

7th July is World Chocolate Day

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Fascinating Chocolate Facts:



- Chocolate is the only edible substance that melts at just below body temperature, usually between 30 and 32 degrees Celsius. That's why chocolate melts so quickly on your tongue!
- On that note, M&Ms were invented in 1941 during World War 2 so that soldiers could enjoy chocolate without it melting.
The Photo by PhotoAuthor is licensed under CCYSA.
- So many Toblerone bars are sold every year that if you laid them out end to end, they would stretch further than the whole circumference of the world!
- The Aztec emperor Montezuma drank 50 cups of cocoa every day from a special golden cup.
- Chocolate is very bad for dogs and cats. It can make them very ill if they eat it.
- Pure cocoa can help prevent tooth decay. It is only the sugar added to chocolate that makes it bad for our teeth.
- The smell of chocolate increases theta brain waves. This triggers relaxation.
- A study carried out at the Columbia University Medical Centre suggests that chocolate can improve your memory.

Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing to you today on the coach as we return with the Year 6 children from their wonderful residential on the Isle of Wight. What a privilege it has been for me and for all staff to spend time with the children outside of the classroom on day trips and residential, as we see children come to life in a different way.

This week, without any devices or internet, we have seen such joy and happiness from the Year 6 children. They have played, laughed, chatted and joined in with every activity with such enthusiasm and happiness. To see the Year 6 children rolling down hills, building sandcastles, playing tag and being fascinated in the awe and wonder around them has been a delight to be a part of. They have shown us how imaginative they are, how great they are at working together and how kind and polite they are.

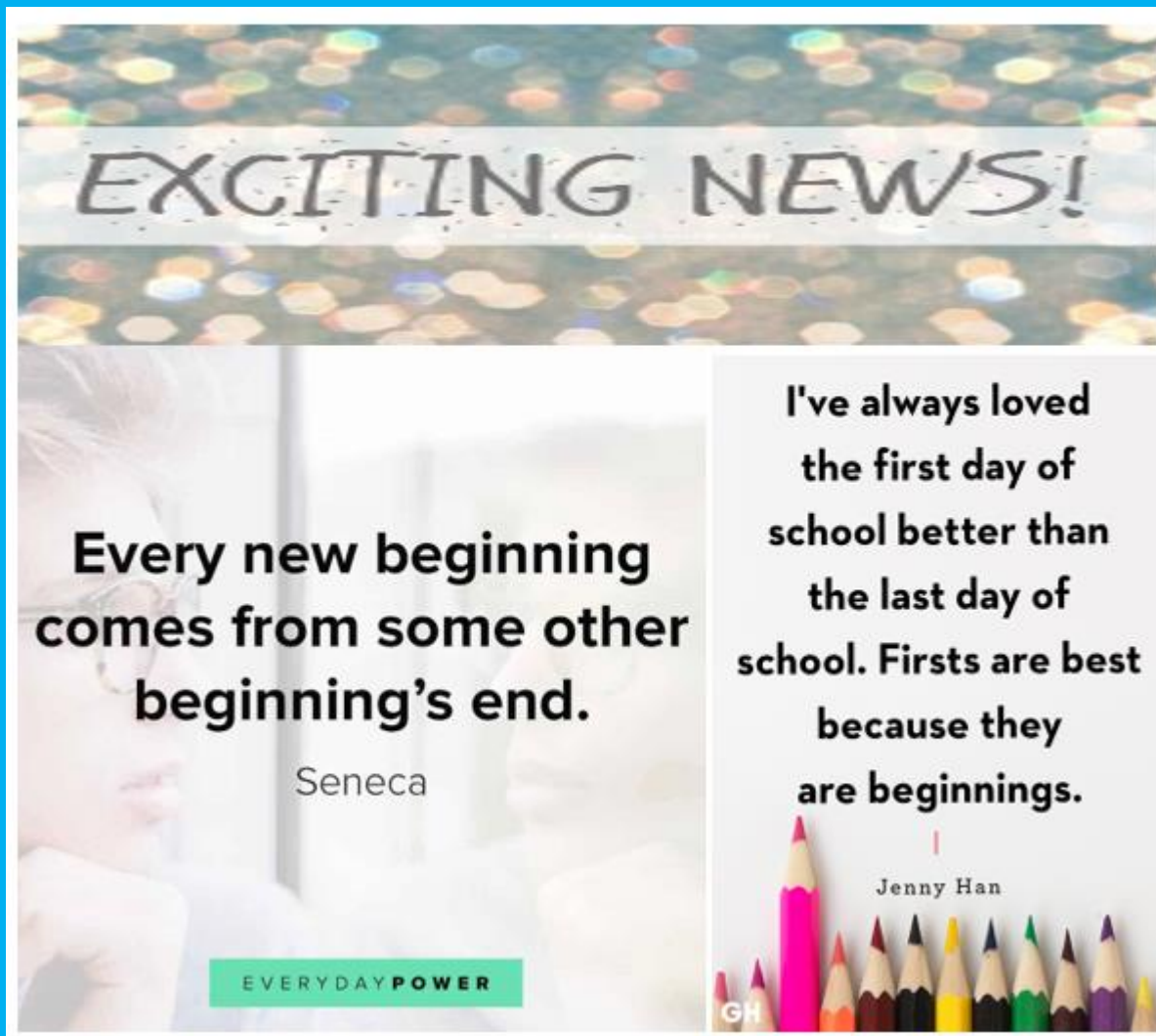
The internet, devices and phones are all a part of our lives, but it's always good to remember our children are still very young and all they really want to do is play, investigate, be imaginative and explore the world around them.

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 excitement and opportunities that come with moving to a new year group.





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>

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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
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
12th July	Whole School	Last Day of Clubs
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

Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
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

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.



**Is it nice
to be important or is
it more important to
be nice?**





**Marvellous
Makers**



Get ready for the Summer Reading Challenge!

Nick will be joining us in school soon from Hunsbury Library to talk to us all about the Summer Reading Challenge that starts in July. See the information on the next slide on how to take part!



**Get ready for the Summer Reading Challenge!
Let's be the winners for the fourth year running!!**



Take part and finish the challenge and we'll hope to get the trophy again!!!

10 dojos for each child that finishes the challenge!



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Get ready for a reading adventure! This year's Summer Reading Challenge starts on 6 July in England and Wales.

There are two ways you can take part:

You can join the Challenge at **your local library**. A librarian will give you a special collector's pack and help you find books to read for your Challenge. You'll collect stickers and other rewards along the way!

Alternatively, take part in the Challenge **online** by **signing up via the link**. https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up

Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. Reach your goal and unlock a limited-edition online badge and a certificate.

Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals and certificates are only available via the library, for those taking part in person.

Online Safety- CapCut

CapCut

Have you heard of CapCut? It is owned by the same owners as TikTok and is a video editing app. CapCut state that their services are intended for those over the age of 13 and those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian. It is rated as 12+ on the App store. The App store have rated it as this because of *Infrequent/Mild Mature/Suggestive Themes, Infrequent/Mild Sexual Content and Nudity*.



What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

Online Safety- CapCut

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions allowing users access to premium content.

Further information

Protect Young Eyes have published a full review of CapCut here:

<https://protectyouneyes.com/apps/capcut-app-review/>

[Is CapCut Safe? An App Review for Parents - Protect Young Eyes](https://protectyouneyes.com/apps/capcut-app-review/)

Summertime Screen Time



The Ineqe Safeguarding Group have published information on their website to help you manage your child's screentime during the summer break. Their website includes top tips for managing screen time, activities and guides to popular apps:

[Summertime Screen Time - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Helping your child transition to secondary school

Is your child moving to secondary school in September? Internet Matters have published lots of useful advice and resources to help you during this transition, including discussing if your child is ready for a smartphone and explaining the challenges they may face in secondary school:

[Moving to secondary school: Online safety guide - Internet Matters](#)

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.



Jump Back Up July 2024

MONDAY

1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry

8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today

15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step

22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down

29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right

TUESDAY

2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"

9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture

16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts

23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time

30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support

WEDNESDAY

3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it

10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them

17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today

24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong

31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human

THURSDAY

4 Find something to look forward to today

11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation

18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter

25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead



FRIDAY

5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'

19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it

26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath



SATURDAY

6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground

13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation

20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself

27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)



SUNDAY

7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy

14 Get outside and move to help clear your head

21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life

28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem





JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

BY ROALD DAHL
ADAPTED BY DAVID WOOD

This amateur production of "James and the Giant Peach (Wood)"
is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd
on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

SEE OUR SHOW IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

GRANGEWOOD PARK
(BESIDE MEMORIAL BENCHES)
CLANNELL ROAD, EAST HUNSBURY

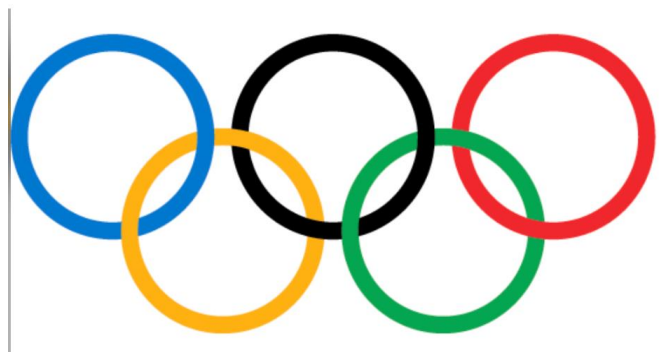
SATURDAY 13 JULY 4PM-5.30PM (OPEN 3PM)

FREE FAMILY EVENT. BRING A PICNIC & BLANKETS (NO BBQS)

CALL 01604 708429 FOR DETAILS

**FREE EVENT AT
GRANGEWOOD
PARK**

Sports - Olympics



Let's Get Set for a summer of sports and begin our journey to the Paris Olympic Games by joining some of the Team GB Athletes and try out some warm up exercises. Follow the link below to join in;

<https://www.getset.co.uk/resources/path-to-paris/athlete-warm-up-film>

Or chose some activities opposite to start your journey and get active. Miss Bland.



How can you get involved in the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games?

Learn some French words!

Try a new sport at school or home!

Take a look at the other Get Set activities

Choose an athlete to cheer for!

Try a new sport at school or home!

HARDINGSTONE FC

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

TRAINING AND COACHING READY FOR THE NEW
SEASON WITH FA TRAINED COACHES

TRAINING EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6PM MEREWAY
GOALS

TRAINING KIT SUPPLIED BY TEAM AND NO SUBS
OR FEES REQUIRED



WHATSAPP/TEXT 07472 340967 OR EMAIL
SARAH@RITGROUP.CO.UK FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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.



IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK...

With so many exciting sporting and national events taking place at the moment, you could be forgiven for not knowing that the Olympics and Paralympics are just around the corner. In our assembly this week, we considered what are the attributes that Olympians and Paralympians have. We thought about determination and the fact that nothing in life comes without a lot of practise. We watched a video of Olympians whose performance was not as they would have wished and watched as they picked themselves up and had another go. We realised resilience is such an important attribute and that we need resilience in our life at school- on the sports field, in the classroom and even on the playground where we sometimes need to practise being good friends.



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



Funded by:



East Hunsbury
Parish Council

Book
8 days
in advance

Danes Camp Leisure Centre, Clannell Road, NN4 0RX

WWW.TRILOGYACTIVE.CO.UK

*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.

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WEEK TWO

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SIGN UP NOW



**FREE FIRST LESSON + FREE MONTH +
FREE TRAINING UNIFORM ON JOINING**

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START WITH OUR CONFIDENT
KIDS CLASSES AGE 6-13**

OUR CLASSES CAN HELP WITH

✓ **SELF DEFENCE**

✓ **CHANNELLING AGGRESSION
& HIGH ENERGY**

✓ **ANTI-BULLYING
SOLUTIONS**

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✓ **DISCIPLINE**

✓ **RESPECT**



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**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

01604 235709

financialhealth@communitylawservice.org.uk

Food Aid / Community Larders. No referral required

Day	Time	Location	Membership / costs
Monday	1:30pm – 2:15pm	Roade village Hall. Bailey Brooks Lane. NN7 2LS	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w
Monday	4pm – 7pm	McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre	No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items
Tuesday	2pm – 3pm & 6pm - 7pm	The Nest, Woodford Halse Primary Academy, Scrivens Hill, Woodford Halse, NN11 3SU.	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w
Tuesday	4pm – 7pm	McCarthy Dixon Food Larder @ Swan & Helmet. Northampton Town Centre	No referral - Turn up £5 per 8 Items
Wednesday	11am - 1pm	Dostiyo Community Fridge. Northampton Town Centre	No Criteria
Wednesday	4:15pm – 6pm	Towcester Community Larder Riverside Centre, Islington Road, Towcester, NN12 6AU	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w
Wednesday	4:30pm – 5:15pm	Brixworth Community Larder	Access to all. £10 subscription, £5 p/w

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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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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
Record an MP3
Star in a music video
End of week concert

Price per day

£50

Full week price

£225

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**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**

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SUMMER 2024

KELLOGGS FOOTBALL CAMPS

Delivered By Northampton Town CT

Course Venue	Dates	Ages	Times	Cost
Abbeyfield School, Mereway, N'pton, NN4 8BT	Week 1: Tuesday 23rd- Friday 26th July	5-13	9:00am to 3:30pm	£22 per day
Abbeyfield School, Mereway, N'pton, NN4 8BT	Week 2: Monday 29th July- Friday 2nd Aug	5-13	9:00am to 3:30pm	£22 per day
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Limited Spaces Available, Book Your Place Today!

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SUMMER 2024

NTFC GOALKEEPER HOLIDAY COURSES

Course Venue	Dates	Ages	Times	Cost
Abbeyfield School, Mereway, N'pton, NN4 8BT	Friday 26th July Only	7-14	9:00am to 3:30pm	£22 per day
Abbeyfield School, Mereway, N'pton, NN4 8BT	Monday 29th and Friday 2nd August	7-14	9:00am to 3:30pm	£22 per day
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<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 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	

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Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tue	4	11	18	25	
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February 2026					
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April 2026					
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Tue		7	14	21	28
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May 2026					
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Fri	1	8	15	22	29

June 2026					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
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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
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Fri	3	10	17	24	31

August 2026					
Mon	3	10	17	24	31
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NEWS FOR OUR CHILDREN

5TH JULY 2004

Flower Festival

In Bulgaria, the town of Kasanlak is considered the heart of the rose valley. Here, conditions are almost perfect for growing beautiful roses. The country grows thousands of roses every year, which are used to make rose oil and rose water. These go on to be used in a range of luxury products, such as skincare and perfume. Around the time of the rose harvesting, usually in early June, Kasanlak and the nearby towns and villages host a flower festival! The process of growing and harvesting roses is a long and arduous one. So, the festival is a celebration of

all the hard work that goes into cultivating these pretty flowers. The roses are very delicate so even slight changes in weather can easily ruin them. The flowers must also be picked before lunchtime to avoid the heat of the sun drying out the precious petals. Three main events make up the festival itinerary - the electing of Queen Rose, the harvesting ritual in the rose gardens and the parade along the streets of the town.



Pictured: Picking roses in the Rose Valley, Bulgaria. **Source:** Canva.

Orca Encounters!

Reports have recently highlighted an issue that orca whales seem to be attacking small boats and fishing vessels off the coasts of Spain, France, Morocco and Portugal. The whales have intentionally collided with nearly 700 boats, causing at least seven of them to sink and damaging many others. While orca are known to work in groups to hunt prey, they are rarely aggressive towards humans, so the behaviour is puzzling for experts. A team of marine biologists has been observing a pod (group) of whales and they are beginning to believe



Pictured: A pod of orca whales. **Source:** Canva.

that the orcas are, in fact, teenagers, who are just being playful. A teenage orca can measure up to 4m long and so, even a playful nudge to a boat can be quite forceful and can cause damage, even if the whales do not mean it that way. The researchers suggest staying away from areas where orcas are living, and the behaviour should subside.

Should we always be prepared for an emergency?



I want to be more prepared for risks in the future. That way, I can keep myself and my friends safe. **Sadie**

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Our BIGGEST Live Assembly

Will you be joining us as we aim to create the biggest live online school assembly? There will be children taking part from classrooms and assembly halls across the country! We will be joined by special guest, Paralympian Stef Reid MBE, to learn all about the journey to become a world-class athlete, ahead of the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics, starting in Paris this month. Stef will tell us about her experiences as a sportsperson, and of previous games.



Stef is a British Paralympic long jumper and sprinter. She is a World Champion, four-time Paralympian, triple Paralympic medallist, and five-time world record holder. She has also been an actor, model, and reality TV star. Stef has lots of exciting things to tell us, and you will also be able to ask her questions!

Can you think of a question that you would like to ask Stef?

Do you have a favourite Olympic sport? Will you be watching the Paris 2024 Olympic Games?



Pictured: All about our live online assembly.
Source: Picture News on Facebook/Stef Reid.

Album made from River Plastic

Coldplay's new album is going to be their most eco-friendly album yet - made from recycled plastic collected from rivers! Coldplay, working with Ocean Cleanup, have announced that when their 10th record is released in October, the vinyl copies will each be made from nine recycled plastic bottles. The British rock band's upcoming album, Moon Music, will be a world-first for sustainable vinyl production. Coldplay are one of the best-selling music acts of all time, with over 100 million albums sold globally. This is not the first time that the band have considered their impact on the environment. They actively reduced the carbon footprint of their last tour by making changes to be more environmentally friendly, such as, using solar powered lights and sustainable aviation fuel.



Pictured: Coldplay. **Source:** Coldplay on X.

Do you think that it is important for everyone to try to recycle more and reduce waste?
Can you think of any other ways that famous and popular bands could help the environment?

Should we always be prepared for an emergency?



Yes. I think everyone should have a first aid kit and a torch in case of an accident or the power going off, so everyone can be well looked after.
Muhammad

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