



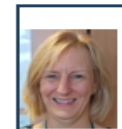
National Biscuit Day
29th May 2024

Designated Safeguarding Lead

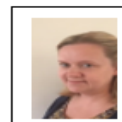


Joanne Fennelly.
Headteacher

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

Britain's best loved biscuits

A recent poll has revealed Britain's favourite biscuits



1. Chocolate Digestive
2. Chocolate Hobnob
3. Jammie Dodger
4. Custard Crème
5. Shortbread
6. Bourbon
7. Jaffa Cake
8. Ginger Nut
9. Digestive
10. Wagon Wheel
11. Kit Kat
12. Caramel Wafer
13. Double chocolate chip cookie
14. Rich Tea
15. Fig Roll
16. Milk chocolate chip cookie
17. Malted Milk
18. Chocolate Finger
19. Hob Nob
20. Chunky Cookie



Are you looking for term time only job?

We are looking to recruit a reliable and committed Teaching Assistant 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 September 2024. Days of work: Monday – Friday 8.45am to 3.15pm, term time only.

Starting salary: Grade D, Point 3 (£22,737 FTE – pro-rata). Hourly rate £11.79 pay award pending.

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



Three stylized orange figures of increasing size, standing in a row.
Ofsted
Outstanding



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week to end the term on, after welcoming Northants Sings Out on Monday. The choir were beyond brilliant, and the children LOVED every minute of their performance. There was singing, clapping, dancing and even a standing ovation from the whole school! Everyone felt so positive afterwards, even into the following days. Isn't it amazing what music and togetherness can do for our wellbeing. I hope your child told you all about the concert. We'll find out on Saturday evening during 'Britain's Got Talent', if they've got through to the semi-finals. I know we'll all have our fingers crossed! You never know, maybe they'll win and take their beautiful singing to The Albert Hall?

As ever, the whole school have been wonderful during the term, and it has been another great success! Thank you for your continued support of the school and of your child's learning; as you know this partnership is paramount and one, I wholly appreciate.

Please have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday June 4th.

Mrs Fennelly

SIMON DE SENLIS

SUMMER FETE



SATURDAY JUNE 29TH

🕒 **11:30 - 12:00 QUIET HALF HOUR**

🕒 **12:00 - 2:30 OPEN TO ALL**

BBQ ♦ PIMMS STALL ♦ RAFFLE ♦ BOUNCY CASTLES
CAKE SALE ♦ TOMBOLA ♦ GAMES ♦ TEA & COFFEE
VISIT FROM FIRE & POLICE
AND LOTS MORE FUN!



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.

Weekly Poster

This week, we celebrated how wonderful we felt when the choir had performed to us; how music can make us happy and how we should look for the positives around us.

We also celebrated the positives from the term. Great work everyone!



Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
24th May	Whole School	We will be sending pint pots home. Filled pots will be used at our summer fete <i>No Nuts or Chocolate please</i>
4th June	New starters for Reception 2024	Taster sessions
4th June	Whole School	Unwanted toys, books and other items, please bring to your teacher
7th June	Whole School	Mufti (wear your own clothes) Bring a bottle
7th June	Whole School & Families	Fun Run 3:30pm to 4:30pm. If taking part, wear PE for the day

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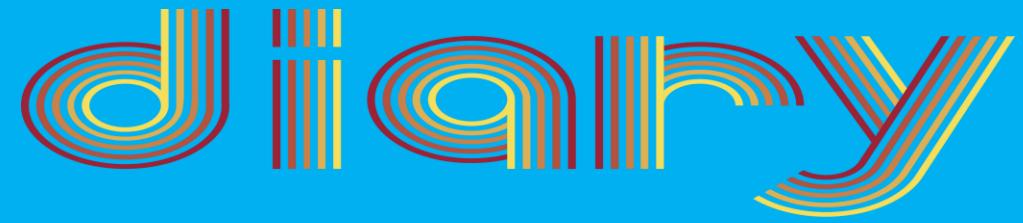
Date	Year group	Event
13th June	New Reception Parents 2024/25	Parent Intake Meeting 6:00pm to 8:00pm
17th June	KS1 (Reception, Years 1, 2 & SU)	9:30am Sports Day – families invited to the school field
21st June	Year 6	Transition Prayer Space
21st June	Whole School	Mufti day for returning your pint pots
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 (Year 3, year 4, year 5 & Year 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
23rd July	Whole School	SdS Has Talent Show. Children only.
23rd July	Year 6	Domino's Pizza Lunch

Trips Dates for your



Year Group	Date	Event
Year 1	14th June	Woburn Safari Park
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 University of Northampton
Year 6	1st - 5th July	Isle of Wight Residential

Dates from The Friends

Year Group	Date	Event
Whole School	May 23rd	Pint Pots Sent Home
Whole School	June 4th	Bring any unwanted toys, books, items in good condition
Whole School	June 7th	Mufti Day in return for bringing a bottle into school
Whole School	June 21st	Mufti day in return for bringing the filled pint pot back into school
Whole School	June 28th	Key skills- to bake a cake for the fete- bring in to school today
Whole School	June 29th	Summer Fete



Weston Favell Employment Hub Event

Council teams up with Weston Favell Shopping Centre to launch employability hub helping local people find jobs

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) has teamed up with Weston Favell Shopping Centre to launch an employability hub dedicated to helping local people find work and volunteering opportunities.

The hub is inclusive to everybody including those with learning disabilities (LD) and Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and will benefit from support via WNC's [Learning, Independence, Volunteering, and Employment \(LIVE\) Team](#), who will also support businesses to become more inclusive by taking practical steps to welcome a more diverse workforce.

A launch event will take place at Weston Favell Library on Friday 24 May, from 10am to 2pm, with WNC's [Adult Learning](#) and Economic Growth and Inward Investment teams presenting local employment, training and volunteering opportunities, plus Community Connect providing welfare and wellbeing support. In addition, Futures will be attending on behalf of the National Careers Service.

The hub will begin with a one-off event with an ambition to develop a more regular programme moving forward.

WESTON FAVELL

EMPLOYMENT HUB EVENT

**FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2024****10 AM – 2 PM****WESTON FAVELL LIBRARY,
NORTHAMPTON, NN3 8JZ**

SCAN HERE

Join us and get help with: -

- ➔ **Jobsearching**
- ➔ **CV writing**
- ➔ **Interview tips & tricks**
- ➔ **Starting a business & more**



Thunk of the Week

A **thunk** is an **unusual question** that makes you **think**. A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light.



**What makes
you happy? How
do you make
others happy?**



NPAT Reading Challenge 2024 – Poetry Slam

The theme of this year's challenge is to learn a poem by heart
*Imagine reading (or writing) a wonderful poem –then being able
to take it wherever you go as you can remember every word!*

You are never alone if you know a poem by heart!

Just imagine how you could use it!

This year, we want you to read lots of poems
(or you can write your own composition) and
choose **one** poem to perform.





NPAT Reading Challenge 2024 – Poetry Slam

Every child is encouraged to write or learn a poem by heart and share it in their class Poetry Slam competition during the week of **Monday 10th June**. If you would like to enter the competition, please return the entry form to your class teacher before Monday 10th June.

The winner from each class will be entered into the whole school poetry slam where 2 children will be selected as the winners (KS1 and KS2 winner). These winners will receive a £10 book voucher and will go forward into our Trust competition for the chance to win a £50 voucher for their class.

Please try to learn your poem over half term so that you are ready to perform!



NPAT Reading Challenge 2024 – Poetry Slam

The school with the most entries will become the overall winner and will receive the NPAT Trophy!
We would **love** to win!

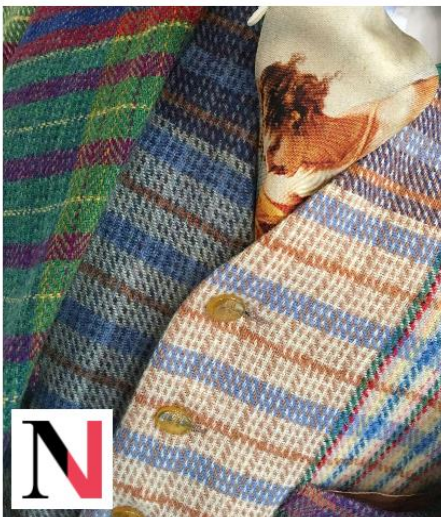
Every child who enters will receive a Poetry Slam certificate.



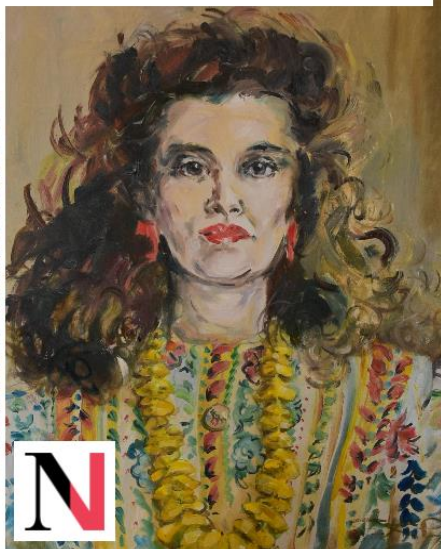
Northampton Museum and Gallery- town centre free exhibitions.

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

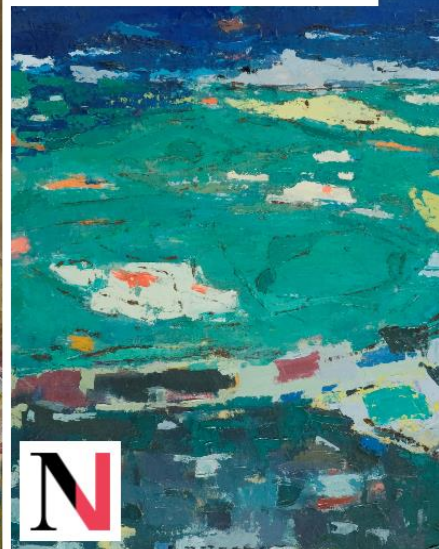
Vivienne Westwood: A Personal Collection



Life and Art: Elke Pollard Retrospective



From The Collection: Abstract Art



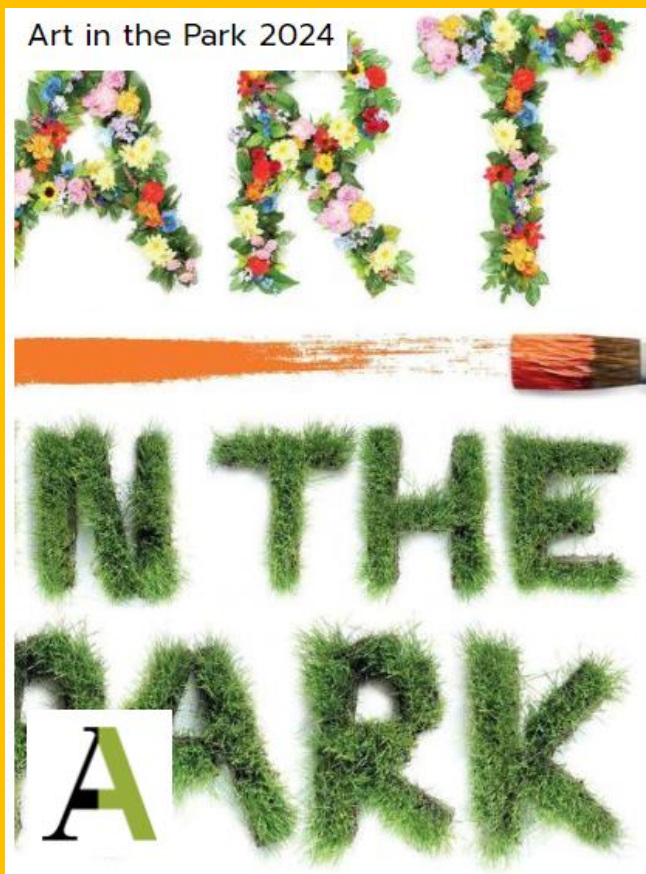
Abington Park Museum- free exhibitions.

What's On (northamptonmuseums.com)

Beyond Photography: Artworks by Andy Carter



Art in the Park 2024



It's A Bug's Life



Northampton Museum and Gallery- town centre free exhibitions.

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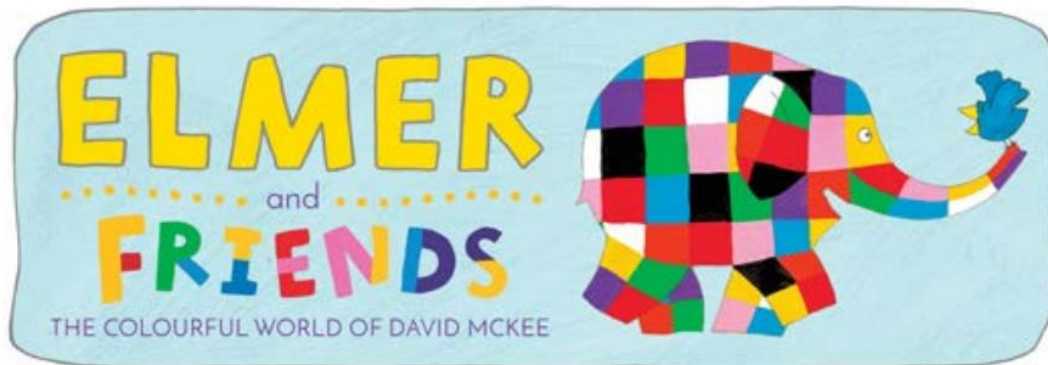
22 June - 15 September

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*.

Northampton Museum and Gallery- town centre free exhibitions.

[Northampton_Museum_Whats_on_in_May_August_2024.pdf](#)



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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

Northampton Museum and Gallery- town centre free exhibitions.

[Northampton Museum Whats on May August 2024.pdf](#)

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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 ➔

IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK...

Wow what a treat we had this week during our assembly! This week, we had a visit from the local choir, Northants Sings Out, who have recently appeared on Britain's Got Talent. They came and talked to us about their experiences and the preparation they needed for the great event. We asked some wonderful questions about their favourite songs, the judges and how pleased they were to have four judgements of 'Yes'!

To finish with, they then amazed us with a fabulous singing performance. What an experience!



SPORTS - SWIMMING

- If you are looking to improve your stroke technique or just improve your confidence in the water, there are swim camps run by trilogy. Just follow the link to find out more and enjoy the challenge of progressing to the next level
- <https://www.trilogyactive.co.uk/junior-activities/holiday-activities/>
- Alternatively, you may like to try out some of the sporting sessions organized over the holiday.

Water Wizards

Water Wizards swim school offers the Swim England Learn to Swim Programme at NSG & NSB. These sessions are taught in small groups for all abilities. To find out more follow the link; <https://www.swimwithwaterwizards.co.uk/>



SPORTS -

**Looking for something
active to do in the holiday?**



Northamptonshire Sport continue to run holiday activity camps at Benham Sports Arena. The cost is £15 per child per day for 5 to 11 year olds. Skills will be taught and developed through fun games and activities to help children develop fundamental movement skills .

For booking and information go to;

<https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/type/events/may-activity-camps/>

Stay active – Miss Bland

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...

Are you struggling to afford essential energy costs or heat your home?

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FREE Service Activities:

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entitlements to benefits and grants, debt management
- Home Energy Assessments**
an in-home assessment to identify and remedy any problem areas to improve home warmth
- Energy Efficiency Advice**
ensuring energy costs are kept as low as possible and energy is used efficiently
- Energy Saving Measures**
small energy saving measures such as low energy light bulbs and radiator foils
- Emergency Fund**
to cover the cost of larger measures to improve home warmth including boiler replacements, insulation, window repairs/replacement

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Mental Health Awareness Week 2024



This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and ‘Moving More For Our Mental Health’ is the theme for this year.

Regular physical activity is known to improve mental health, quality of life, and wellbeing.

One of the most important things we can do to help protect our mental health is regular movement.

Our bodies and our minds are connected, so looking after ourselves physically also helps us prevent problems with our mental health. Exercise releases “feel good” hormones, that reduce feelings of stress and anger. It also helps us feel better about our bodies. It can improve our sleep too. If it involves other people, like being part of a team, a class or group we see regularly, that can also boost our mental health.

For more information please visit: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week/boost-your-mental-health-moving-more>

Ms Cunningham



**MENTAL
HEALTH
AWARENESS
WEEK**
13-19 MAY 2024



Find moments for movement every day

Life gets busy and it can feel like we don't have time to spend on activities to improve our wellbeing. But, finding moments for movement throughout the day might be easier than you think.

How often do you find yourself 'waiting' throughout the day? Waiting for the kettle to boil; for your children to come out of school; for a bus to arrive; or for a delivery. These moments can add up. If you use the time to get moving, that will add up too. You could march on the spot, do some stretches, or try some chair exercises.

Give it a go! You'll be surprised how much time you can fill with movement.



**MENTAL
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13-19 MAY 2024

Set small, achievable goals

When you're beginning to move more for your mental health, set yourself small goals. It might be walking to the end of your street. Then you can push yourself a little further each day.

Perhaps keep a movement journal so you can track your progress and how it makes you feel. Your goals are personal to you, and as you make progress you will create positive feelings that can boost your confidence and mood.





**MENTAL
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Take a break from sitting

Many of us are sitting for long periods during the day: working at desks, driving, sitting down to browse the internet or scroll through social media, watching our favourite television show or reading a book.

Research shows that it's unhealthy to be sitting or not moving for long. If you are sitting for large periods of time throughout the day, set a timer to take regular breaks to stand up, walk around and stretch your body.



Find the fun

However you choose to get moving, the best option is usually the one we enjoy the most.

Do you remember the joy and excitement when the school bell rang for break time? We couldn't wait to get outside to run around and play.

As we get older, we sometimes forget that movement can be fun! Instead of thinking of exercise as a chore, embrace your inner child and find the joy in movement. Fun and laughter alongside movement will increase your motivation and the psychological benefits.





Simon de Senlis Primary



Dear parents and carers, as you are aware we have recently joined a school SEND partnership with Hunsbury Park Primary. As a result of this, we are able to offer parents access to some free online workshops run by a host of SEN practitioners across the year.

This term we are pleased to offer you a Zoom online session with Mosaic Educational Psychology Service on Tuesday 21st May 2024 from 7-9pm. Details of the session content are below:

“ASD, ADHD and understanding neurodivergent masking”

This session is completely free to all parents with children at Simon de Senlis. To register your interest you must consent to share your email address with Kate Burt from Hunsbury Park Primary School. Closer to the time we will then send out a Zoom link. This link must not be shared with anyone else whose children do not attend our school as Kate Burt will collate a list of parent's email addresses and these will be checked during the meeting.

We hope that you will take up this exciting offer.


Please register your interest by replying to the email (sent to all parents on Parentmail) by Friday 17th May.

Any questions please contact me via the school.

Many thanks, Ms Cunningham

School SEND Partnership Offer
Academic Year: September 2023 – July 2024

Next online parent event:

	<p>Mosaic Educational Psychology Service</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 21st May</u> <u>7-9pm</u> <u>Online via Zoom</u></p> <p>Topic: SEND Partnership: Mosaic Educational Psychology Service Time: May 21, <u>2024</u> 07:00 PM London</p>
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MAY HALF TERM

Tennis & Multi Sports Camp
ROADE TENNIS CLUB, NN2 7LS



Full Week - £75

Full Day (9am-4pm) - £25

Half Day (9am-12am/1pm-4pm) - £12.50

Early Drop Off (8:15am) - £2.50

Late Pick Up (Up to 5:30pm) £5

Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May

BOOK HERE:



<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RoadeTennisClub/Coaching/Camp/db1882d4-edee-4349-9839-2d782ba154a2>

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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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outdoors
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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

Food Aid / Community Larders. No referral required

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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
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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
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December 2024					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
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January 2025					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
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February 2025					
Mon	3	10	17	24	
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March 2025					
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April 2025					
Mon		7	14	21	28
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May 2025					
Mon		5	12	19	26
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July 2025					
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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

24th May 2004



Swimming Lessons!

Wildlife photographer, Bertie Gregory, couldn't believe his eyes when he witnessed baby penguins making a giant leap from the top of an ice shelf into the ocean. The photographer expressed concern for the penguins as the jump was an enormous 15m drop, and the icy Antarctic sea below was full of floating chunks of ice. But he says, 'To my amazement, they were not just surviving but popping up and going, 'I can swim!' This is their first swim ever, the first swim of their lives.' Before Gregory captured his incredible images, researchers had been unsure



Pictured: Emperor penguin with its chick.
Source: Canva.

about how the chicks came down such steep slopes. This ritual of the penguin chicks taking their first plunge from the ice is called fledging. Emperor penguins are known to nest on sea ice. However, as ice shelves have become more fragile in the past 20 years, they have been forced to form colonies on the permanent ice shelves, which are much higher.

Hay Fever Returns

Runny nose? Itchy eyes? Can't stop sneezing? You may be struggling with hay fever. Not everyone has hay fever, but it is quite common with around 13 million people in the UK struggling with it. At this time of year, as temperatures rise and trees and flowers begin to bloom, more pollen is in the air. It is this pollen that causes hay fever as some people are allergic to it. There are, in fact, different types of pollen, such as grass pollen, tree pollen and weed pollen. The body works to protect itself by getting rid of pollen and this results in hay

fever symptoms, namely itchy eyes, a runny nose and lots of sneezing! Some ways to help manage these symptoms include wearing sunglasses to limit pollen getting into your eyes, closing windows at night and changing clothes after you have been outside.



Pictured: Boy sneezing. **Source:** Canva.

Can the past help us learn about modern life?



I think it just goes to show, we have more similarities than differences.

Eden, 6

Street Librarian's Success

Araba Maze is a street librarian and influencer who lives in Baltimore in the U.S. state of Maryland. She is combatting the book desert in her local area by becoming a street librarian and setting up a free book vending machine. A book desert is an area with limited or no access to appropriate books, with no libraries or bookshops in walking distance. Araba set up Storybook Maze after talking with children, who had joined her on her stoop at home to listen to the stories she was reading to her nieces. When she finished the last story, the children didn't want to leave, and this was when she discovered that they had no books at home! Araba then used her experience as a librarian to put together a collection of books to take to the children as a mobile library. She used her social media platforms to



Pictured: Street librarian Araba Maze.
Source: Storybook Maze Facebook page.

raise money to have a free book vending machine installed as well. Storybook Maze's next aim is to raise enough money to provide a Book Trolley – a colourful train with carriages full of books and places for people to read. 'This book haven on wheels aims to break down barriers and provide access to books that traditional libraries can't reach,' Maze writes about the new project. 'As the wheels of the Book Trolley turn, so do the pages of countless stories waiting to be discovered!'

Do you think this is a good way to make sure that everyone can access books? What else do you think could be done?

Blue Whale Comeback

For the first time in decades, many blue whales have been seen near Seychelles! Seychelles is an African country: a nation of 115 islands scattered across more than a million square kilometres of the Indian Ocean. Scientists from Florida International University (FIU) and University of Seychelles conducted two expeditions covering about 5,500km across the northern Seychelles. They reported a total five sightings, including groups of up to ten blue whales. Marine biologists say that the return of blue whales in eastern Africa, following intense whaling, offers hope of their number increasing. Jeremy Kiszka from FIU, who worked on the project, said, 'When blue whales were sighted, we approached them slowly to obtain details of their group size and behaviour. Photographs of both left and right sides of the dorsal region were taken to identify them. Because

colouration patterns are unique to each animal, we knew that at least five individuals were identified during this expedition. After sharing our pictures with other research groups working on blue whales in the Indian Ocean, no "match" was found. This means the whales we identified in Seychelles might have been photographed for the first time ever!'

Did you know that blue whales are the largest creatures on Earth? They can grow up to 30 metres in length! Do you know any facts about blue whales?



Pictured: Blue Whale.
Source: Florida International University @FIU X page.

Can the past help us learn about modern life?



I think we should use what we have learnt about people in the past to improve our lives now. We should look at things that they did right and do them that way again but not copy things that didn't work out so well. Trudie

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



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**Is it fair to judge others
based on first impressions?**

In the news this week

An all-girls football team has won a league dominated by boys' teams, after going unbeaten for an entire season. The Queens Park Ladies U12s finished top of their table with eighteen wins in the group of eleven boys' teams. They were the only girls' team in the Bournemouth Youth Football League, playing in its third division for under-12s. The players, who train twice a week, have now proved themselves against the other teams.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on why you think some other teams pre-judged the Queens Park Ladies U12s.
- > Have you ever experienced a time when someone has made an assumption about you that has been wrong or unfair?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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