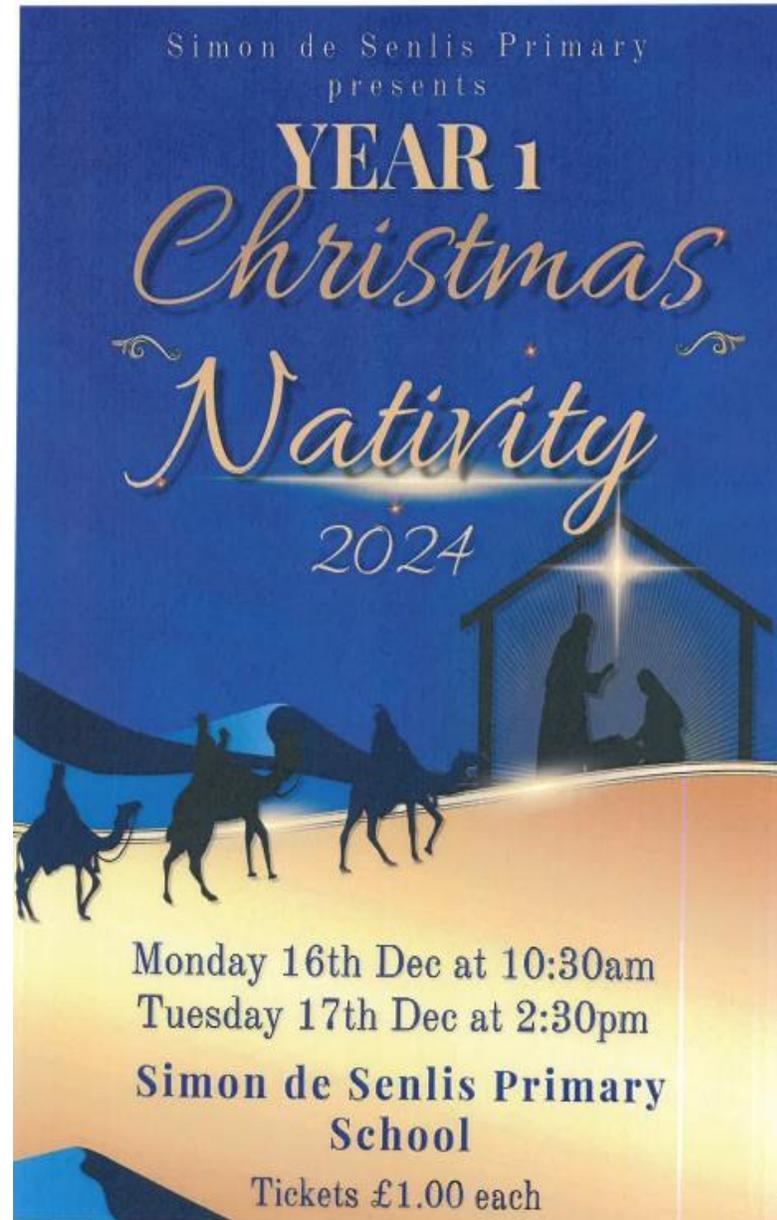


Dates for your Christmas Performances

Date	Year group	Event
17th December	Reception Year 2 Year 1	1:30pm Christmas performance in school 2:00pm Christmas performance in school 2:30pm Christmas performance in school
18th December	Robinson class	2:30pm Christmas performance in school
19th December	Wiggins Class	2:00pm Christmas performance in school

A festive poster for a school play. The background is a red wooden plank texture. It features various gingerbread-themed illustrations: a gingerbread tree, a gingerbread bell, a gingerbread man, a gingerbread house, and a gingerbread mug. There are also white Christmas trees, orange slices, and snowflakes scattered around.

Reception Class 2024
presents
**The
Gingerbread
Man**
Monday 16th Dec at 9:30am
Tuesday 17th Dec at 1:30pm
tickets £1.00
Simon de Senlis Primary School

A poster for a school play. The background is a dark blue night sky with a yellow glow at the bottom. It features a silhouette of a nativity scene with a stable, a star, and camels. The text is in a mix of serif and cursive fonts.

Simon de Senlis Primary
presents
YEAR 1
*Christmas
Nativity*
2024
Monday 16th Dec at 10:30am
Tuesday 17th Dec at 2:30pm
**Simon de Senlis Primary
School**
Tickets £1.00 each





YEAR 2 PRESENTS

*Christmas
Around the
World 2024*



Monday 16th Dec at 10:00am

Tuesday 17th Dec at 2:00pm

tickets £1.00

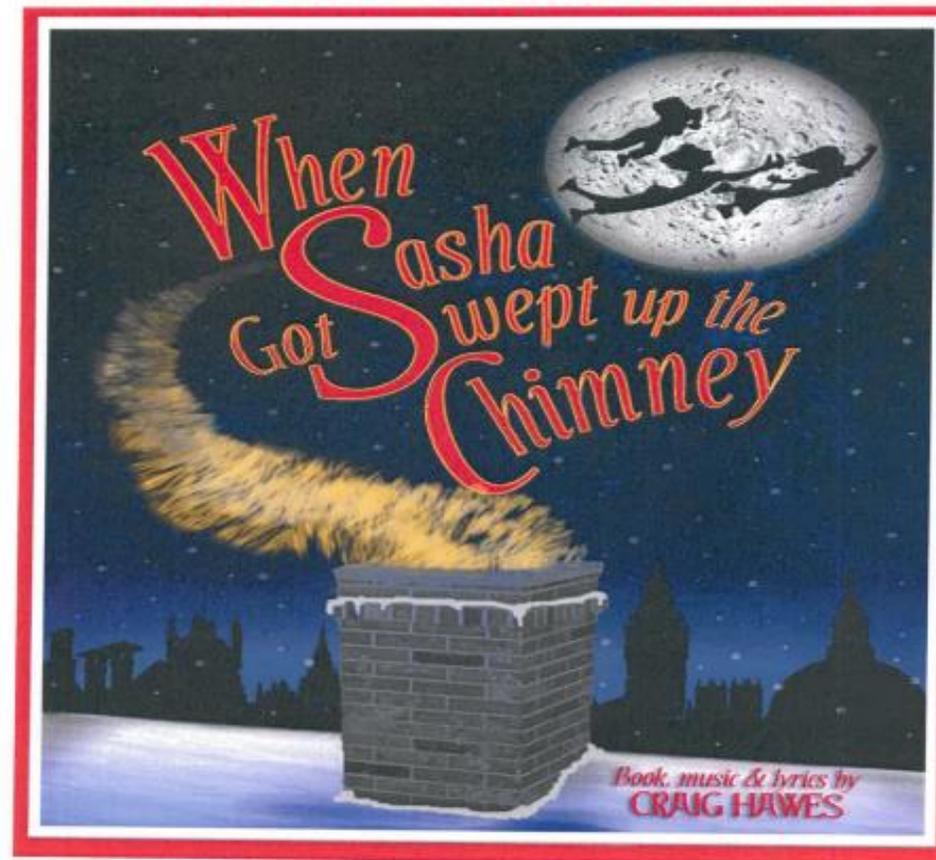
Simon de Senlis Primary School



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2024

PRESENTED BY

SIMON DE SENLIS DRAMA CLUB, YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6



Tickets £1.00

Year 3 & Drama Club at 10:00am, Thursday 12th Dec

Year 4 & Drama Club at 1:30pm, Thursday 12th Dec

Year 5 & Drama Club at 9:30am, Friday 13th Dec at St Benedicts Church

Year 6 & Drama Club at 11:00am, Friday 13th Dec at St Benedicts Church



Wiggins Class
Thursday 19th Dec
2:00 - 3:00pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024

TICKETS £1.00

The poster features a wooden sign with a snow-capped top and a red bow at the bottom, set against a blue sky with falling snow. Below the sign, a cartoon Santa Claus and a reindeer stand in a snowy landscape with Christmas trees and wrapped gifts.



Robinson Class
Wed 18th Dec
2:30pm

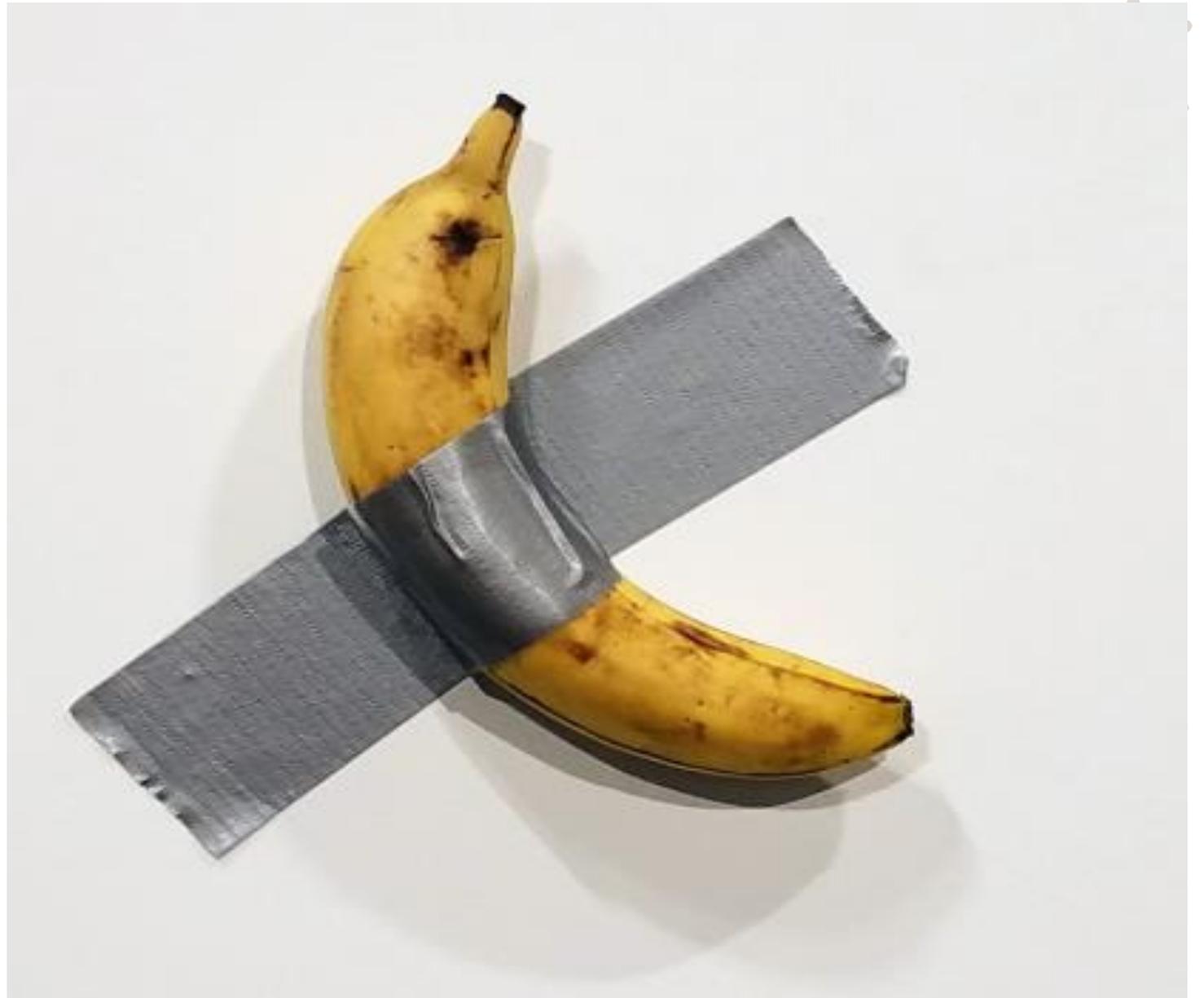
CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2024

TICKETS £1.00

The poster features a wooden sign with a snow-capped top and a red bow at the bottom, set against a blue sky with falling snow. Below the sign, a cartoon Santa Claus and a reindeer stand in a snowy landscape with Christmas trees and wrapped gifts.

**NEWS FOR
OUR
CHILDREN**

13th December



Jurassic Jumper

At the Natural History Museum in London, the famous Tyrannosaurus rex (T. rex) is ready for Christmas! This year, the big dinosaur is wearing a colourful jumper featuring Fern the Diplodocus, another dinosaur friend. The jumper is made from soft, sustainable cotton, which is good for the planet. This festive tradition has become a highlight for museum visitors. Adam Farrar from the museum said, 'The annual unveiling of our Christmas T. rex display has become a firm favourite amongst our audiences. It's a fun way to spread holiday cheer.' The T. rex's jumper is so popular that the museum is selling smaller versions in their

shop, so you can match with the dino. Every purchase helps support the museum's important work in studying and protecting nature. So, if you visit the museum this holiday season, don't forget to say hello to the T. rex in its special Christmas jumper!

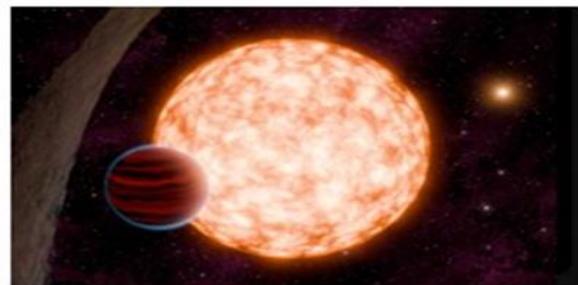
Do you have a special jumper that you wear at Christmas time?



Pictured: T. rex flaunting his Christmas jumper!
Source: @Andyswann45 on X.

Baby Planet Found

Astronomers have discovered one of the youngest planets ever found! Meet TIDYE-1b, a giant planet that's just three million years old – the same as a two-week-old baby in planet years. This tiny planet orbits its star, which is also very young, in a special place called the Taurus Molecular Cloud. It's 520 million light years away from Earth and full of new stars, but finding planets there is rare. That's because the area is covered with dust and debris, making it hard for telescopes to see. 'Discovering planets like this one lets us



Pictured: Baby planet, TIDYE-1b.
Source: @ExploreCosmos_ on X.

look back in time, catching a glimpse of planetary formation as it happens,' said Madyson Barber, one of the lead researchers. This exciting discovery challenges what we thought about how quickly planets can form.

What mysteries do you think space will reveal next?

How can we raise awareness of important issues?



We can make people listen, make sure animals are safe and not hurt. Alyza

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



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help@picture-news.co.uk



@HelpPicture

The World's Most Expensive Banana!

A famous piece of art, featuring a banana taped to a wall, has been sold for almost five million pounds! The famous artwork by Italian artist, Maurizio Cattelan (created in 2019), is a fresh banana affixed to a wall with duct tape. Justin Sun, founder of cryptocurrency platform TRON, who bought the piece, said it, 'represents a cultural phenomenon that bridges the worlds of art, memes, and the cryptocurrency community.' Named the 'Comedian', what has actually been bought is a certificate of authenticity with detailed diagrams and instructions for its proper display. Justin added, 'In the coming days, I will personally eat the banana as part of this unique artistic experience, honouring its place



Pictured: Maurizio Cattelan's 'Comedian'.
Source: Sotheby's on X.

in both art history and popular culture.' Sotheby's New York salesroom announced that 'the world's most notorious banana just sold for \$6.2M.' The sale has created a lot of discussions, with many people voicing different opinions. Lucius Elliot, from Sotheby's, said, 'There has been much debate over whether this is art, whether it is a prank, whether it is a symbol of the excess of the art market. In truth, it is, of course, all of those things!'

Have you ever watched anything being sold at auction?

Would you like to?

Tigers Return to Kazakhstan

Two captive Siberian tigers (also known as Amur tigers) have been translocated to the largest nation in Central Asia, Kazakhstan! The pair of tigers have been moved from the Anna Paulowna Sanctuary, in the Netherlands, to the Ile-Balkhash Nature Reserve in Kazakhstan. This is the beginning of a project to reintroduce a tiger population to the country. Starting with this breeding pair, the aim is to grow their numbers to fifty wild tigers by 2035. Daniyar Turgambayev, Vice-minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan, said, 'It is a high priority for Kazakhstan to work on the restoration of rare species.



Pictured: A Siberian tiger.
Source: Canva.

For ecological value, it is important that our biodiversity chain is restored. And that the tiger that once lived in this area is reintroduced here.' This is a world first, as the goal is to restore a tiger population to a nation where they were once extinct – if the tigers have babies, these cubs will be the first wild tigers there for over 70 years.

Have you ever seen a tiger?

Do you know any facts about Kazakhstan?

How can we raise awareness of important issues?



We can show and tell people how bad things will get in the environment unless we act now.

Thea

TAKEHOME

9th - 15th
December



In the news this week

Wicked, the hugely successful Broadway musical, has recently premiered worldwide as a film. Wicked shares a different perspective of the events in the magical land featured in 'The Wizard of Oz', prior to Dorothy's arrival. It is the story of Elphaba (a misunderstood witch), who later becomes the Wicked Witch of the West, and her friendship with Glinda, who becomes the Good Witch. Karis Musongole, aged 10 from Manchester, plays the young version of Elphaba.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What have you heard about the film, Wicked? Is it something you have seen or would like to see? Ask someone at home. Are they familiar with the story of The Wizard of Oz?
- > Do you like performing on stage? Do you like other roles or responsibilities in plays or performances? Talk about the importance of each role and how our different strengths can all be celebrated.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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	
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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



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

October 2025					
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November 2025					
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December 2025					
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March 2026					
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May 2026					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

June 2026					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

July 2026					
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Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

August 2026					
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Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	



Application for Reception Places

We're now starting the process for entry into reception at primary and infant schools, from the start of the new academic year in September 2025. The application portal is now live for parents/carers to submit their school preferences at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions.

Parents have until 15 January 2025 to apply, with online applicants being notified by email on the national offer day – 16 April 2025. Paper applicants will be notified by letter which will be posted out on offer day. Any application forms received by School Admissions *after* 15 January will be considered as late and won't be considered until May 2025 onwards.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to apply [online](#) and read the online prospectus - *Applying for a Primary School Place for 2025-26*. This provides detailed information on schools and the application process.



Local Activities: Sporting & Social





Sunday 15th December
3pm - 4pm

ALL DISC SESSIONS ARE FREE!!

THIS WEEKS LINE UP.....

Cricket with NCCC!

Dance with Alice!

Table Tennis

Boccia & Curling!

Swingball!

WE WILL BE BACK ON IN
JANUARY 2025!



INCLUSIVE SWIMMING IS AVAILABLE 4-5PM
PLEASE CONTACT TOWCESTER CENTRE FOR
LEISURE FOR MORE DETAILS!



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TIME FOR FUN, GAMES AND ADVENTURE

For 5 3/4 to 8 years old who want to have fun and adventures.
Abbey Centre, Mondays 6.15 to 7.15pm

Check out our website to see what we get up to.
Each week is a new adventure, learning new skills.

<https://50thnorthampton.org.uk/>
Even if too young put their names down on our waiting list



Saturday 30th November 11am – 3pm

Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 1st December 7pm

Official switching on – Christmas Tree Lights

Sunday 8th December 3.30pm -5pm

Family Fun event

Friday 13th December 7pm

Christmas Choir concert



Sunday 15th December 10am

Confirmation/Family service with Bishop Debbie

Tuesday 17th December 7pm

Beer & Carols (The Collingtree Pub – NN4 0UE)

Wednesday 18th December 7pm

Carols round the Christmas tree

Sunday 22nd December

Christingle service – Briar Hill 3:30pm

Lessons & Carols – St Benedict's 6pm

Christmas Eve 24th December

Christingle service – St Benedict's 3:30pm

Midnight Mass 11:30pm



Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

10am Family service

www.stbenedictschurchnorthampton.uk

Mobile 07564 605275 (voice only, do not text)

vicar@stbens.uk or admin@stbens.uk

Parish of Briar Hill, Camp Hill, East, West
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News from Trilogy Active

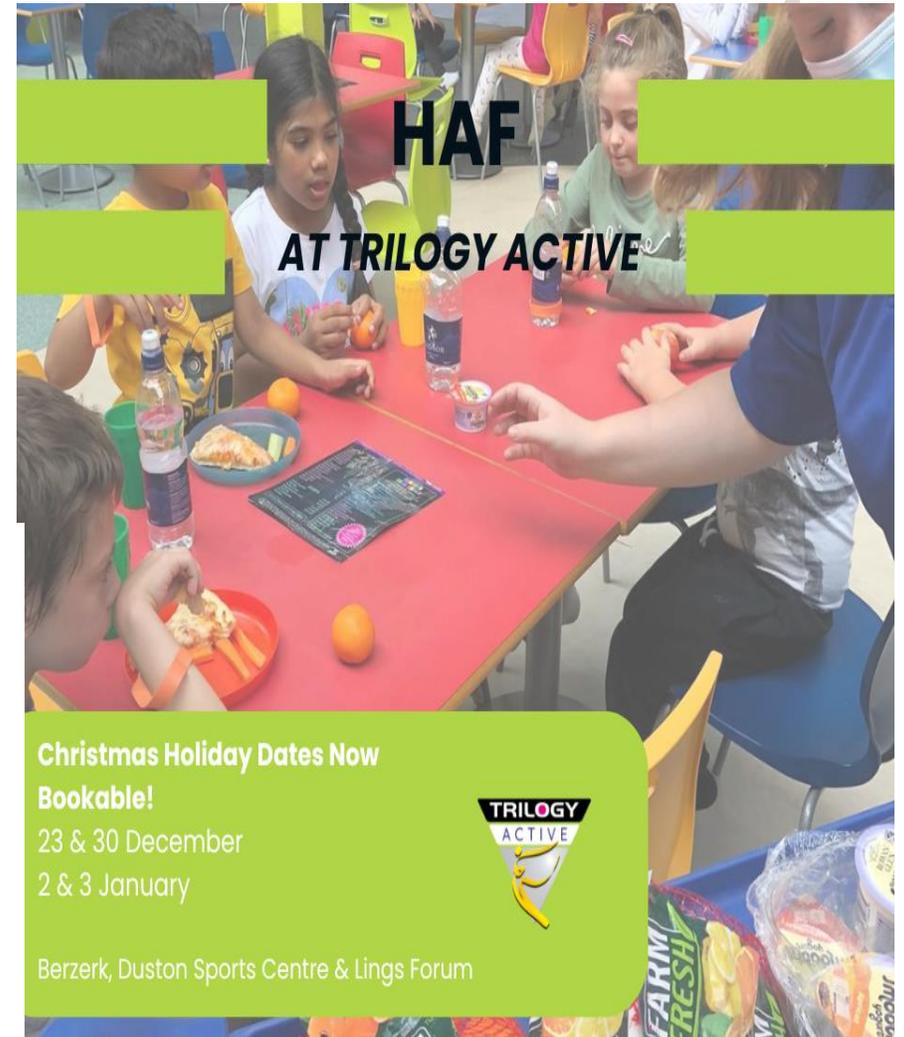
What's on at The Forum Cinema this December?



Gladiator II (15), Red One (12A) and Wicked (PG) are all showing at The Forum Cinema this December. Kids Screens include Paddington in Peru (PG), Piece by Piece (PG) and Moana 2 (PG) . Tickets can be booked two weeks in advance and are free to Trilogy Supergold, 55+ and Junior Active members.

Holiday and Food Activity Programme (HAF) at Trilogy Active This Christmas Holiday

HAF is back at Trilogy Active this Christmas holiday providing funded places across some of our Christmas holiday programmes for children and young people. Places are available at The Trilogy Holiday Playscheme at Duston Sports Centre & Lings Forum as well as Berzerk Active Play Centre. We're also offering one month Trilogy Junior Active membership's to 14-16 year olds giving them access to our gyms, pools and cinema over Christmas and into January. If your family receives benefits-related free school meals, you might be eligible for HAF.



www.trilogyactive.co.uk/junior-activities/trilogy-holiday-and-food-activities-haf/



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23 DECEMBER | 2 - 3 JANUARY

9AM - 4PM
£26 PER DAY

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9AM - 4PM
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GYMNASTICS**

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WWW.PACESETTERONLINE.CO.UK/HOLIDAY



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For ALL



As the festive season approaches, please see the link below with some exciting events at Delapre Abbey



[What's On - Delapré Abbey](#)



See below for a list of SEN activities happening at the Chester House estate.

Ticket Information:

Child Ticket: £20.00 per child- Accompanying Adults: FREE (Please note, accompanying adults do not receive a gift)

Our standard Father Christmas grotto is accessible for wheelchair users.

If you have any particular requirements that we need to be aware of then please let us know when you checkout and we will be as accommodating as we can.

Booking Information:

Tickets must be pre-booked to ensure a magical experience for all our guests. Limited availability, so book early to secure your preferred date and time.

Don't miss out on this enchanting opportunity to create cherished memories with your loved ones. Father Christmas Magic at Chester House Estate is the perfect way to celebrate the festive season.

Reserve your tickets today and get ready to unwrap the magic of Christmas with us!

Your time slot is the time that you **must** be at the grotto ready to go in, the experience can last up to 40 minutes including all the festive activities. It is vital that you be on time to your slot, or we cannot guarantee to get you in to the event.

Book the date that best suits the SEND needs:

- ❖ **Saturday 14th December 2024:** Reduced Sound and Full House Lights
- ❖ **Sunday 15th December 2024:** No Flashing or Twinkly Lights
- ❖ **Monday 13th December 2024:** Full experience, just the reduced number
- ❖ **Tuesday 17th December 2024:** Reduced Sound and No Flashing Lights
- ❖ **Wednesday 18th December 2024:** Visually Impaired Friendly Session
- ❖ **Thursday 19th December 2024:** Deaf/Hard of Hearing Sessions
- ❖ **Friday 20th December 2024:** Reduced Sound and Full House Lights
- ❖ **Saturday 21st December 2024:** No Flashing or Twinkly Lights
- ❖ **Sunday 22nd December 2024:** Full experience, just the reduced number
- ❖ **Monday 23rd December 2024:** Full experience, just the reduced number
- ❖ **Tuesday 24th December 2024:** Full experience, just the reduced number



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

What do we offer?



- Family signing
- Junior youth club
- Senior youth club
- Youth council
- Coffee morning
- Holiday activities
- Support in meetings
- Support with education issues
- Basic counselling
- Advice and information
- Transition support
- Independence skills support



Contact: Jennie.Paule@deafconnect.org.uk
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Ice Skating at Chester House

Festive Skating Rink

November 23 - December 24 £12.50 – £18



Experience the magic of winter at The Chester House Estate's first-ever Festive Skating Rink, running from 23rd November to 24th December!

Set within the beautiful grounds of this historic estate, the skating rink offers a perfect blend of seasonal joy and family fun. Whether you're a seasoned skater or trying it for the first time, this promises to be the highlight of your holiday season.

We have opted for an eco-friendly skating rink, made of synthetic ice.

A synthetic ice rink is a specially designed surface that mimics the properties of real ice, allowing for ice skating and other ice-related activities without the need for refrigeration. It's made from a high-quality synthetic material that provides a smooth, gliding surface.

This option is the most environmentally friendly option, and also has the added benefit of parents being able to support young skaters on the ice without needing ice skates!

Multiple dates and times available.



HAVE A GREAT

