



Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



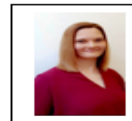
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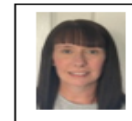
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Natalie Parsonson. SENDCO.

How to raise a healthy heart



- 1. Keep moving.** Exercise as a family; ride bikes, take a walk, go swimming or play games outside.
- 2. Be positive.** Make heart health fun by incorporating games into your family activities or walk to a park for a healthy picnic dinner. Celebrate successes to promote a positive sense of self-esteem.
- 3. Limit screen time.** Excessive screen time leads to a sedentary lifestyle and constant snacking, which increases the risk for obesity and cardiovascular disease. Limit TV, computer and phone time to two hours each day.
- 5. Go to the grocery store together.** Learn more about reading nutrition labels and make it fun for your child. Staples in your kitchen should be 100 percent whole wheat or grains, low-fat dairy products, poultry, fish and nuts.
- 6. Keep healthy options on hand.** When your child gets home from school, give him healthy snack options such as whole grain crackers and string cheese, hummus dip and vegetables, Greek yogurt with apple slices, nuts and dried fruit.
- 7. Make dinner a family affair.** Involve your child in cooking and planning meals.
- 8. Check salt intake.** Avoid processed foods and keep salt off the table.
- 9. Stay involved.** Be an advocate for your child and others. Go for good food choices.
- 10. Be realistic.** Set realistic goals and limits. Small steps and gradual changes can make a big difference in your child's health over time, so start small and build up.



Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
3rd October	Whole School	Individual photos. Siblings from 8:00am. Full uniform to be worn or, if a PE day, then full PE uniform to be worn
10th October	New Parents for 2025	Mainstream, Reception 2025 intake Open Evening
16th October	Year 3	Harvest Assembly – Year 3 Parents welcome
18th October	Whole School	Short Reports home
22nd & 24th October	Whole School	Parents Evening (TLCs) Booking is open
13th December	Whole school	Clubs finish for this term

Dates for your diary from the Friends of Simon de Senlis

Date	Year group	Event
21st October	Whole School	Pumpkin challenge
13th November	Whole School	Colour Disco
9th December	Whole School	Bring a raffle prize in for your year, in your year group colour
19th December	Whole School	Colour Raffle winners drawn



Harvest for Hope

Please send in any of the following items to help us support the 2024 Harvest for Hope appeal.

You can pass your donations to your child's class teacher from Monday 30th September.

Harvest for Hope Shopping List

Cereals	cleaning items (washing up liquid/multipurpose)
Tinned meat or fish	Cooking sauces
Rice or pasta	Soup
Tinned fruit/veg	Tinned tomatoes
Tinned pudding	Squash
Healthy snacks	Longlife (UHT) milk
Sugar	Hot chocolate
Coffee/tea	Biscuits
Rice pudding	Toilet Roll
Fruit Squashes	cleaner
Spreads (jam/marmalade)	Custard
Ladies sanitary items	Washing powder

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have seen so many children step forward to be a leader for their class and the school. It has been wonderful to hear the great things they would like to do to make a change across school and I know that the children who were elected will make a positive dent across school. If your child wasn't voted for a position, we will find other opportunities for them across the year to allow them to make their mark too. Thank you to everyone who showed their knowledge and insights within their applications, we are very proud of them. We too are proud of every child across the school and today this was celebrated in assembly and also within the poster of the week and my visit to each class. As ever, it is wonderful, within my class visit, to see the fantastic work taking place and to see the pride from each child in their achievements. What a great week it has been!

Please enjoy the weekend, stay dry and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Fennelly



Parents Evening

We will be holding our Parents evenings on:
Tuesday October 22nd and Thursday October 24th
Appointments are from 3:30pm – until 6:10pm.

Booking is open

To book your appointment please type the following into your browser:

<https://simondesenlisorg.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Parents Evening

All you need to login and book is :

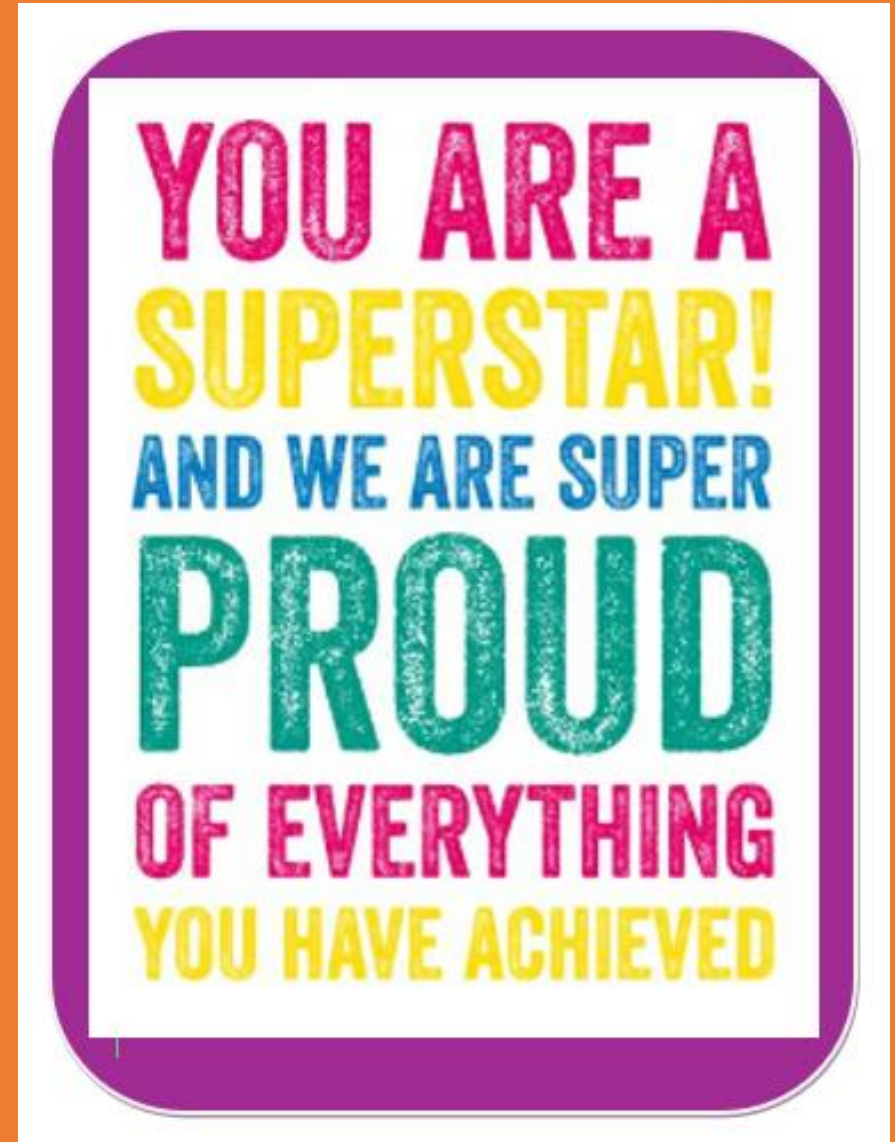
- Your name
- Your email addresses
- Full name of your child
- Child's date of birth

To book type the following into your browser:

<https://simondesenlisorg.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Poster of the Week

This week we celebrated all the great things we have achieved so far this term. There have been so many wonderful things that each person should be proud of.



BENEFITS OF READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Develops
empathy

Improves
mental health

Increases
general
knowledge

Strengthens
neurons in the
brain


Reduces
stress

Improves
imagination


Supports all
areas of the
curriculum

THE IMPACT OF READING DAILY

Child A reads for 20 minutes
per day and hears 1,800,000
words

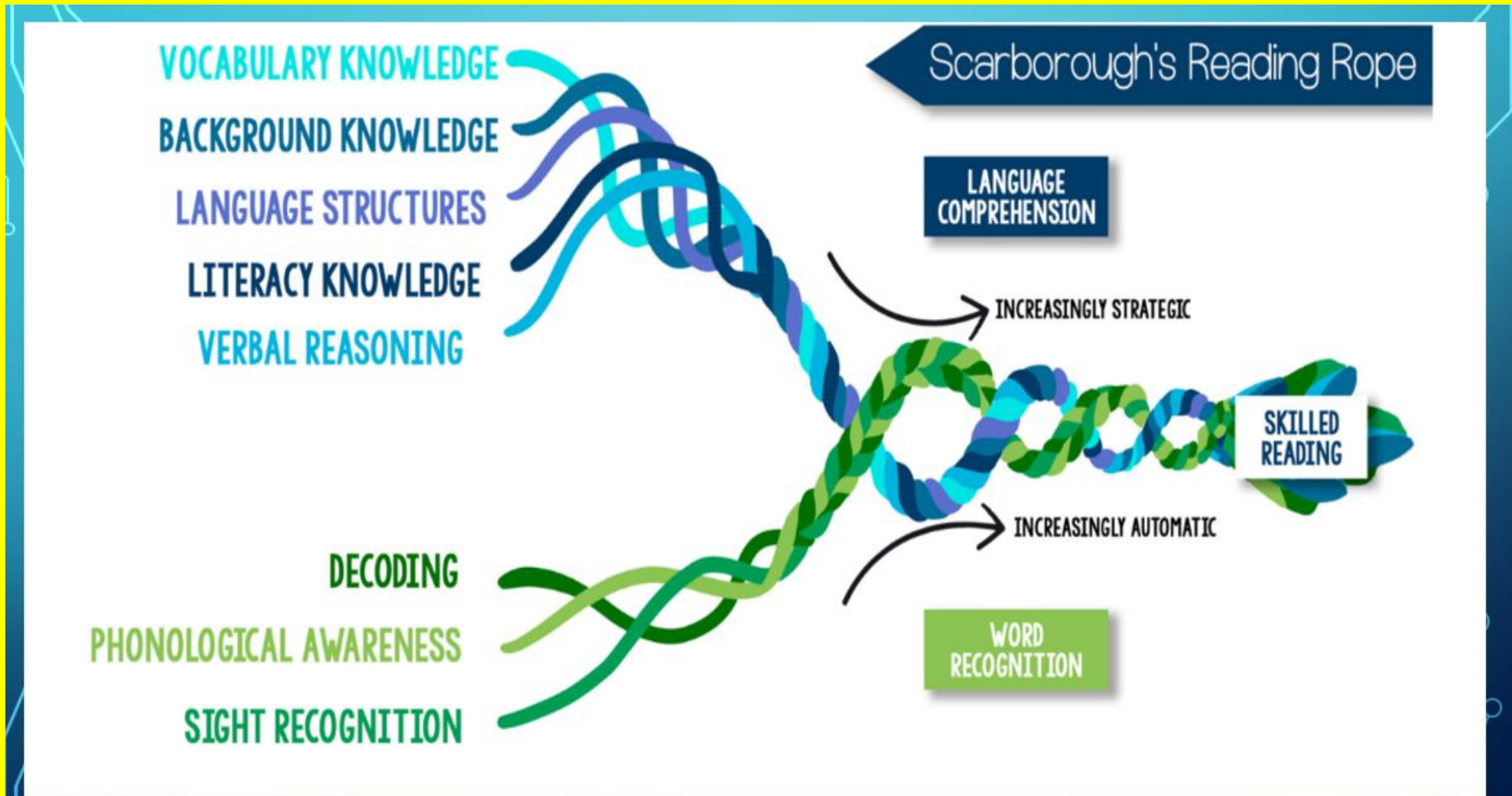


Child B reads for 5 minutes
per day and hears 282,000
words



Child C reads for 1 minute per
day and hears 8,000 words

HOW DO CHILDREN LEARN TO READ?



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- Read to your child often
- Listen to your read child
- Visit the library for access to free books
- Talk to your child about books they like
- Play talking and reading games with your child

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.



Why do we feel proud? Can you be proud of yourself and of others too?



National Teaching Assistants' Day

On National Teaching Assistants' Day, we are sending thanks our amazing team of TAs who provide outstanding support and care to all our children.

Thank you!



POPPY DISPLAY

We have been asked to contribute painted poppies to both the East Hunsbury Library and Barclaycard Remembrance displays this year. Our wonderful art club will be painting and assembling them but we need your help!

If you have any 2 litre plastic bottles, please could you rinse them out and bring them into the school office over the next 2 weeks? We need the lids as well.

Many thanks.





**SCOOTERS AND BIKES MUST BE PUSHED
WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AND NOT
RIDEN. PLEASE SECURE THESE IN THE
RACKS PROVIDED IN THE PLAYGROUND..**



Parents and visitors are reminded that Danes Camp and Tesco supermarket kindly offer free parking for dropping off and picking up your children.

**The car park at school is for staff parking,
and Blue badge holders**



**Please leave our disabled bays for our disabled staff and visitors,
access is required at all times.**

Many thanks

Sports - Cycling

Did you know cycling is good for your health and wellbeing, as well as being great fun for people of all ages. If you have been inspired by the Olympic track, BMX and Road Cycling, then try out our local facilities.

If you want the opportunity to try mountain biking without the commitment of buying a bike, then why not go along to Northampton Bike Park where twenty new mountain bikes have been donated to Northampton Bike Park by West Northamptonshire Council (WNC).

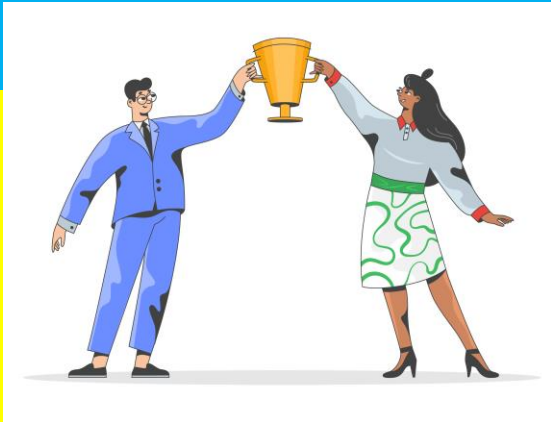
The park is an exciting place full of off- road tracks for you to develop your cycling skills and explore the great outdoors. We encourage everyone to go down to Northampton Mountain Bike Park and experience this fantastic leisure facility.

Find out more here;

<https://northamptonbikepark.org/>

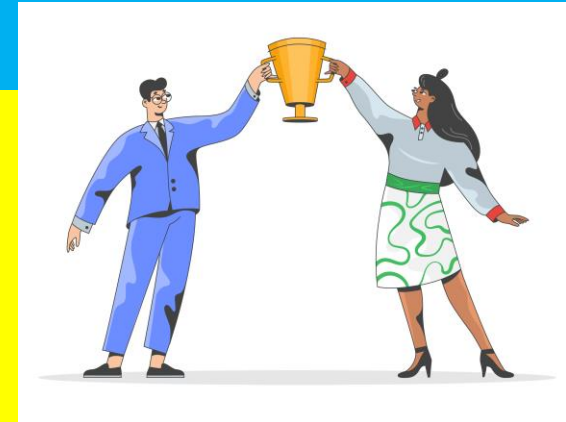


There are also lots of cycle trails in Irchester Country Park. Why not cycle around the woods and treat yourself to an ice-cream afterwards. If you are feeling brave, try out the zip-wire.
<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/irchester-country-park>



School Awards

Great news!



We are so proud to have been awarded the Music Mark award for our dedication to music across the whole school.

We are also so proud to have been awarded the School Sport Games Gold award for our commitment to sports across the school.



**MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL**

2024 - 2025



SCHOOL
GAMES

GOLD

2023/24

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:





Application for Reception Places

We're now starting the process for entry into reception at primary and infant schools, from the start of the new academic year in September 2025. The application portal is now live for parents/carers to submit their school preferences at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions.

Parents have until 15 January 2025 to apply, with online applicants being notified by email on the national offer day – 16 April 2025. Paper applicants will be notified by letter which will be posted out on offer day. Any application forms received by School Admissions *after* 15 January will be considered as late and won't be considered until May 2025 onwards.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to apply [online](#) and read the online prospectus - *Applying for a Primary School Place for 2025-26*. This provides detailed information on schools and the application process.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM?

Pupil Premium Payment 2024-2025

As you may be aware all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals 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?

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)

If your application is successful, you will receive:

- School uniform
- 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 you are eligible

For an instant decision on whether you are eligible please click the link below:-

[Free school meals and pupil premium | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium)

**THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE**



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!



**Please, No Nuts nor
chocolate or nut spreads.**

**We have children with
Nut allergies in our
school**



HALLOWEEN 2024

CREATE / DECORATE A PUMPKIN



CRAFT!

COLOUR!

DRAW!

CARVE!

CREATE!

**BRING YOUR
PUMPKIN CREATION
TO SCHOOL ON
MONDAY 21ST
OCTOBER**

**£2 DONATION TO FRIENDS OF SDS FOR EACH ENTRY
STICKER FOR EVERY ENTRY AND ONE
SPECIAL PRIZE PER CLASS FOR THE WINNER!**



WANTED

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM



Please drop off at the school office by 4 October.

The next pre-loved uniform sale will be on 11 October.

All proceeds go to Friends of Simon de Senlis to support the school.

FESTIVE RAINBOW RAFFLE!

**AN AMAZING FESTIVE HAMPER FULL OF
PRIZES TO BE WON FOR EVERY YEAR GROUP!**

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE A PRIZE IN YOUR
COLOUR BY 13TH DECEMBER**



SU - ORANGE

RECEPTION - RED



YEAR 1 - BLUE

YEAR 2 - GREEN



YEAR 3 - GOLD/YELLOW

YEAR 4 - SILVER



YEAR 5 - PINK/PURPLE

YEAR 6 - WHITE



**TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY ON PARENTMAIL
£1 PER TICKET OR 10 FOR £5**

**THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON
19TH DECEMBER**



Year 6 Transition information for the Secondary Schools in Northampton 2024

**The information on the next slides is for pupils due to start
secondary school in September 2025.**

If you have any queries, please call the schools direct.

Parents to apply for Secondary School places by:

5pm on 31st October 2024

@ www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

NOTE - This information is for pupils due to start secondary school in September 2025
If you have any queries, please call the schools direct. Parents to apply for Secondary School places by 5pm on 31st October 2024 @ www.northamptonshire.gov.uk



Year 6 Transition information for the Secondary Schools in Northampton 2024

Name of School	Open Evening Date 2024
Abbeyfield School 01604 763616	Thursday 10th October 2024 5pm – 7pm, parents do not need to book.
Billing Brook School 01604 773910	TBC
Kingsthorpe College 01604 716106	Wednesday 25th September 2024 Headteacher Talks at 5.30pm & 6.15pm. Further information available on website www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk
Malcolm Arnold Academy 01604 778000	Thursday, 26th September 2024 6.00pm – 7.00pm – Please check their website to confirm nearer the time - www.malcolmarnoldacademy.co.uk
Northampton Academy	Wednesday 2nd October 2024 5.30pm – 8.00pm. Principal's Presentations at 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm • Tours from 6.00 pm. Booking required - https://www.northampton-academy.org/openevenings
Northampton International Academy (NIA) 01604 212811	Thursday 26th September 4.30-6.30pm



Northampton School (new)

Presentation Evenings:

Monday 23rd September 2024 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Monday 23rd September 2024 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Wednesday 25th September 2024 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday 25th September 2024 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Parents/Carers will be able to book a place at a Presentation Evening via Ticketsource

Open Morning Tours:

Monday 30th September 2024 - 9:00am and 9:45am

Tuesday 1st October 2024 - 9:00am and 9:45am

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 - 9:00am and 9:45am

Thursday 3rd October 2024 - 9:00am and 9:45am

Parents/Carers will be able to book a place at the Presentation Mornings via Ticketsource in September.

Northampton School for Boys
01604 230240

Presentation Evenings:

Monday 16th September 2024 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Monday 16th September 2024 - 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Wednesday 18th September 2024 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday 18th September 2024 - 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Parents/Carers will be able to book a place at a Presentation Evening via Ticketsource

Open Morning Tours:

Monday 23rd September 2024 - 9:00am and 9:45am

Tuesday 24th September 2024 - 9:00am and 9:45am

Wednesday 25th September 2024 - 9:00am and 9:45am

Thursday 26th September 2024 - 9:00am and 9:45am

Parents/Carers will be able to book a place on the Open Morning Tours via Eventbrite



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<p>Northampton School for Girls 01604 679540</p>	<p>Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October Open day tours on the following Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.</p>
<p>The Duston School 01604 460004</p>	<p>TDS' open week takes place during the week commencing 23/9 and will run twice a day, every day, in the school day. Parents will be invited to attend via Eventbrite: https://buytickets.at/thedustonschool/1315850, details on the website – www.thedustonschool.org</p>
<p>Northgate School Arts College 01604 714098</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th September 2024 Parents need to phone in and book either 6pm or 7pm slot (01604 714098)</p>
<p>The Northampton Academy 01604 210017</p>	<p>Wednesday 2nd October 2024 Principal's Presentations at 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm • Tours from 6.00 pm Book via - https://www.northampton-academy.org/openevenings</p>
<p>Thomas Becket Catholic School - 01604 493211</p>	<p>Thursday 19th September 2024 Head teacher talks at 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Although booking isn't essential it will help us plan the evening and bookings can be made at - https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/63394</p>
<p>Weston Favell Academy 01604 402121</p>	<p>Thursday 3rd October 2024 Please email Mr Patel (transition lead) on npatel@westonfavellacademy.org if you require any further information.</p>
<p>Wootton Park School 01604 931139</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th September 2024 5pm – 7pm • 17th October 2024 5pm – 7pm <p>book: https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/s9333</p>



<p>Campion 01604 833900</p>	<p>We will be holding 5 Morning tours on the dates below</p> <p>26th September 2024 / 3rd October 2024 / 10th October 2024 /17th October 2024</p> <p>24th October 2024</p> <p>All tours start at 9.00am and will be finished between 10.30am and 11.00am</p> <p>Parents will need to book via the school website</p>
<p>Caroline Chisholm 01604 669200</p>	<p>Thursday 26th September 5pm – 8pm. Tickets are via Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-7-september-2025-open-evening-tickets-995283629127?aff=oddtcreator</p>
<p>Elizabeth Woodvale 01604 861184</p>	<p>Thursday 10th October 2024 - South Site, Deanshanger - 5.30pm Thursday 3rd October 2024 - North Site, Roade</p> <p>Booking is required. Please contact either site for the booking link.</p>
<p>Guilsborough Academy 01604 740641</p>	<p>Thursday 3rd October 2024</p> <p>Please book tickets via https://www.guilsborough.northants.sch.uk/</p>
<p>Moulton School 01604 641600</p>	<p>Thursday 3rd October and Thursday 10th October 2024. https://www.moultonschool.co.uk/</p>



PARENTS/CARERS:

Please keep re-checking the secondary school websites to ensure your information is up-to-date.

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

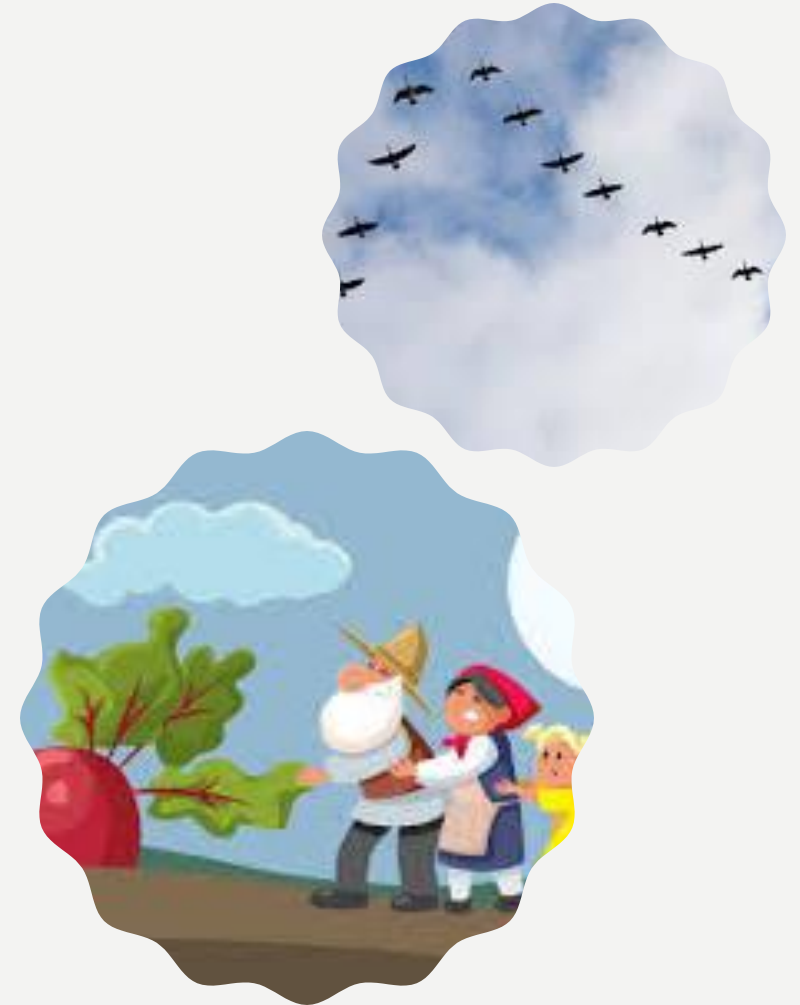


IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

This week our focus for assembly was teamwork. In ks1, we revisited the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and thought about how the characters all worked together to achieve a goal. We discovered that the combined effort is greater than the sum of its parts.

In ks2, we used nature as our inspiration by finding out facts about migrating geese and their special 'V' formation. We explored the facts further and thought about how we could apply this to our school community. Did you know, for example, that when one goose is ill or injured, two others fall out of the V formation to stay with it until it is well enough to continue the onward flight? Did you know that the honking noise is created by geese at the back encouraging the leaders?

Teamwork is a great attribute and something we thrive upon at Simon de Senlis.



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	

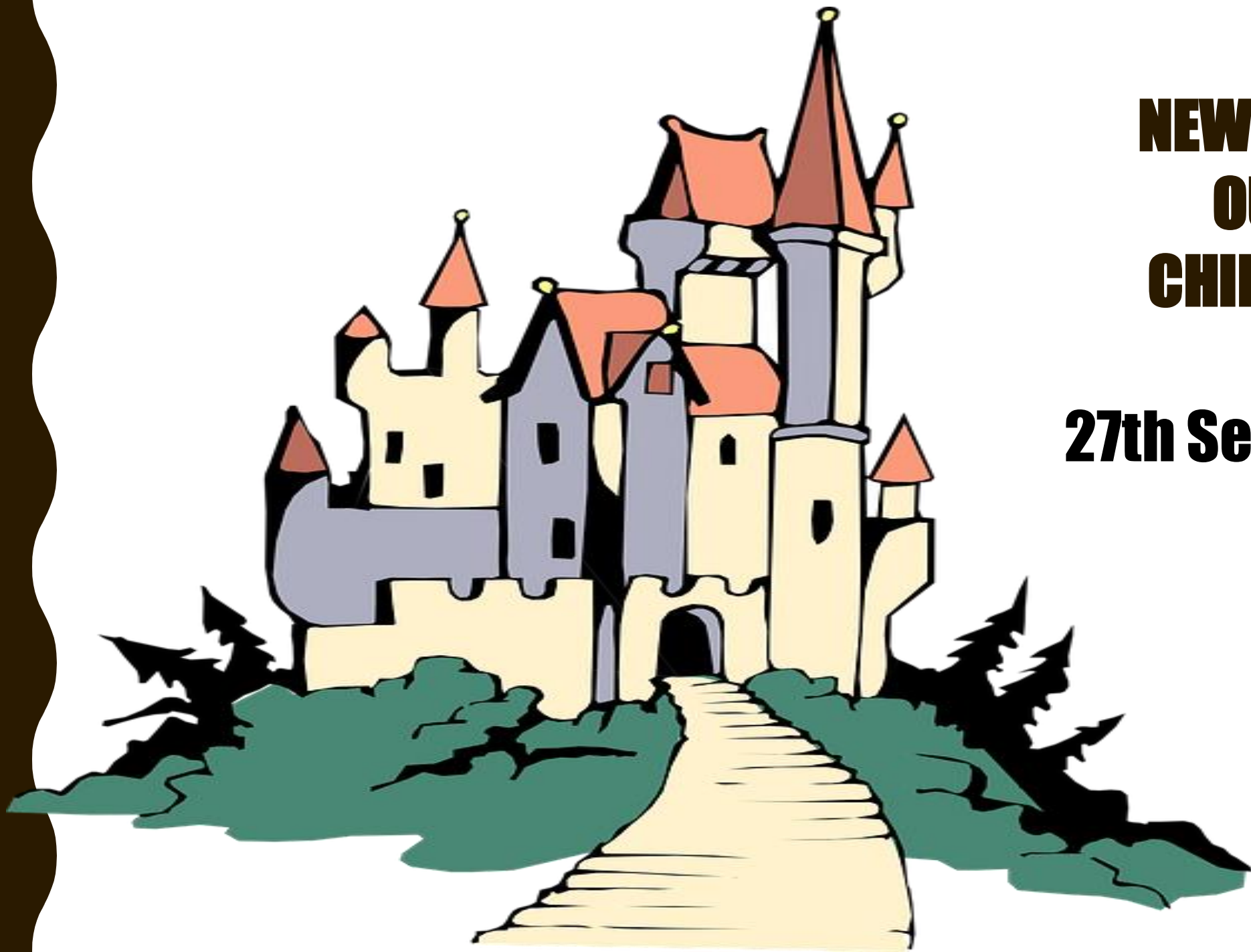
April 2026					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	

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**

27th September

#BigAssembly

On Friday 6th September, Picture News hosted its big back-to-school assembly, all about celebrating differences and overcoming adversity. The assembly took place following a summer of news dominated by stories of unrest. The message: even in difficult times, there are ways to spread love, light and hope. Picture News founder and host of the webinar, Katie Harrison, was joined by a staggering 501,310 people - perhaps you were one of them! The whole Picture News team were thrilled to see so many schools participating, especially after another popular assembly featuring Paralympian, Stef Reid, reached 427,343 viewers in

July. After the assembly, Katie commented, 'We were blown away by your insightful thoughts and contributions. It really highlighted what a wonderful future generation we have!' Don't worry if you missed out this time, keep your eyes peeled for future big assemblies to join!



Castle for a Classroom!

Imagine starting school in a castle! That's exactly what happened for some students in Exeter. This year, the new school term began at a very special place - Powderham Castle! The castle is over 600 years old and is full of history, with big stone walls, grand rooms, and beautiful gardens. The students will be learning in this amazing setting while their usual school building gets some repairs. For now, Powderham Castle is their classroom! One student, Lucy, said, 'It's so exciting to have our lessons in a real castle! It feels like we're living in a fairy



Pictured: Powderham Castle, Exeter.
Source: bryce_isobel on X.

tale.' The castle offers lots of space for learning, and the children will even get to explore some of its historic rooms and gardens during their breaks. This is a school term they will never forget! The students are enjoying their new, temporary home, and everyone agrees it's a magical place to learn.

How can we respond to unexpected events?



I think they should stay calm and speak to each other because that's their only company.

Rosalee T, 10

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



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'Whaley' Strange Looking Plane!

Plane spotters were excited to watch as an Airbus Beluga made a rare landing at London's Heathrow Airport. The unusually-shaped transporter was carrying parts for a plane that has been grounded since earlier this year. The vehicle is reported to be the 'world's most bizarre plane'. Due to its oversized cargo hold on top, it resembles a beluga whale. The Airbus A300-600ST (Super Transporter), or Beluga, is a specialised wide-body airliner used to transport aircraft parts and outsize cargo, such as helicopters!



Pictured: The Airbus BelugaXL.
Source: Airbus on X.

Airbus currently operates a fleet of six Beluga planes. The mega-planes measure 56 metres long, have wingspan of nearly 45 metres, and can carry up to 40 tonnes of cargo in their fuselage. The aircraft is even temperature-controlled to also carry sensitive deliveries, such as satellites or precious paintings.

Would you like to see this giant plane?

Have you ever watched a plane land or take off?



Tiny Tiger

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance are celebrating the birth of a Sumatran tiger cub at San Diego Zoo Safari Park, in California, USA. The zoo shared, 'First-time mum Jillian gave birth to a healthy male cub 🐅🇬🇧. Mum and cub are both healthy and bonding behind the scenes. With less than 600 Sumatran tigers left in the wild, this birth is incredibly significant for the genetic diversity of the population 🐾❤️'. Sumatran tigers are critically endangered and the tigers at San Diego Zoo are part of a worldwide 'Species Survival Plan'. The park is very proud of their new tiger mum and her keepers. Senior Vice President, Lisa Peterson, said, 'Jillian's care team has done an exceptional job monitoring her and her cub throughout this process, and it has been a joy for them to watch her enjoy motherhood. We hope this cub will allow our guests to gain a greater



Pictured: The Sumatran tiger cub at San Diego Zoo Safari Park.

Source: San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance on X.

understanding of this incredibly special species and the importance of conserving their natural habitats.' The park looks after over 3,000 animals from more than 300 species. Living there are a large array of endangered animals from every continent, except Antarctica. The park is involved in a number of programmes that work towards growing the numbers of these endangered species.

Do you know any interesting Sumatran tiger facts?

How can we respond to unexpected events?



We can respond to unexpected events by trying to be positive, having hope that things will work out for the best.

Jasper H

TAKEHOME

23rd - 29th
September



Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?

David Game College

David Game

In the news this week

The UK's first teacherless classroom, using AI (artificial intelligence) instead of human teachers, has opened. David Game College, a school in London, began its new course for twenty GCSE pupils in September. The pupils will learn using both AI platforms on their computers and VR (virtual reality) headsets.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you imagine it would be like to learn without a teacher? What difficulties do you think might arise? What do you believe the benefits could be?
- > What qualities do you think make a good teacher? Ask others at home. Do you agree on all of the qualities?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Events and Sporting Activities



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9AM - 4PM
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& GYMNASTICS**

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Kettering, NN15 7RP

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SCAN ME

Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG)

Sunday 29th Sept

3.30 – 5.00 pm



Explore more, through
activities and play about

**Harvest
Festival**

Free Event

Family Fun

We are holding an event to have fun, make things, and celebrate our world.

Crafts, story and food, for families with primary aged children plus brothers and sisters.

Tea, coffee and cake for adults.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please phone or email to book your places:

admin@stbens.uk or vicar@stbens.uk

www.stbenedictschurchnorthampton

Free Event





Pitsford School

All areas of the school will be open: Pre-School, Juniors, Seniors
and our NEW Sixth Form Centre. Come and see our school in action!

'Excellent'

*ISI Inspection
2022*

OPEN DAY

Saturday 28th September 2024

10.30am - 1.00pm



"Nurturing, friendly and safe
- my child has thrived"

Please use the QR Code above or
email registrare@pitsfordschool.com



North Campus - Roade

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

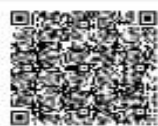


“You really do have wonderful teachers going above and beyond and we as a family are so very grateful.”
Parent, EWS

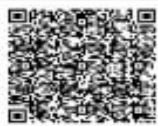
Thursday 3rd October 5pm - 7pm

Join us for a tour of the school (Roade) and talk with the Headteacher.

Talks at 5:15pm or 6pm. **Book today to reserve your place.**



5:15pm Talk



6pm Talk



Elizabeth Woodville School is part of the Tove Learning Trust – a highly successful and local multi academy trust

We are delighted to welcome Year 6 students and their parents into our school. We offer an exciting and vibrant learning environment where students enjoy successes, both in and out of the classroom which help them develop into confident leaders.

✓ **Community**

We are a small community school that is committed to providing opportunities for students to achieve their true potential

✓ **Curriculum**

Our knowledge-rich curriculum is designed to support our students in fostering a life long love of learning

✓ **Care**

We provide a warm, supportive, and stimulating environment where pupils, staff, and parents work together to ensure that every child flourishes

If you are unable to make the open evening. Limited daytime tours are available by contacting Jane Karaolis on the email below.

If you wish to speak to someone, please email jane.karaolis@ewsacademy.org.uk

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ABBNEYFIELD SCHOOL

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Come and have a talk from our Principal and student leaders, meet our wonderful staff and tour the amazing Abbeyfield School. Find out all the amazing opportunities we have to offer!

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2024

BOOK YOUR PLACE USING THE QR CODE ON THIS FLYER TALKS AVAILABLE 5PM & 6PM

**AT ABBNEYFIELD SCHOOL VIA
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Supporting Kids with School Anxiety	26 SEP
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Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV



**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:
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MJ**

**Contact Lesley at lesley@musicbugs.co.uk
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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



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10:30 AM
SUNDAY
27TH OCT



Wellbeing Walk

Join us in raising awareness and help fundraise for Northampton Saints Foundation who support people aged 4-104 who are affected with mental health issues, by taking part in our community walking event at Irchester Country Park.

Challenge yourself to a 5k or 10k walk or run to help raise funds for a fantastic cause, you can take part as an individual or a group to raise money for charity alongside family and friends. If you would like to sign up to our charity Wellbeing Walk, please email your interest to imogen.martin@northamptonsaintsfoundation.org to register today!

ENTRY COSTS

Individuals **£5** (Aim to raise £50 sponsorship)

Groups **£10** (Aim to raise £100 sponsorship)*

*Maximum of 4 people, 2 Adults and 2 Children



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Register of charities number: 1176345

Have a great weekend

