



8th September is International Literacy Day

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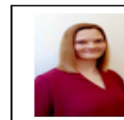
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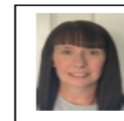
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Assistant Headteacher.



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Inclusion.



Natalie Richards. EYFS Lead.



Natalie Parsonson. SENDCO.

Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

How wonderful it is to be back at school and what a fantastic three days everyone has had! Every class has settled straight back into the routines of learning, and everyone has been so happy to see each other again. New and positive relationships have been formed between teachers and children, and across school there is an air of happiness and enjoyment. As ever, we continue to focus on applying the personal attributes of dedication, drive, perseverance and resilience which the children have in abundance! Having dry weather over the last few days has meant that the field has been open and so playtimes and lunchtimes have been great fun for everyone. We all have our fingers crossed for good weather over the coming weeks so we can continue to have play on the field.

SdS truly is a fabulous place to be and it is going to be another amazing year. As ever, enormous thanks for your ongoing support as it means so much to us all.

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

Mrs Fennelly

Today in assembly we talked about perseverance and how we can use perseverance when things are tricky. Perseverance is about not giving up, trying our best, looking for help and feeling proud when we achieve our goal. We watched a short 4 minute film about a chick called Piper who shows lots of perseverance. Please see the link to the film below if you'd like to watch Piper again with your child.



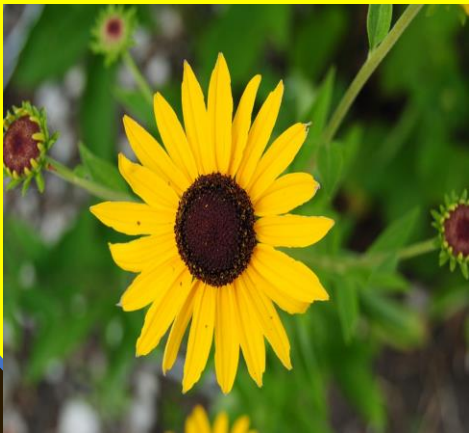
**[Disney Pixar Piper](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8F8Bz3LW008)
[\(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8F8Bz3LW008)**

Simon de Senlis amazing extracurricular activities.



There are places available on Film club (U & PG, films watched), Choir & Gardening Club. Please email info@simondesenslis.org if you would like to request a place.

These Clubs will run from Monday 9th September until Friday 13th December.



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.



**What has been
the best thing
about the first
week back at
school?**



Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
9th September	Whole School	Clubs start
10th September	Year 5	Swimming starts
18th September	Years 1 - 6	Meet the Teacher Evening 5:30- Presentation from Mrs Fennelly 6:00-6:30- Year groups presentation I 6:30-7:00- Year group presentation repeated
3rd October	Whole School	Individual photos. Siblings welcome from 08:00
16th October	Year 3	Harvest Assembly – Year 3 Parents welcome.
18th October	Whole School	Short Reports home
22nd & 24th October	Year's 1 – 6	Parents Evening (TLCs) Booking system coming soon
13th December	Whole school	Clubs finish for this term.

Simon de Senlis Primary School



Reception Places Sept 2025

Come and visit our OUTSTANDING school to hear about our ethos and see our amazing staff and children in our engaging learning environment.

September 26th 2024 at 6:00pm | October 10th 2024 at 9:30am
November 12th 2024 at 6:00pm | December 10th 2024 at 9:30am
January 7th 2025 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org



OFSTED Report:





If you, or any of your emergency contacts, have changed phone number - personal or work, email address or have moved house please email: info@simondesenslis.org to let us know.

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>

To ensure you enjoy pictures of your Child during trip or residential or just embracing their school day please ensure we have all consents.

To update your consents please email info@simondesenlis.org



Sports - Olympic and Paralympics Sports

Have you been inspired by the amazing achievements of the GB teams in Paris? Swimming, Gymnastics, Table Tennis the list of achievements goes on. Who was your Super Star?

Why not take up a new sport or set yourself a new challenge. Remember there are lots of extracurricular activities to join.

Did you know that the Tour of Britain is happening right now and for the first time , Northamptonshire will host over 100 of the top world cyclist, including Olympic stars.

The event starts at the University on Saturday at 11am and will take a route through Daventry, Nobottle and Brixworth.

Find out more about the event on;
[Home - Lloyds Bank Tour of Britain \(britishcycling.org.uk\)](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk)



[Great Britain Cycling Team - British Cycling](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk)

Members of the British Cycling team will be competing, and you can discover more about the amazing team on this website. From Track Cycling to Road Racing and BMX tricks and thrills.

Get inspired and go for a bike ride!
Stay Active- Miss Bland



**Have you completed your
Summer Reading Challenge yet?
Don't worry if not, as you have
until September 20th to visit the
library and read 6 books.
You can do it!!!**





THE
READING
AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

**Marvellous
Makers**



**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!

Self-Care September 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

2 Notice the things you do well, however small

3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are



Upcoming Talks

Join us at our next online event, or explore our past Talks library below with experts from across the field of wellbeing.

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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DR EMMA SEPPÄLÄ

Inner Freedom

Tue 24
September
19:00-20:00

Optional
Donation

ONLINE EVENT



DAVID ROBSON

Mindset & Relationships

Tue 15 October
19:00-20:00

Optional
Donation

ONLINE EVENT

If you're interested in joining some online talks for adults from Action for Happiness, please take a look at the link below-

[Talks | Action for Happiness](#)

UP NEXT

Build a Happier Life

With Prof. Arthur Brooks

Tue 10 September

Optional Donation

ONLINE EVENT



SEND Local Offer

If you have a child with SEND, take a look at the SEND Local Offer from West Northants Council. There are many support teams and offers available.

[Local Offer | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)



[About the Local Offer](#)

What to expect on the Local Offer and how it can help you to find the information you need



[Information for parents](#)

Parents explained what had helped them and hope that their experiences and knowledge will help other parents



[Information for young people \(Easy Read\)](#)

Preparing for the future is important. As children grow up, there are new things to think about and prepare for



[Activities and leisure - Local Offer](#)



[Disabled Children's Register](#)



[Early years - Local Offer](#)



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



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
Fri	2	9	16	23	30

February 2026					
Mon	2	9	16	23	
Tue	3	10	17	24	
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

March 2026					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tue	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

April 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	

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
6TH SEPTEMBER 2004**

Carpet of Flowers

Every two years, the city of Brussels in Belgium creates something truly magical—a giant flower carpet! This special event happens in the Grand Place, a big square in the middle of the city. The flower carpet is made entirely of colourful flowers and it's so huge that it covers the entire square! The Brussels Flower Carpet is a tradition that started in 1971. Each time, the carpet has a different design, often inspired by different cultures or important events. It takes hundreds of volunteers to carefully place nearly a million flowers on the ground to make the beautiful patterns. The flowers are laid out in just a few hours, and the carpet is on display for a few days. The city

celebrates with music, lights, and even fireworks at night! The flowers smell wonderful, and the bright colours make the square look like a giant painting. The Brussels Flower Carpet is not only a stunning sight but also a way for people to come together and celebrate the beauty of nature. It's a tradition that makes everyone smile!



Pictured: The beautiful flower carpet on display in the Grand Place, Brussels. **Source:** @rintervention, on X.

Lobster Rescue!

In Colorado, USA, a very rare orange lobster has been found at a restaurant. While going through the usual food shipments, Jose Romero was surprised to see the bright orange crustacean looking up at him! We often think of lobsters as being red or orange because that's the colour they turn when they're cooked. However, most live lobsters are actually a dark, bluish-green or brown colour. This colour comes from a mix of pigments in their shells. Scientists say that only about one in thirty million lobsters are orange, making Jose's lobster

very unique! Instead of being cooked and served as a meal, the restaurant decided to save the orange lobster. They knew it was too special to be eaten! The lobster has been given a new home at a nearby aquarium, where people can visit and see it up close.



Pictured: A typically-coloured live lobster. **Source:** Canva.

Are all jobs equal?



Some jobs might seem more important than others, but each person's job is important to them.

Harry

Super Surfing Photography

This summer's Olympic surfing events have produced lots of amazing photos! Talented adventure and sport photographer, Jerome Brouillet, captured the two fabulous images shown here. Taken first was the image to the right of Brazil's Gabriel Medin, seeming to levitate above the ocean with his arm raised in the air! This photo went viral, causing a huge response. Also shot was a second very popular image of a whale photobombing the Tahiti semi-final of the competition, as Tatiana Weston-Webb from Brazil and Brisa Hennessy of Costa Rica took to the water. The French Polynesian island, where the



Pictured: Brazil's Gabriel Medin, seeming to levitate above the ocean. **Source:** Jerome Brouillet Photography on X.

2024 Olympic surfing competition was held, is almost 10,000 miles away from the host city, Paris. The location was chosen for its world-famous waves and amazing scenery. 'This is a magical place, and the waves in Teahupo'o are breathtaking,' said Paris 2024 President, Tony Estanguet, after a visit to the event site. 'Our vision has always been to provide the most spectacular conditions for the surfers and the sport. I have no doubt that Tahiti will deliver on that vision.'

Do you enjoy taking photographs?
What would be your dream photography project?



Pictured: A whale photobombing the Tahiti surfing semi-final. **Source:** Jerome Brouillet Photography on X.

'Twinverclyde'

Inverclyde, located in the west central Lowlands of Scotland, has been given the nickname 'Twinverclyde' due to the number of twins who have been born there in recent years. The local council of one of Scotland's smallest regions announced that ten sets of twins have started school in Primary 1 this year. 2024 marks the fourth year in a row that the number of twins starting their first year of primary school has been in double figures. Local authorities reported that more than 150 twins have attended school in the area since 2013! Lord Provost, Drew McKenzie, said, 'It's something to be celebrated! And we're quite lucky that we're in Inverclyde, because "Twinverclyde" fits in quite well with that - there's a lot of local authorities who couldn't do that.' Margaret Campbell-Black, mum of



Pictured: Six sets of twins sitting on the 'singing steps' at St Patrick's Primary in Greenock, before starting school. **Source:** Inverclyde Council on Facebook.
twins Demi Rose and Nicole Ann, who started school at St Patrick's Primary recently, said, 'I'm emotional about them starting school but they're so ready for it. I think because they've got each other I'm not worrying as much as I would if it was just one of them. Although they're different and very individual and they have different friends, they can look out for each other.'
Can you think of a fitting nickname for your local area?

Are all jobs equal?



No, if you are passionate about your job and work hard to be the best you can be, it is worth more than a job someone doesn't try hard at.

Laura

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



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[@HelpPicture](https://twitter.com/HelpPicture)

TAKEHOME

2nd - 8th
September



How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?



In the news this week

Over the summer, many protests took place in England and Northern Ireland. Some of these became violent and turned into riots, which caused a great deal of damage to cars and buildings. It is thought that a lot of the protesters involved were encouraged by misinformation spread online. Following the protests, communities in many towns, including Middlesbrough, organised clean-up efforts that united people from all faiths and races.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What does community mean to you? How would you describe your local community?
- > Can you think of a time when you have either helped or been helped by your local community?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Events and Sporting Activities



AUTUMN ATHLETICS

COURSE

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club are pleased to announce a new 4-week athletics course for young athletes in Northampton and surrounding areas. It runs from **Saturday September 28th till Saturday 19th October**

This course will give an introduction to the track and field events – running, jumping and throwing and is suitable for all – from total novices to more seasoned athletes – no experience required – just lots of energy. The emphasis will be on fitness, skills and fun with all sessions led by qualified club coaches.

When

Saturday mornings 10-15 -11-30

Where

The sessions will take place at the Moulton College athletics track

Who

The sessions are open to both club and non- club athletes NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Costs

R&N members – free

Non-club athletes – £10 per 4 week block

Ages – MINIMUM AGE is Yr 3 at school (aged 7+) – MAXIMUM is Yr 9 at school

Places are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

To register – please complete this google form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfILmuTPWQJeq-bH8kpAuUkm6QFyLE6dsbQAQBVB3fdXeRL_g/viewform

If you have any further questions about the course or the club, please contact us at:

contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org



Hardingstone,
Moulton, East Hunsbury
and Pineham



Award winning music class
for 0 - 5 year olds at Simon de Senlis
Primary School.

10am - 10.40am
Friday 13th September - 25th October



Book here:
<https://bit.ly/3rn9u>
MJ



Contact Lesley at lesley@musicbugs.co.uk
Mobile: 07811 771480



Have a great weekend

