



## 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

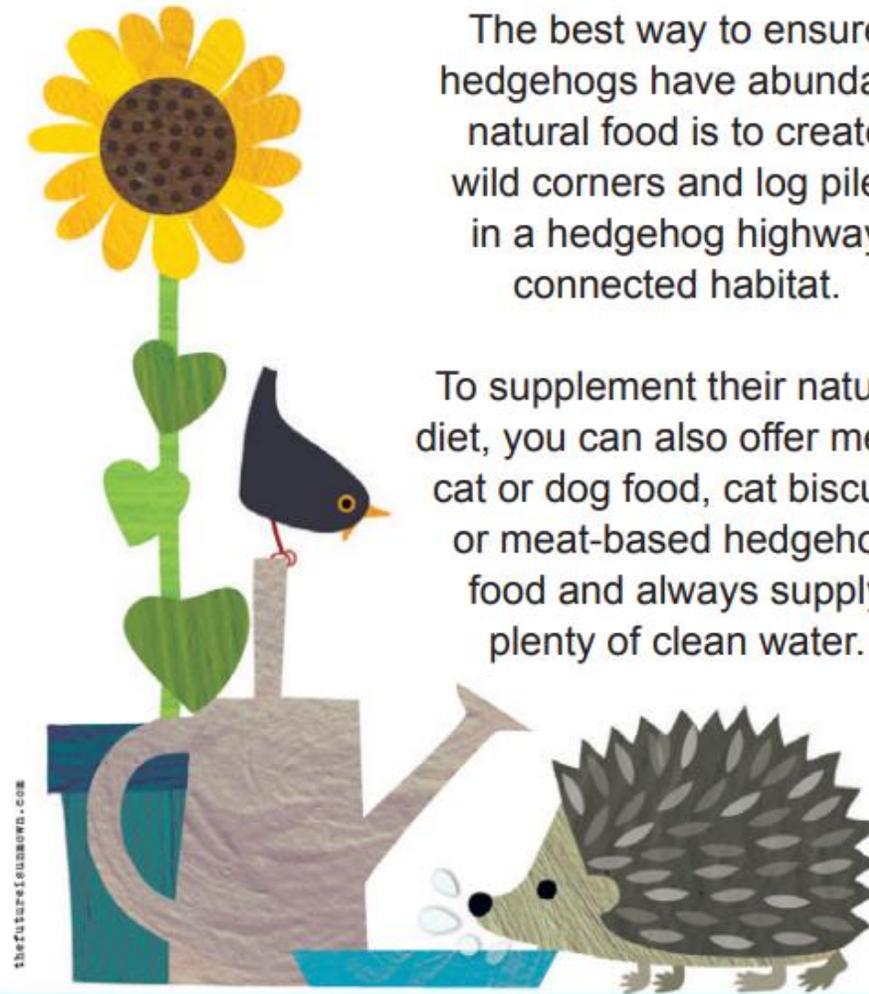


Natalie Richards. EYFS Lead

# Providing food and water for hedgehogs

The best way to ensure hedgehogs have abundant natural food is to create wild corners and log piles in a hedgehog highway connected habitat.

To supplement their natural diet, you can also offer meaty cat or dog food, cat biscuits or meat-based hedgehog food and always supply plenty of clean water.



The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, Hedgehog House, Dhustone, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 3PL

Tel: 01584 890801 E-mail: [info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk](mailto:info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk) [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk)

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Reg Charity No. 1164542

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# Ofsted Outstanding

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end the week, the sun is shining and that is a great way to think of this week- a week of sunshine across the school! The children have, as always, enjoyed their learning and it's been wonderful to see so many lessons taking place outside now the weather has improved- maths, science, PE, PSHE, reading. At one point this week, I think there were more children learning outside than in!

You'll see that your child has a new badge today; their outstanding badge. This is in recognition of our wonderful Ofsted and the fact that every day, they demonstrate outstanding qualities in their learning and time in school. We are so proud of the children, and I know you are too.

Please enjoy the weekend and the sunshine and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Fennelly

## **READ, READ, READ**

**Reading is the one thing that has the biggest impact on children's outcomes as they grow! The more you read with your child or listen to them read, the more their minds will grow!**

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

### **Reading with your child**

Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

Sharing picture books can be a lot of fun – but don't worry if your child gets distracted, chews the book or wanders off... that's perfectly normal! Don't worry if you don't have a lot of time in your busy day, either – just a few minutes can make a huge difference.



As children get older, with lots of other activities competing for their time, how can you encourage them to make time for reading?



- Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe? If you're watching TV, can they read out the listings?
- Give books as presents. And encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- Visit the local library together. It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops – children love meeting their favourite authors. Jacqueline Wilson and Anthony Horowitz always have signing queues that are miles long!
- Encourage children to carry a book at all times. That way, they'll never be bored (this is something you can do, too!)
- Have a family bookshelf. If you can, have bookshelves in your children's bedrooms, too.
- Keep reading together. Just because your children are older, it doesn't mean you have to stop sharing stories – perhaps you could try the Harry Potter series or *A Series of Unfortunate Events*.
- Don't panic if your child reads the same book over and over again. Let's be honest - we've all done it!

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.



Here's your friendly reminder that Dolce's theme day is nearly here. Book your meal on School Grid.  
Dinosaur day 16th May 2024

# DINOSAUR DAY

THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024

## MAINS

Chicken Dipper-Iodocus  
Tricera-Topped Pizza (V)  
Tyrannosaurus Wrap (Cheese, Tuna or Chicken Mayo)  
Prehistoric Potato Bar (V) (GF)

## SIDES

Pterodactyl Claw Wedges  
Herbivore Slaw  
Jurassic Beans  
Caveman Ketchup  
Vege-saurus Salad Bar

## DESSERTS

Ice Age Lollies (VG)  
Stegosaurus Spikes (Watermelon Wedges)  
Fresh Fruit

## Weekly Poster

**This week, we celebrated the fact that every child is a star. They show star quality in their learning and play and need to stand tall knowing how fantastic they are.**

**Great work everyone!**



## Scooters and Bikes

**It's great to see lots of children coming to school on scooters and bikes. Please remember that they should be pushed through the school grounds and not ridden. This will keep everyone safe.**





## REMINDER



**Lessons begin at 08:45am with a morning task in all classrooms. We know that a prompt start in the mornings has huge benefits on a child's learning. Unfortunately, repeated lateness can mean children missing vital input required for the day ahead.**

**Please ensure your child arrives in school on time, via their classroom.**

**If your child arrives through the office, they will be marked as late.**

# Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
13th May	Year 6	SATs Week
17th May	Year 6	Picnic Lunch for the children - 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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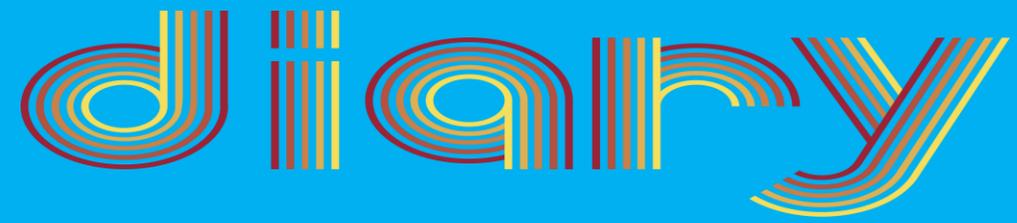
Date	Year group	Event
17th June	KS1 (Reception, Years 1, 2 & SU)	9:30am Sports Day – families invited
21st June	Year 6	Transition Prayer Space
28th June	Whole School	End of Year Reports
29th June	Whole School Community	School Summer Fete – Every-one invited
1st July	Changemakers	Changemakers to University 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	Children's 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 available 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



Children will come home today with a slip with details of how to order the class photos.

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## **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](mailto:info@simondesenslis.org)**

## 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 did  
you shine  
today?**



# Online Safety- Is being online affecting our child's mental health?

## Is being online affecting our child's mental health?

There are many positives to being online, but we do need to be aware of the negative aspects including those that may impact our child's mental health and wellbeing, for example:

- **Social media** (spending too much time on social media, comparing ourselves to others, filtered images and desire to achieve likes).
- **Cyberbullying**
- **Seeing inappropriate content**
- **Constantly connected/information overload**
- **Excessive screentime**
- **Negative impact on our sleep**



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# Online Safety- Online Safety Videos for Parents, Carers and Children



## SMART Video Lessons

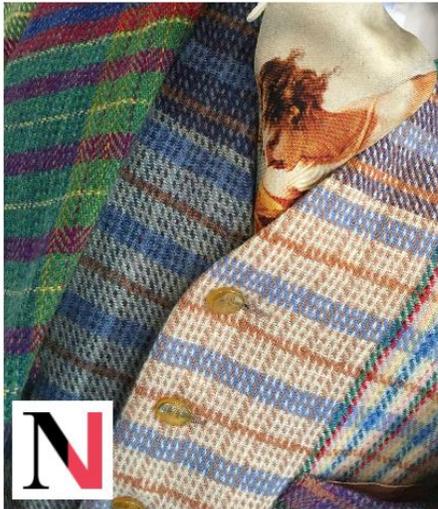
Six easy-to-follow videos on key online safety messages for parents, carers and professionals to watch together with children aged 6-9 years old.

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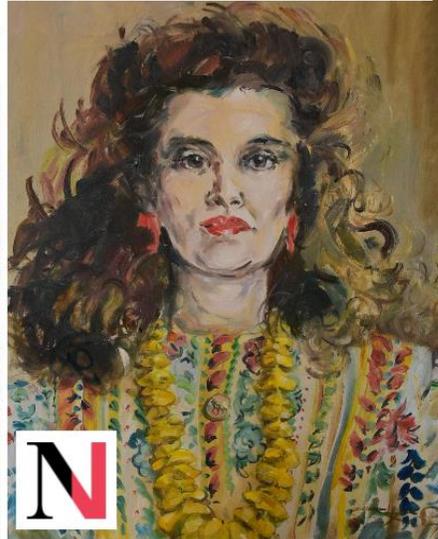
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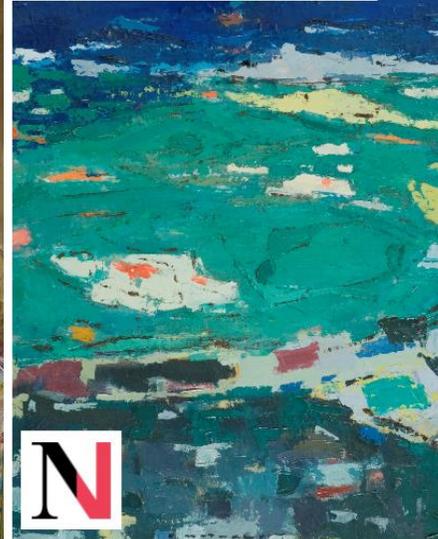
Vivienne Westwood: A Personal Collection



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](http://www.northamptonmuseums.com)

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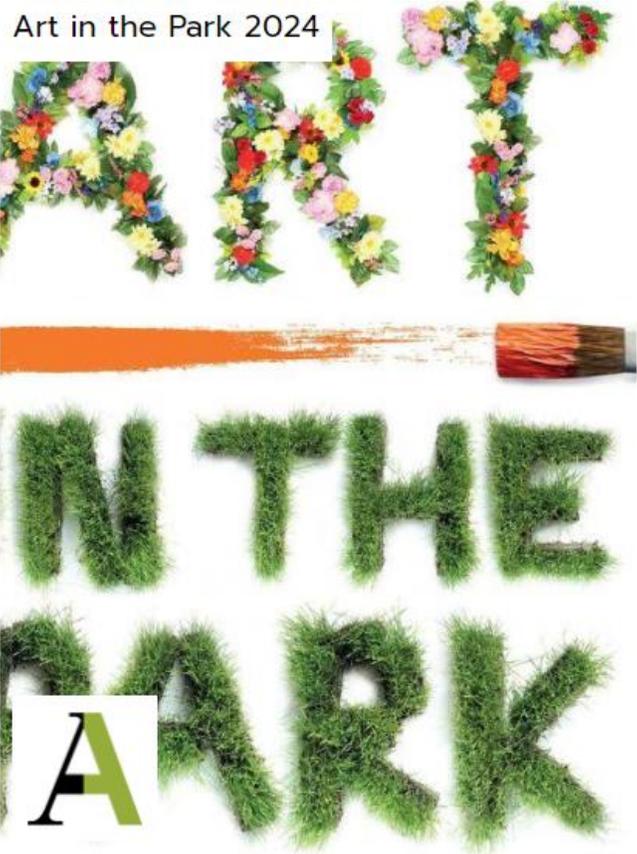
# Abington Park Museum- free exhibitions.

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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**

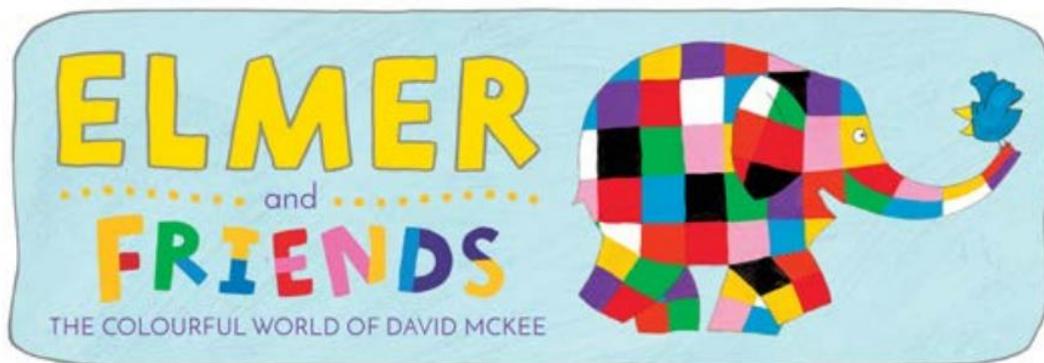
**22 June - 15 September**

**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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### 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

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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?



# FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE

## Be fraud alert: Warning over scam WhatsApp messages

Northamptonshire Police is urging people to be wary of possible scams on messaging service WhatsApp after people in community groups received fraudulent messages asking for money.

The Force has received several recent reports involving messages being sent to groups asking for financial help, with bank details provided for people to transfer money to.

Scams like this happen when someone within a WhatsApp group has had their account hacked and taken over by criminals, who then pose as the real group member to ask others to chat outside of the group, asking them to send money to them or buy gifts cards.

The best way to prevent such attacks is to turn on two-step verification (also known as two-factor authorisation) within WhatsApp and email accounts, to ensure your accounts are secure and criminals can't get into them.

If you have been targeted by a scam like this, don't send any further money and stop engaging with the fake contact.

Report what has happened to Action Fraud, the national reporting center for fraud and cyber-crime, which examines reports and passes them on to the relevant local force for investigation.

You can contact Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or going online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>



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Suitable for all

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outdoors  
Make new friends

£35

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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](mailto: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](http://www.wellingboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk)

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BRITISH WALKING FEDERATION

WML WALKING ASSOCIATION  
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# SPORTS - CRICKET

- If you are enjoying the start of the cricket season, then why not go along to the County Cricket Ground to watch the England Women v Pakistan Women T20 Friday 17th May. Junior tickets are just £5.
- More information can be found here;
- <https://nccc.co.uk/>



Looking for something fun to do over the May Holiday?

The Steelbacks hold May Half Term Mixed Skill Camps where you can develop your cricketing talents. You will meet new friends and get involved in a variety of activities, so book now to hold your place.

<https://nccc.co.uk/community-hub/>

## 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.

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**NHS**  
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

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](mailto: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

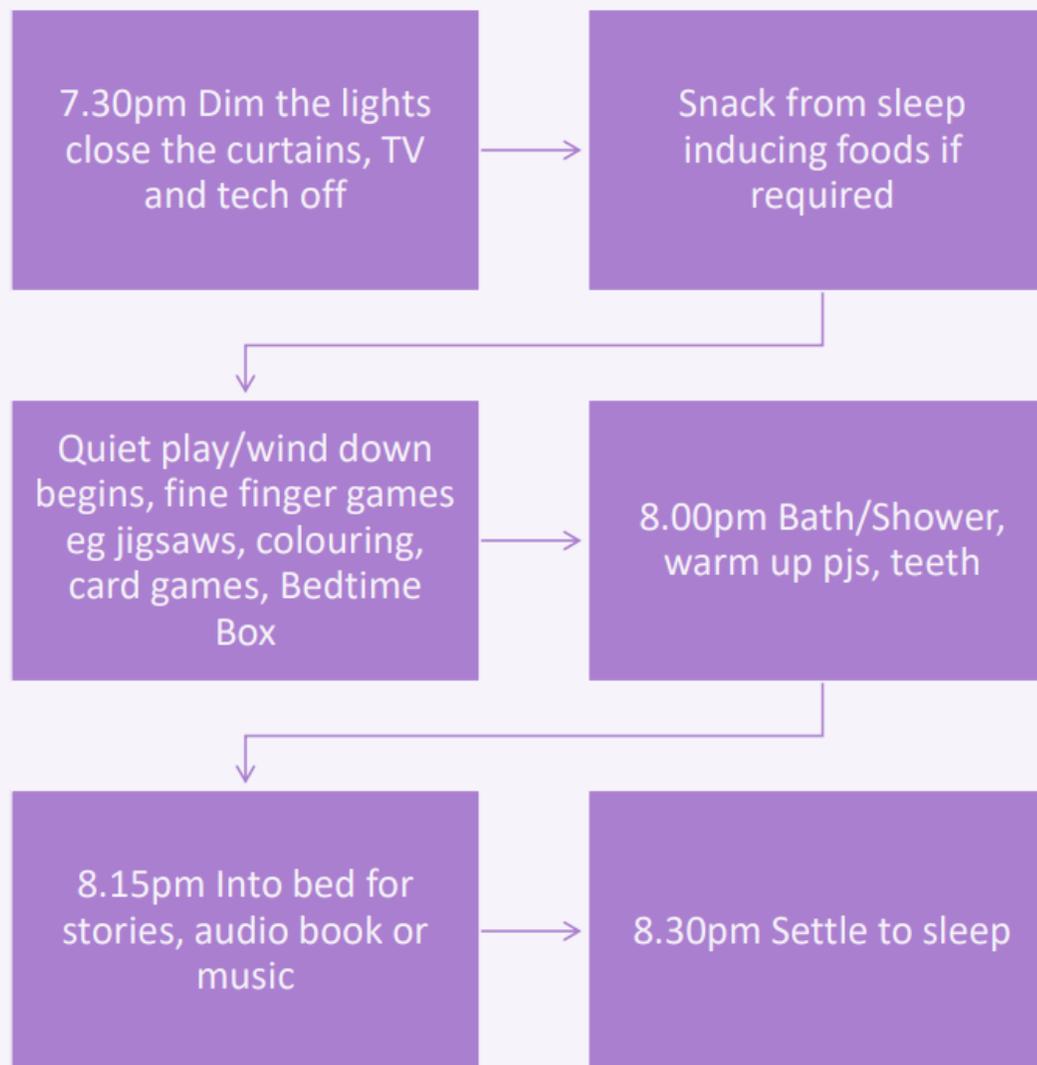
Weighted Blankets  
- limit use or  
compression sheet

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

# Simon de Senlis Primary

## 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.



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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!

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DELAPRE ABBEY  
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fiona@enfold.org.uk



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# 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 ORX

**Book 8 days  
in advance**

via [www.trilogyleisure.co.uk](http://www.trilogyleisure.co.uk)

# DELAPRE ABBEY

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

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



# 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

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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

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- **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!

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Sunday  
26th May  
at Sixfields  
Stadium



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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](http://www.northamptonshirehealthcharity.co.uk)

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## COMMON GROUND

### Rambling and our Rights of Way



Writer & Lyricist: Pappy Hollman | Director: Gitika Buttoo | Composer: Dan McGlade | Musical Director & Arranger: Rebekah Hughes | Designer: Celia Perkins

**AD** This production has integrated audio description

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm

### DEAFCONNECT

### DALLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, NN5 7BZ

### Tickets £12 Tel: 01484 843701 or

### [www.mikron.org.uk](http://www.mikron.org.uk)

### This performance will be BSL interpreted.



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THEATRE WHERE YOU ARE

## COMMON GROUND

### Rambling and our Rights of Way

Join Mikron on a 'hill-arious' ramble through the history of land access in England.

From ze Norman Conquest to loitering in lockdown, via The Mass Trespass at Kinder Scout.

The Pendle and District Ramblers are looking forward to celebrating 'in stile' on their 50th anniversary walk, but the path has been blocked by the landowner.

How will they find their way through?

Their quest for freedom and fresh air won't be easy, as they navigate bulls, beavers, and wandering sheep.

Grab your boots and waterproof for a meander with Mikron on a hike through history.

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"British Theatre's hidden gem" *The Telegraph*  
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# NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

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

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

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

November 2024					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

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

January 2025					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

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

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

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

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

June 2025					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
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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
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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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026\*  
 (disaggregated)

September 2025					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
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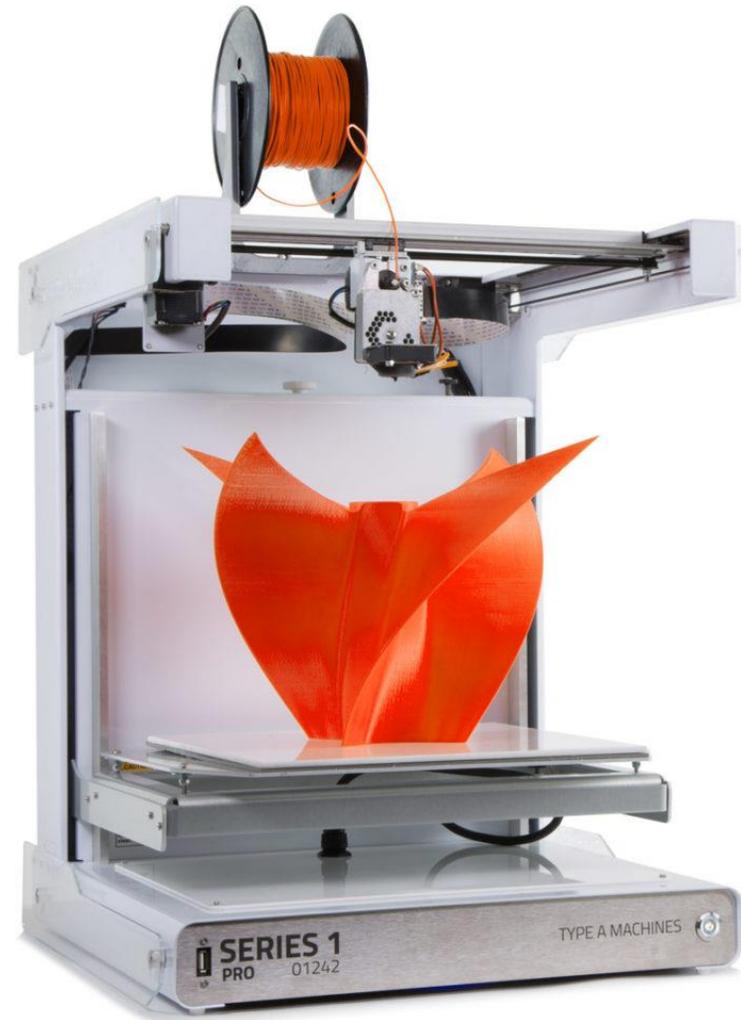
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# News For Our Children

10th May 2024





**Can the past help us  
learn about modern  
life?**



## Spring has Sprung!

Trees and hedgerows are currently adorned with colourful blossom. Plants and trees that will go on to produce fruit, grow buds at first, which flower once warmer weather arrives in the spring. This is the blossom that we are seeing now. The flowers attract bees



**Pictured:** Cherry blossom. **Source:** Canva.

and other insects, which pollinate them by transferring pollen between different flowers. After pollination, the flowers will fall away, making space for fruit to form. Blossom trees are very special in some countries. In Japan, Hanami is a special festival held to celebrate its much-loved cherry blossom trees, known as Sakura, and the arrival of spring. Every year, around the end of March and beginning of April, crowds flock to enjoy the canopies of delicate pink blossom. In the UK, a number of common trees produce blossom at this time of year, including hawthorn, blackthorn, and apple trees. There is also a huge range of kept gardens and parks containing diverse collections of fruit trees.

## Island Rescue

Three sailors have been rescued from a remote Pacific island after being stranded there for a week following an accident involving their fishing boat. The fishermen's boat was struck by a large wave, damaging the outboard motor. When the mariners attempted to make contact with coastguards, they found their radio had run out of battery. Luckily, the men managed to swim to a small, nearby island called Pikelot Atoll, where they cleverly fashioned a 'help' sign using palm fronds. The search for the sailors began in early



**Pictured:** Desert island. **Source:** Canva.

April after they had been reported missing but rescue efforts were initially hindered due to bad weather. Guam rescuers were later joined by a US Navy team and one other coastguard crew to search an area of over 100,000 miles! Navy aircraft spotted the mariners' huge 'help' sign, and the men were rescued shortly after and returned safely to their families.

### Can you learn to persevere?



*I think that if you keep being positive and if you don't give up, you can learn to persevere.*

**Ava**

## World's biggest 3D printer

The Advanced Structures and Composites Center (ASCC), at the University of Maine, in Orono, USA, has unveiled the world's biggest 3D printer! The printer is able to print entire homes and make completely recyclable neighbourhoods. Called 'Factory of the Future 1.0' (FoF 1.0), it is four times larger than the previous Guinness World Record holder, which is also located at the university. The FoF 1.0 is able to print objects up to 30 metres long, by about 10 metres wide, by 5 metres high, and has an impressive



production speed of 227 kilograms of material an hour. 'This new technology allows UMaine-ASCC to scale-up its research and production of its innovative biobased 3D printed home technology,' said MaineHousing's Development Director Mark Wiesendanger. 'This effort creates another means of producing quality affordable housing, while further driving costs down, and using abundant wood residuals from Maine's sawmills.' **Would you like to live in a home that has been created by a 3D printer?**



**Pictured (Right):** Factory of the Future 1.0.  
**Pictured (Left):** A home produced by the world's previous largest 3D printer.  
**Source:** UMaine Advanced Structures and Composites Center Facebook page.

## Sapphire Tower

Puya alpestris, commonly known as Sapphire Tower because of its turquoise-blue flowers, is a rare plant that only blooms once every 20 years! Horticulturists at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, UK, have released pictures of their plant flowering. As there were no hummingbirds around, scientists at the gardens have been trying to help the plant to reproduce by carefully hand pollinating with a paint brush. Horticulturist, Alberto Trinco said, 'Each flower only lasts a few days, giving us a limited window of time to give nature a helping hand. In the absence of its natural pollinators, we will attempt some hand pollination instead. It is very slow-growing, so to witness its spectacular blooms is both exciting and rare. Hopefully pollinating the flowers with the brush to obtain seeds will allow us to secure the

presence of this amazing species in our collection for future generations to come admire.'

**Did you know that some plants only flower once every 20 years?**



**Pictured:** The Puya alpestris and Alberto Trinco.  
**Source:** Birmingham Botanical Gardens Facebook page.

### Can you learn to persevere?



*I think persevering is really important and if you try hard, you can reach your goals.*

**Patrick**

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Can the past help us learn about modern life?

## In the news this week

A new study from the Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory, using evidence found in northwestern Italy, has found that Neanderthals (an extinct relative of humans) organised their living areas in a similar way to people today. It was thought that Neanderthals' lives weren't as sophisticated as this or as similar to those of modern humans. The researchers looked at sites of both Neanderthals and Homo sapiens and compared how things like tools and animal bones were positioned in the living area. They found Neanderthals organised their items depending on the different tasks and activities they were doing.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to the new research findings about Neanderthals' lives.
- > How is your home organised? Do you have different areas for different activities?
- > Think about how organised or tidy people at your home or school are. Is everyone the same?

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