



The June Bug

Designated Safe Guarding Lead



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June Bugs – some facts

- **Nobody can figure out why they're hanging around your electric lights**

Scientists have no explanation for the June bug's manic attraction to electric lights.

Late May and early June is mating season. The June bugs have just weeks to reproduce. Then they die.

- **June bugs spend most of their lives underground**

The white, grub-like larva of the June bug lives in soil for up to three years.

They love nice green lawns.

- **They have an extra set of wings, but they can't fly**

These notoriously bad flyers actually, have two sets of wings.

Only one of those pairs provides what scientists call lift.

Given their manic attraction to light, June bugs quickly exhaust themselves, and they collapse belly up

- **That floundering June bug is somebody's dinner**

June bugs that crash to the ground become an important source of food for birds and mammals.

That includes crows, blue jays, skunks and raccoons.

- **June bugs are beetles**

June bugs are members of the vast and diverse group of insects we call beetles.

Beetles have been around 230 million years. That's older than the dinosaurs.

One in four of all animals now living is a beetle.



Are you looking for term time only job and one with great job satisfaction?

We are looking to recruit a reliable and committed Teaching Assistant to join our happy and 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



Dear Parents and Carers,

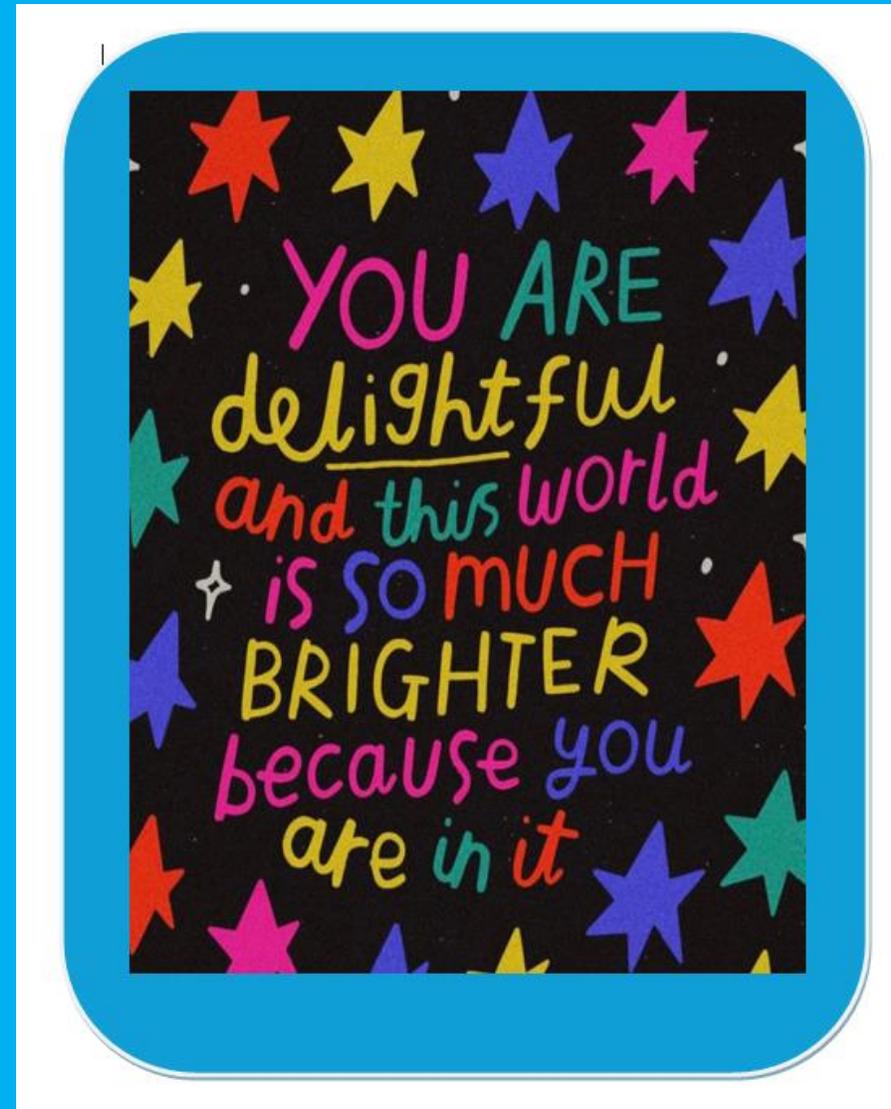
Today, we all watched Dyson class as they performed their musical medley to the school, on the stage, in the hall. They have been rehearsing with a music teacher in preparation for The Festival at The Derngate on Tuesday evening. I was so impressed to see their confidence and self assurance that they had whilst performing; each child in time and ready to support their peers to ensure the performance was excellent. Five weeks ago, the children were naturally worried and nervous about this event and the complex music that they had to learn and perform, and today they shone with confidence. We were all so proud of them. The audience of children and staff were engrossed in the performance and gave the class a standing ovation! How wonderful that we have children with such perseverance, drive and determination, along with children who show their happiness and appreciation to their friends.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Fennelly

Weekly Poster

This week our poster celebrates each child and how amazing they are. In addition, it was lovely for the children to hear that their class, the day and the school is so much brighter because of them!





ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

Pupil Premium Payment 2024-2025

As you may be aware all children are entitled to free school meals whilst they are in reception class, year 1 and year 2 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?

If your application is successful, you will receive:

- School uniform voucher for the year.
- 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 applicable.

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).

To check your eligibility please follow the link below and select 'Apply for the Pupil premium' Alternatively collect a form from the office and we can complete the application on your behalf.

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/pupil-premium.aspx>

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!



Weekly Poster

This week, we reminded everyone about SDS Has Talent. If you want to take part on your own or in a group, start practicing and the semi finals will take place in year groups. The final will take part on July 23rd.



SDS Has Talent 2024 What is your talent?

**Decide on your act, rehearse and practice.
The semi-finals will take place in year groups on July 11th and 12th.**

**Two acts per year group will be chosen to perform in the
FINAL on July 23rd**

GOOD LUCK!

You'll shine like a star!!

Dates for your



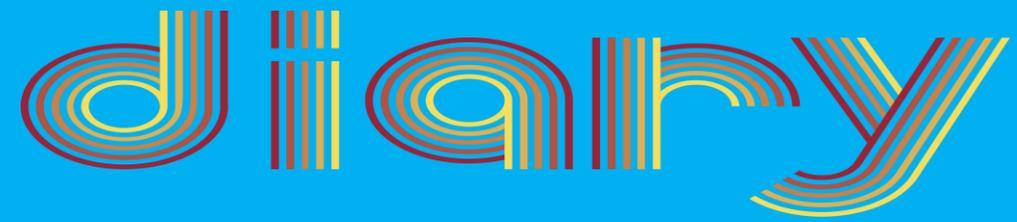
Date	Year group	Event
17th June	KS1 (Reception, Years 1, 2 & SU)	Sport Day. 9:30am until approx: 11:30am. Families invited to the school field
21st June	Year 6	Transition Prayer Space
21st June	Whole School	Mufti day for returning your pint pots
27th June	Whole School	Mental Health Support Team. Problem solving/resilience
28th June	Whole School	Key skills - Bring a cake to school to sell at the fete
29th June	Whole School & Community	School Summer Fete – Everyone invited. 11:30 – 12:00 is Quiet Time 12:00 – 2:30 Please all join us
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)	Sports Day. 9:30am until approx: 11:30am. Families invited to the school field
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 3	20th – 21st June	Frontier Centre Residential
Year 4	26th – 28th June	West Runton Residential
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	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 Please no nuts
Whole School	June 29th	Summer Fete Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets

**Please come and check the lost
property trolley**

**Please name all clothing, especially
jumpers so they can be returned
safely!**

Parent Governor Vacancy

The local governing body carries out its role by helping to set the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving this vision by building a thorough knowledge of the school and local community, supporting and constructively challenging the school, and ensuring accountability and compliance.

Whilst experience of matters relating to education is useful, you do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor. However, you will be asked to demonstrate skills and experience that will enhance governance of the school, a commitment to undertake training and a willingness to engage in the life of the school. You will need to set aside time to be able to be an effective governor: time to prepare for meetings, visit the school and undertake training.

If you would like to find out more about being a governor at our school, please email your contact details to info@simondesenlis.org and they will be passed on to Charlotte Rickards, Chair of Governors, who is more than happy to have a conversation and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to stand for election as a parent governor, please complete the nomination form available from the office. If you wish to nominate another parent, please obtain their permission first. **Application forms should be returned by Tuesday 25th June 2024**

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.

**When have you
showed
determination
and drive
and what was the
outcome?**



Joyful June 2024

MONDAY



3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

TUESDAY



4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

WEDNESDAY



5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

THURSDAY



6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

FRIDAY



7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

SATURDAY

1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

SUNDAY

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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.



CIRCUS

Our fantastic School Council have arranged a fun team building activity to celebrate a successful year.

What: Each class will work as a team to practise and learn circus skills with JustKaren, circus skills.

When: Thursday 11th July or Friday 12th July

(Your class teacher will be able to tell you what day)

What to wear: School uniform

Donation: £2.00 made payable via Parentmail.



Exhibitions

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June 2024



For information on the exhibitions below and more go to the Northampton Museums website

[Museums \(northamptonmuseums.com\)](http://northamptonmuseums.com)

Exciting Exhibitions and Events This Month!

It's all change across our exhibition galleries as we enter flaming June!

It's the last chance to see the amazing - **Vivienne Westwood: A Personal Collection**, which ends Sunday 9th June. This isn't a touring exhibition so if you haven't seen it yet you have one week!

Our summer exhibition **Titanic: Honour & Glory**, opens Saturday 22nd June. This major exhibition explores the legacy of the world's most famous ship. Includes genuine artefacts from the Titanic and her sister ships and memorabilia from the 1997 James Cameron movie. Voted one of the top five exhibitions in the United Kingdom by The Times, **Titanic: Honour and Glory** is one not to miss.

Northampton Museum and Gallery- town centre free exhibitions.

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



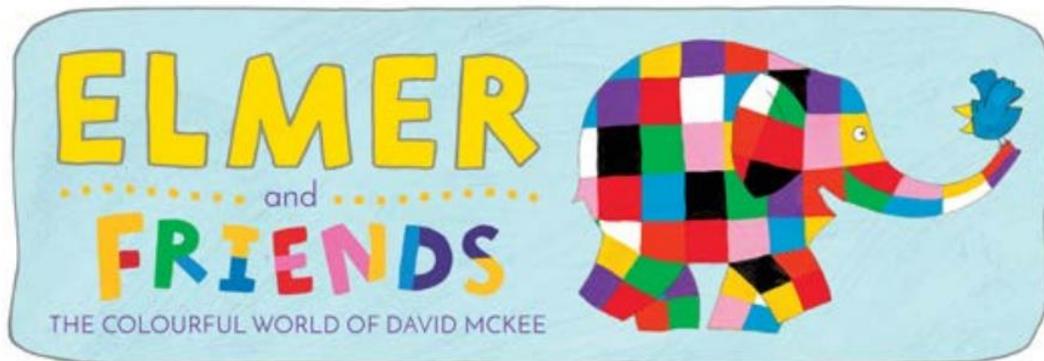
TITANIC: HONOUR AND GLORY

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*.

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?

School Mental Health Lead

Ms Cunningham is the Mental Health Lead 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.
We're all here to help.



WHO SAID THAT SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE BORING?

Danes Camp
Leisure Centre

FREE YOUTH CLUB*



Every Tuesday
5-8 years
4.45pm-5.45pm
9-13 years
6pm-7pm



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in advance

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*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.

Sports - Football



Are you ready to cheer on your favourite team in the UEFA EURO tournament?

Check out the skills showcase and see if you can copy these superstars in action.

<https://www.uefa.com/euro2024/video/skills/028e-1b0cedd770d0-bc41e8563ca4-1000--classic-euro-skills-showcase/>

Or why not have a go at the daily quiz in the gaming section and challenge your knowledge of the teams.

EURO 2024 mascot **Albärt** has some ideas that you can do from sport to maths and the exciting game of EUORlingo which tests your language skills. Find out more here;

<https://www.makemoves2024.com/>

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

West Northamptonshire
Energy Advice Service



FREE Service Activities:

Money Advice

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

Contact us

01604 235709

financialhealth@communitylawservice.org.uk



BBFF 2024



Bessie's Buddies Fundraising Fortnight

BBFF is a fundraising event to raise money in memory of Bessie May Philpott who lived for 2 short weeks from 6th June 2014 - 20th June 2014

This year, Bessie would have been turning 10 and to mark the anniversary her family are doing another Fundraising Fortnight from 6th June - 20th June 2024, with a fundraising event taking place every day to raise money for SSNAP (Support for the Sick Newborn And their Parents), the charity based at the John Radcliffe, Oxford that supports the neonatal unit where Bessie lived her short life.

For more information please see the Just Giving page or follow on Instagram:
https://www.instagram.com/bbff_2024

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<https://justgiving.com/page/bbff2024>

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[Maria Philpott is fundraising for SSNAP \(justgiving.com\)](https://justgiving.com)



Sunday 9th June 2024



Children's Bike/Scooter ride

Foxfields Country Park, Grange Park, 2pm

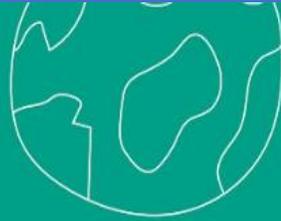
Come along to Foxfields Country Park and do some laps of the park on a bike/scooter or any other means! Get sponsored for coming along or per lap (it's about 1.8km a lap).



We will have some refreshments available and some SSNAP teddies to purchase

All a bit of fun and to raise money for our fundraising event, every little bit helps!

<https://justgiving.com/page/bbff2024>



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A new community for children and young people in Northamptonshire.

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



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

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GROUP



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an autistic child or young
person?

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your support network and
take some time out for you!

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For more information email:
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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

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

CAMP iRock



No
Experience
Needed

play in a
rock band

Become a..
Drummer
Guitar Player
Keyboard Player
Singer

NORTHAMPTON SUMMER CAMP 2024

at Queen Eleanor Primary School

29th July - 2nd August

5th August - 9th August

8.30am - 4.30pm daily

Day Bookings

Play in a band
Learn 1 instrument
Music games
Band logo creation

Week Bookings

Play in a band
Learn 2 instruments
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Star in a music video
End of week concert

Price per day

£50

Full week price

£225

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Players Wanted U10 for 24/25 Season Grange Park Rangers Football Club

**Training is on Wednesdays 6-7pm at
Foxfield Country Park NN4 5BE
& Woodland View PS MUGA, NN4 5FZ**

**Matches are played on Saturday mornings.
Home Ground is Foxfield Country Park NN4 5BE**

**If you are interested contact the Coach via
telephone: 07708 637 654 or
email: e.coughlan1982@live.ie**



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

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

December 2025					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

January 2026					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
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February 2026					
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August 2026					
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Fri	7	14	21	28	

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**Is voting the best way to
change things?**

Set for a Soggy Summer?

While the UK is no stranger to wet weather, some forecasters are predicting a seriously soggy summer which could see fifty days of rain. That is ten more days of rain than the country had last summer. In order for a day to be classed as 'rainy,' there must be a minimum of 2.5mm of rainfall within 24



Pictured: Walking in the rain. Source: Canva.

hours. So far, the wettest UK summer on record was in 1912, over 110 years ago. That year saw fifty-five days of rain during the three-month summer period. The beginning of this year has indeed seen widespread rainfall in the UK, and it is thought that climate change may be behind this. As the climate warms, the atmosphere is able to hold more moisture, which can lead to higher levels of rainfall. However, in recent days, the Met Office have dismissed the precipitous predictions saying, 'It's not possible to forecast a specific number of days of rain in the UK for a whole season.' So, it looks like we might just need to wait and see – and keep our fingers crossed!

Bubbl-icious

Have you ever tried bubble tea? Even if the answer is no, you have almost certainly heard of it, as the cutesy drink has gained much popularity over recent years. Also known as pearl milk tea or boba, the drink originates from Taiwan. The typically cold drink is traditionally made using black tea, milk, sugar, ice and the famous bubbles, which are called tapioca pearls. The pearls are soft and chewy and are made by mixing a starchy substance, called tapioca, with water and brown sugar. The drink's popularity has gone from strength to strength thanks to users sharing their love for bubble tea on social

media. As the super-cool beverage has travelled around the world, different variations of the drink have evolved, including the use of syrups, jellies and new flavours, such as matcha, jasmine, mango, passionfruit and so many more! The drink even has its own emoji! 🧋



Pictured: Pearl milk tea. Source: Canva.

Can the voices of the young be as powerful as those of adults?



I believe that we all need to make our opinions heard. If we feel strongly about something, we must let other people know. Anita

Chasing Cheese

The world-famous Cooper's Hill Cheese Chase was back this year! The annual cheese-rolling event is held at the near-vertical Cooper's Hill, in Gloucester, England, and involves competitors chasing after a wheel of Double Gloucester cheese. The cheese is rolled down a steep embankment, and the winner is the first person down the hill! Very few of the entrants remain on their feet, with most falling and tumbling down the 180-metre hill. The much-anticipated Spring Bank Holiday event includes men's and women's downhill races, as well as adult's and children's uphill races. Only 25 people are allowed to enter each downhill race, and they do so at their own risk as many people sustain injuries whilst competing! The winner of each race receives an 8lb (3.6kg) Double Gloucester cheese wheel, the honour of being called a Cheese Champ, and the admiration of the thousands of spectators, who watch the event live or stream it! Although cheese rolling has been around for much longer, the first



Pictured: Abby Lampe, women's race winner. **Source:** Cooper's Hill Cheese Roll Facebook page.
races at Cooper's Hill are thought to have been held in 1826! Abby Lampe, from North Carolina in the USA, is the 2024 women's champion and also won the race in 2022. Abby gave the advice of, 'Be the cheese! You just have to roll. There's a little bit of pain, but it's just going to be temporary.' Other English extreme traditional races include the Tetbury Woolsack Races, where racers carry a heavy woolsack, weighing up to 27kg, around a course.
Do you think that it is good to keep these old, quirky traditions going?

Flamingo Lays First Egg Aged 70

A 70-year-old flamingo has surprised many by laying an egg for the first time ever this spring! Gertrude lives at Pensthorpe Nature Reserve in Norfolk, UK, part of a flock of around sixty flamingos. Although her egg is not fertile or viable so it will not hatch, staff say that it is a great indication of how happy and healthy Gertrude is. Ben Marshall, from Pensthorpe Nature Reserve, said, 'This has still been a fantastic experience for Gertrude to display her maternal instincts, partner up, and sit on a nest along with the rest of the flock. Whilst Gertrude won't have an egg to hatch this year, lots of our other flamingos are due to hatch their flaminglets in a few weeks. We know that Gertrude is very protective of the young in the flock and will make a great



Pictured: Gertrude and her egg. **Source:** Pensthorpe Nature Reserve X page.

aunt and babysitter of the impending young.'

Did you know that baby flamingos are called flaminglets? They also learn to swim very early – not long after they have learned to walk! Do you know any more flamingo facts?

Can the voices of the young be as powerful as those of adults?



I think it is more difficult for children to make their voices heard. Adults can use social media!

Tomas

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Is voting the best way to change things?

In the news this week

Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, has announced that a UK general election is to take place on 4th July. He made the announcement in a press conference outside 10 Downing Street. Parliament was dissolved on Thursday 30th May, and the members of Parliament have returned to being members of the public. Many are campaigning to be re-elected. A general election is when people over 18 can vote for who they want to represent them in the UK parliament. It could mean a new government party and new leader for the UK this summer.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you know about general elections? Ask someone older at home to recall previous elections.
- > Many people have come forward to say they'd like to see changes with how the country is run. Can you think of a positive change the government could make?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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