



## World Giraffe Day

### Designated Safe Guarding Lead



Joanne Fennelly.  
Headteacher.

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Rachel Rosevear.  
Deputy Headteacher.



Jennifer de Board.  
Assistant Headteacher.



Laura Cunningham.  
Inclusion Lead.



Natalie Richards.  
EYFS Lead.

# 10 Facts about Giraffes

1. Giraffes have hearts that are 2 feet long.
2. A male giraffe is called a **Bull**, baby giraffes are called **Calves** and females are called **Cows**
3. Giraffes sleep only five to 30 minutes every day. Usually, they stand up to sleep. They only lie down if another giraffe can stand watch.
4. Giraffes can run up to 35 miles per hour.
5. These tall animals need a lot of food to keep them going. They eat up to 75 pounds of leaves every day. They love the leaves from acacia trees. These trees have long thorns, but giraffes can eat around the thorns.
6. Giraffes have sticky tongues that can be 21 inches long!
7. A Giraffe gets most of the water they need from the leaves and plants they consume. They only need to drink direct water every few days
8. Giraffes don't like to be alone; they live in groups called Towers. Giraffes are social animals.
9. The spots on giraffes are unique, no two giraffes' spots are the same, just like humans – no two fingerprints are the same.
10. Giraffes have horns called ossicones – they are covered by hair and both male and female giraffes have ossicones. Males will sometimes use these horns while fighting.



Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely to have some sunshine and to have it shine all week! The week started with a fantastic Sports Day for Key Stage 1 and the SU, with so many happy children and families enjoying the variety of activities for the children. We were all so proud of the children taking part, along with our wonderful Year 6 children who organised the event and encouraged everyone to have a great time. Later in the week, Dyson class performed their Matilda Medley at The Derngate. They raised the roof with their powerfully superb performance and we know that this will be a lifelong memory for them. As we end the week, we will welcome back to school Year 3 who have had two days at the Frontier Centre, after enjoying the outward bound centre.

What an exciting week and we know that there's another exciting week to look forward from Monday.

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 the amazing drive, determination and dedication that our children show, resulting in fabulous experiences and outcomes!**

**Well done everyone!**





## 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!



SIMON DE SENLIS

# SUMMER FETE RAFFLE PRIZES

TOP PRIZE: £100!

OTHER PRIZES INCLUDE:





# Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 21st June 2024

## 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



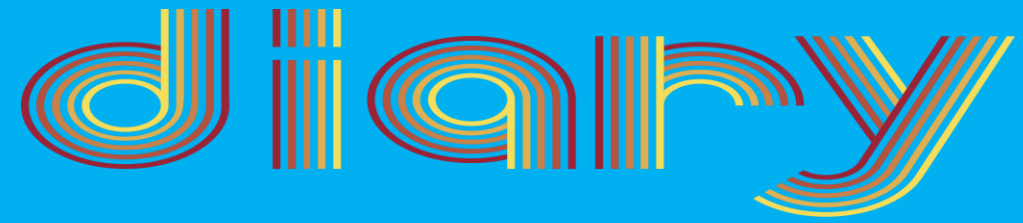
Date	Year group	Event
27th June	Parents and Carers	Mental Health Support Team. Problem solving/resilience parent workshop 9am Tea and coffee available
28th June	Whole School	Key skills - Bring a cake to school to sell at the fete
29th June	Whole School & Community	School Summer Fete – Everyone invited. 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 4	26th – 28th June	West Runton Residential
Year 6	1st - 5th July	Isle of Wight Residential



# Dates from The Friends

Year Group	Date	Event
Whole School	June 28th	Key skills- to bake a cake for the fete- bring in to school today – school uniform to be worn  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](mailto: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**





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## 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.



**Sunshine, snow,  
rain or wind-  
which is your  
favourite weather  
and why?**



# 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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# 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.



# 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/>





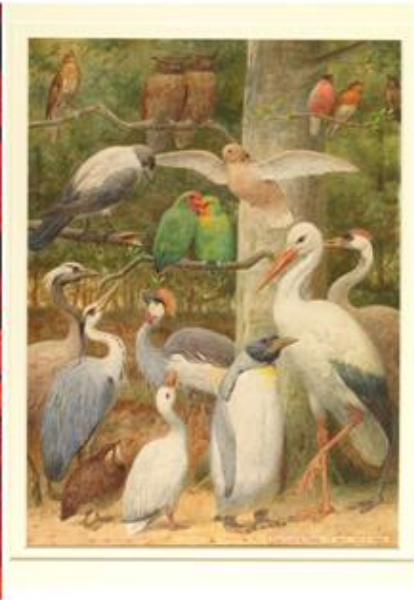
**Keep your family  
safe in, on and  
around water this  
Summer.**

Visit  
**[www.rlss.org.uk/DPW](http://www.rlss.org.uk/DPW)**  
to download lots of free  
resources and start talking  
about water safety  
Remember always stay safe around water - Miss Bland

# 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)**



## Northampton Museum and Gallery- town centre free exhibitions.

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



### **TITANIC: HONOUR AND GLORY**

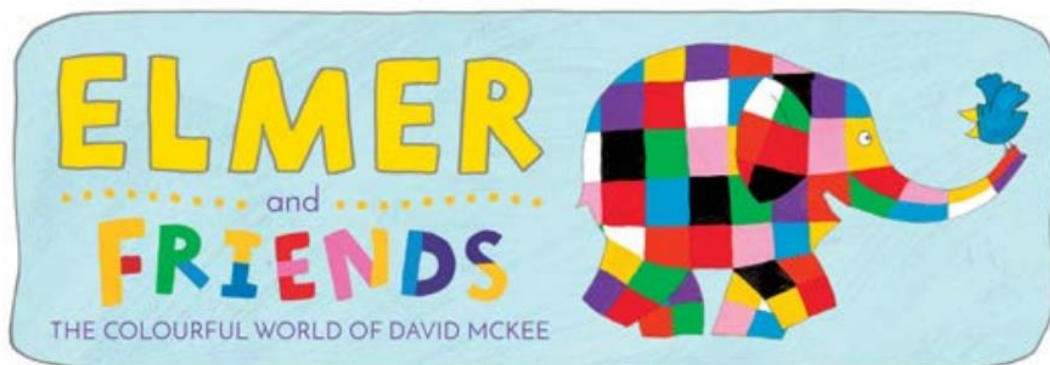
**22 June - 15 September**  
**Northampton Museum & Art Gallery**

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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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**



# JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

BY ROALD DAHL  
ADAPTED BY DAVID WOOD

This amateur production of "James and the Giant Peach (Wood)"  
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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 ➔

# HARDINGSTONE FC

## NEWLY FORMED UNDER 9'S LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 2024/2025 SEASON

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TRAINING EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6PM MEREWAY  
GOALS

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OR FEES REQUIRED



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## 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.  
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# DISABILITY FUN DAY

**Sunday 23rd June 2024**

**A Fun Day Open to All Children & Adults  
With A Disability Or Special Needs Their  
Family, Friends & Carers**

**Event Time:**

**Start 01:00 pm End 04:00 pm**

**Venue:**

**The Avery Pavilion,  
Fernie Fields Sports & Social Club  
Fernie Field, Moulton  
Northampton, NN3 7BD**



**TO REGISTER:**

07491 306630 | [info@sport4fitness-cic.co.uk](mailto:info@sport4fitness-cic.co.uk) | [www.sport4fitness-cic.co.uk](http://www.sport4fitness-cic.co.uk)

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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.



**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

#### **Energy Saving Measures**

small energy saving measures such as  
low energy light bulbs and radiator foils

#### **Home Energy Assessments**

an in-home assessment to identify  
and remedy any problem areas to  
improve home warmth

#### **Emergency Fund**

to cover the cost of larger measures to  
improve home warmth including boiler  
replacements, insulation, window  
repairs/replacement

#### **Energy Efficiency Advice**

ensuring energy costs are kept as low  
as possible and energy is used  
efficiently

#### **Contact us**

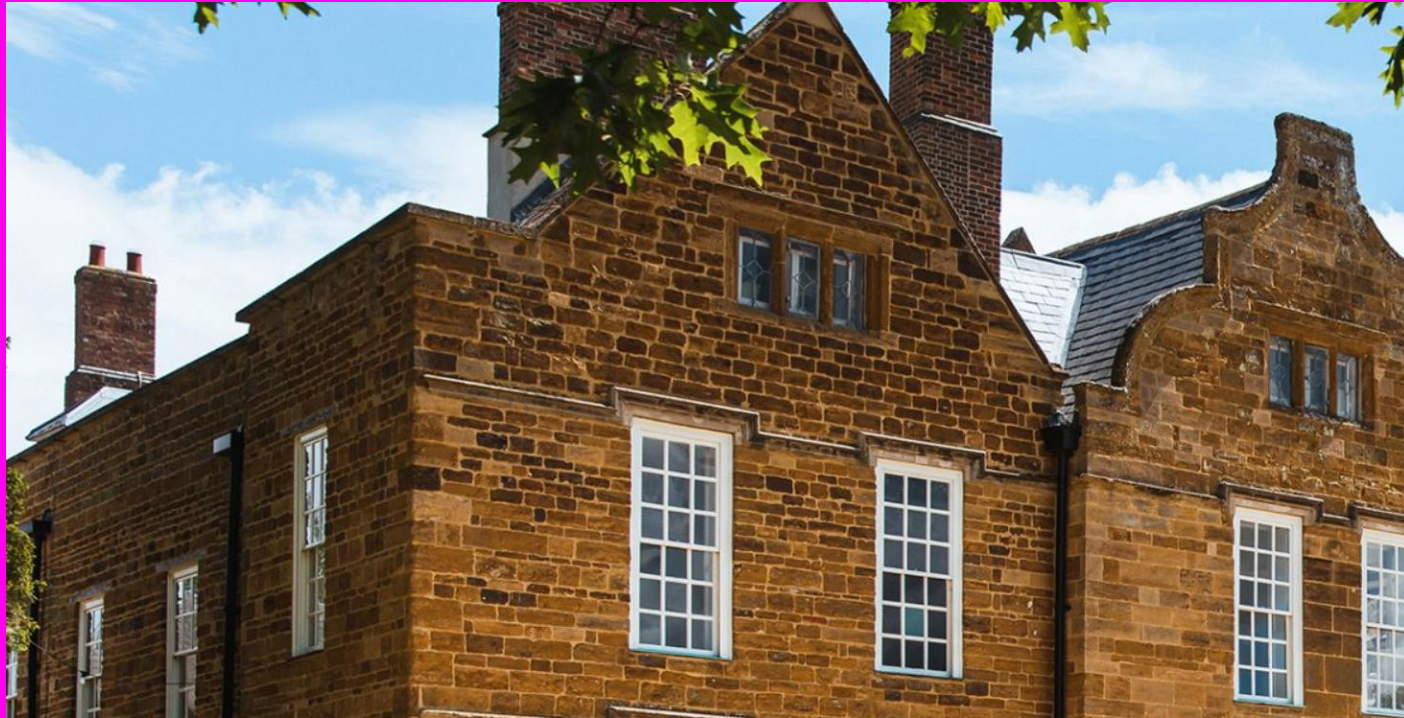
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# DELAPRE ABBEY

**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

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5th August - 9th August

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Play in a band  
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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](mailto:e.coughlan1982@live.ie)**

<div></div> Pupil Days	<div></div> Bank Holidays
<div></div> School Holidays	<div></div> Teacher Training Days

## NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

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

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

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

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

December 2024					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
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 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
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
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Wed		7	14	21	28
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February 2026					
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Tue	3	10	17	24	
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
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March 2026					
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Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

April 2026					
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Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	

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

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

July 2026					
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

August 2026					
Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	



# **NEWS FOR OUR CHILDREN**

**21ST JUNE 2004**





**Should we  
always be  
prepared for  
an emergency?**

Eleanor McDonie



## 1, 2, 3, Caw!

Recent research has revealed that crows may be able to count up to four! The birds are known for their intelligence and their cheeky ways, but this new discovery has amazed scientists. The study involved showing a quantity of objects to the crows, who then responded with a number of cries to match. The crows were right more times than not, and they were rewarded for a

correct response with a tasty treat! Interestingly, human toddlers go through this stage of development, making a number of sounds to match a number of objects, when learning to count. Scientists believe that crows have developed this counting ability because it helps them with practical tasks in their day-to-day lives, including checking all their eggs are safe, choosing food-rich areas to forage and staying in large groups to avoid predators. For some scientists, the most important finding from the study is that the crows paused before answering correctly, taking longer pauses before counting higher quantities. The pauses indicate that the birds are thinking and planning their responses carefully. Clever crows!



**Pictured:** A carrion crow. **Source:** Canva.

## Orange in Alaska

Rivers in Alaska's arctic region have been turning orange in recent years. Some of the discoloured rivers can even be seen from space! Scientists have discovered the rusty orange colour could be a result of minerals entering the water due to melting permafrost. Permafrost – permanent frost – is soil or underwater sediment that remains frozen for two years or more. The oldest known permafrost is nearly 700,000 years old! As this frozen layer of soil thaws, metals such as zinc, copper and iron that were previously trapped are released into streams and rivers. This is a

problem for communities that use the rivers for drinking water as well as for fishing. Researchers are currently in the middle of a three-year project which is aimed at understanding the problem better and finding the right solution.



**Pictured:** Kutuk River, Alaska.  
**Source:** @007Antriksh on X.

### Can remembering difficult times help shape a better future?



*I think if something horrible has happened before, we should know not to let it happen again. Trish, 8*

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## D-Day Commemorations

Chris Williams, Headteacher at West Dean CE Primary School, has been in touch to share with us that children from the school's Year 5 and 6 recognised the location shown on one of our posters immediately. They had recently visited the British Normandy Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer. Chestnut Class at the West Sussex school were quick to recognise the exact spot as one they had been to during their four-day residential trip to Normandy, France. Staff and learners took with them a commemorative flag (pictured right) that was later flown in their village for the D-Day anniversary. Mr Williams said, 'It is our Year 5 and 6 class (Chestnut Class) pictured. We



**Pictured:** Pictures from the children's visit to the British Normandy Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer.  
**Source:** Chris Williams, Headteacher at West Dean CE Primary School.

took them on a four-day residential trip to Normandy the week before the half term break. During our trip we visited the British Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer and took some time to remember the fallen whilst viewing the incredible 1400 strong silhouette installation. As a symbolic gesture, we took the D-Day flag from our village (West Dean, near Chichester) across the Channel and back again. On Thursday we'll be flying the flag on our school flagpole, for all of the village to see.'



## Valuable Vintage Toy

A Star Wars Boba Fett action figure has been sold by Heritage Auctions for £411,000! The 1970's hand-painted, missile-firing Boba Fett toy is now the world's most valuable vintage toy. Created in 1979, it was never released to the public as it was deemed a choking hazard. Only two of this super rare model of the bounty hunter are still in existence. 'The rocket-firing Boba Fett action figure long ago became such a mythic icon that people worldwide know about it even if they don't collect anything at all,' said Joe Maddalena from Heritage Auctions. 'We knew this one had a chance to enter the record books, and it was thrilling to see it become the most valuable toy in the world.' The previous title holder was a one-of-a-kind Barbie wearing a one-carat diamond, which sold for £236,000 in 2010.



**Pictured:** The hand-painted, missile-firing Boba Fett vintage toy.  
**Source:** Heritage Auctions Facebook page.

**What do you think makes this model worth so much money?**  
**Do you think any of your toys could become valuable vintage items in the future?**

### Can remembering difficult times help shape a better future?



*It's important to look to the past to learn from what has happened. It also means we can remember and respect the people who died in wars. Tilly*

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# TAKEHOME

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Should we always be prepared for an emergency?

## In the news this week

The UK government has launched a new website, [prepare.campaign.gov.uk](https://prepare.campaign.gov.uk), designed to help people plan for potential dangers and equip themselves with the necessary knowledge and resources to respond effectively. Households are encouraged to understand the hazards in their local area by checking their long-term flood risk and signing up for flood and weather warnings. Creating an emergency plan is another key aspect of being prepared, including deciding on escape routes and keeping important phone numbers to hand.

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

- > Do you have any plans in case of emergencies in your household? Is it something that you prioritise?
- > Have you, or anyone at home, ever experienced an emergency? Were you prepared for it? If so, if it happened again, is there anything you would do differently?

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