



World Egg Day

11th October

## Designated Safeguarding Lead



Joanne Fennelly.  
Headteacher.

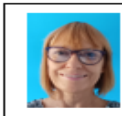
## Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



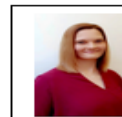
Rachel Rosevear. Deputy Head.



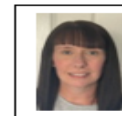
Jennifer de Board.  
Assistant Headteacher.



Sian Haigh. Assistant Head for  
Inclusion.



Natalie Richards. EYFS Lead.



Natalie Parsonson. SENDCO.



# 6 FACTS ABOUT EGGS



"Yolk" means "yellow" in old English

Eggs go off faster at room temperature than in the fridge

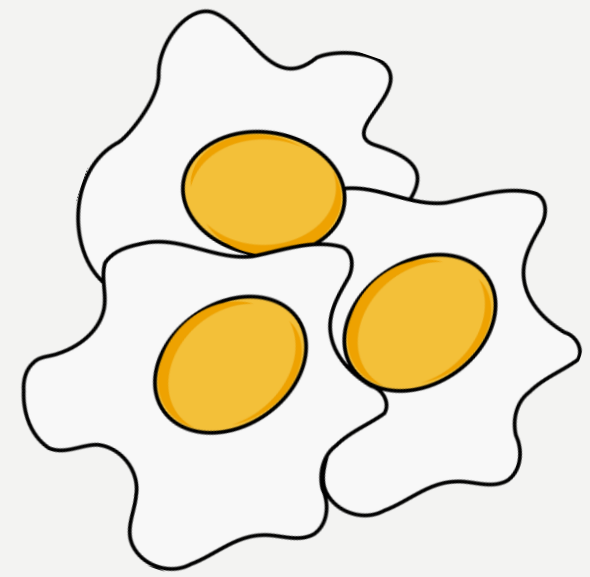
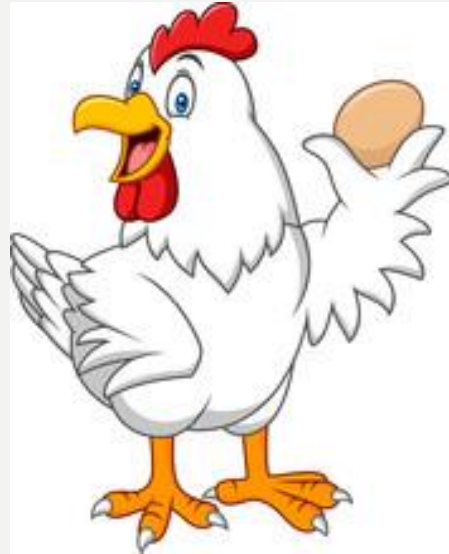
Floating eggs are older than sinking eggs

Older eggs peel easier than the super fresh ones!



Ducks, quails, emus, geese, and ostriches lay tasty eggs too!

Some fish lay thousands of eggs in one go!



# Year 6 application deadline for secondary schools in Northampton 2025

**Parents to apply for Secondary School places**

**by:**

**5pm on 31st October 2024**

**@ [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)**

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

# Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the new academic year has started, one of our annual traditions is to elect class leaders from each class across the school. Children have been given the opportunity to apply to be one of a range of leaders in each class. These include- School Council, Eco Ambassador, Maths Champion, Reading Ambassador, Outdoor Learning, Play Leaders and Well-being Leaders. There has been a thrill of excitement as the children produce their reasons for why they will make a difference as a leader and via individual presentations, children have shared their ideas and vision as to why they should be chosen to represent their class. After listening carefully, and questioning for further information, the children voted for their representatives. The elected teams will all now meet on a regular basis to make change across the school. Some of last year's impact included developments in the playground, changes to school meals, finding ways to save energy, raising money for charities, improving the school library and making decisions about visitors and trips. This year, we know our amazing leaders will continue to have a positive impact on the school and the wider community. We have been asked to take part in discussions about initiatives to reduce flooding in the local area which the Eco Ambassadors will be part of. The further development of books and the library will be taken on by our Reading Ambassadors, our Maths Leaders are excited about arranging visits from maths skills workshops and our School Councillors will be inviting the Mayor to school for their annual visit. Of course, many, many more exciting things will be organised and arranged by our leaders. It's going to be another exciting year! Please enjoy the weekend, fingers crossed for sunshine and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Fennelly



## Poster of the Week

This week we celebrated asking for help and how this can help us to achieve and succeed. It is ok to ask for help at all times in our lives.



We believe,  
We achieve,  
We Succeed

## **Staff Vacancy – Teaching Assistant**

**We are looking to recruit a reliable and committed Teaching Assistant to join our hard-working team. The successful candidate will be able to work effectively as a member of the team, have excellent interpersonal skills and consistently support the school values and approaches.**

**Days of work: Monday – Friday 8.45am – 3.15pm term time only**

**Starting salary: Grade D, Point 3 (£22,737 FTE – pro-rata). Hourly rate £11.79 pay award pending**

**Contract: Fixed term until 31 August 2025**

**If you are interested and would like more details or would like to apply please email: [info@simondesenslis.org](mailto:info@simondesenslis.org)**

## 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.



## 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.



## 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

### 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.



### 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.





## 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

## 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

## 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

## 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are **not** toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

## 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.



# 12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

## 1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

## 2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

## 3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK

When you use your WIFI at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.



## 4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

## 5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

## 6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

## 12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

## 7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

## 8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

## 9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.



## 12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

### 10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE



Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

### 11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

### 12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.



**The BBC 500 word writing competition is open for entries! Go to the link below to find out more. Maybe you could be the next winner!!!**

[500Words\(bbc.co.uk\)](https://www.bbc.co.uk/500words)



# Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
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) <b>Booking is open</b>
13th December	Whole school	Clubs finish for this term

# Dates for your from the Friends of Simon de Senlis

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





# 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 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## Harvest for Hope Shopping List

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

# DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD GARDEN POTS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED?

- Gardening club at Simon de Senlis has already planted out some delightful planters with pansies at the front of the school. They look lovely and help to make the entrance look nice and colourful for visitors.
- We would now like to do some more planting but do not have any pots to use. Rather than buying new ones, we wondered if anybody has any old ceramic or terracotta pots in their shed, garden or garage they no longer require.
- If you do, please bring them into school and pass them to Mr Watson in Year 5 (Einstein Class). We can't wait to get planting and help make our school and even more lovely place to be!

(Any packs of wildflower seeds or bulbs would be gratefully received also!)

Thank you.





# House Dojo Scoreboard



**4,129**



**3,963**



**4,238**



**4,098**



# 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.



## Online Safety Update



This week, several of our younger children have been playing role-play games on the playground that involve re-enacting online games.

Rainbow Friends and Poppy Playtime are both **survival-horror** games where children have been kidnapped and are trapped in a toy factory or theme park and have to try and escape. Monsters, including a character called Huggy Wuggy, then try to prevent this happening.

As well as these games being available on gaming platforms such as Roblox and Poki, there are animated episodes of the game on youtube.

Some children are finding the characters from the games extremely frightening and the suggested age ratings for these games are 10+.

Further information on online safety, age ratings and suitability of games is available on the NSPCC site here:

[How to Ensure Your Children Stay Safe While Playing Online Games | NSPCC](#)

# How to Order – Please visit our website:

<https://v6.kittleorders.com/kp/Home>



## If you are a new customer

- Please click on 'add a photo' and enter the photo ID and password.
- Add your email address when prompted.
- Click on 'order this photo'.
- This will now bring up all the different items you can buy.
- Click on 'view' against the product you wish to buy and then click 'add to basket'.
- If you wish to add another picture or item, please click on 'select different photo'.
- When you have added all the items you wish to buy click on the 'basket' in the top right-hand corner of the page.
- Please check your basket carefully and select your preferred delivery option.
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- Please click on 'login' and enter your email address and password.
- You can now enter your photo id and password for your new photo.
- Click on 'order this photo'.
- This will now bring up all the different items you can buy.
- Click on 'view' against the product you wish to buy and then click 'add to basket'.
- If you wish to add another picture or item, please click on 'select different photo'.
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## 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://simondesensenisorg.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/>



## September to December 2024 What's On brochure

[September to December 2024 What's On brochure - Museums \(northamptonmuseums.com\)](https://www.northamptonmuseums.com)



## 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.



**Helping can come from doing small things and big gestures. Is one better than the other?**



# Sports - Rugby

England will take on New Zealand in the first of the Men's Autumn Nations Series on **Saturday 2 November 2024**. From the iconic Haka to an exhilarating battle from the two strong teams, it will be a special moment you don't want to miss!

If you want to support our local teams then pop along to Franklin's Gardens and cheer on the Ladies Loughborough Lightens.( see details on the poster)

## Try This at Home

Why not practise your side stepping at home, which is a movement to outwit defenders. Place two markers 3m apart and sidestep between them as quickly as you can. Keep your body low and be light and quick on your feet. How many times can you move between the cones in 1min?

Enjoy, Miss Bland



**LIGHTNING** **NORTHAMPTON SAINTS**

**LIGHTNING** **SALT SHARKS WOMEN**

**SAT 19 OCT @ 2.00PM**  
CINCH STADIUM @ FRANKLIN'S GARDENS

**EXCLUSIVE LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTNING  
SCHOOLS TICKET OFFER**

**PRICES FROM £8\* ADULT | £3\* JUNIOR  
VISIT**

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/northampton saints/Events>  
**AND USE CODE 'SITS2425' AT CHECKOUT TO REDEEM**

\*PLUS £1.50 BOOKING FEE PER TICKET | ONLY APPLICABLE IN BRONZE/GREEN AREAS



# Simon de Senlis Primary School



  
**Ofsted**  
**Outstanding**



## 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](http://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](http://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)



# Optimistic October 2024

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month







# **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!**



WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTMAIL - £3 EACH

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE OR BRIGHTEST COLOURS!

C O L O U R

DiScO

RECEPTION + YRS 1+2 + SU - 3:30 TO 4:30  
YRS 3+4 - 4:45 TO 5:45  
YRS 5+6 - 6:00 TO 7:00





# 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**





# **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.**

# 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



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**

Pupil Days  
 Bank Holidays  
 School Holidays  
 Teacher Training Days

## NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

**Teacher Training Days**  
 Monday 2 September 2024  
 Tuesday 3 September 2024  
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Tues		3	10	17	24
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Mon	30	7	14	21	28
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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)

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**NEWS FOR  
OUR  
CHILDREN  
11th October**





## A Purr-fect Helper!

Meet Cilla, a very special cat, who lives at a primary school in Warwickshire! Cilla first showed up as a stray seven years ago, visiting the school every day. The students and staff loved her so much that they made her part of the school family! Cilla spends her time comforting students, especially those feeling nervous before big tests. She loves wandering into classrooms and sitting with children who need a cuddle. 'She just seems to know when a child needs her,' said headteacher Ms Taylor. Cilla's kindness hasn't gone unnoticed—she recently won the *Connected Cat* award at the Cat of the Year Awards! She's



**Pictured:** Cilla relaxing in the library.  
**Source:** @OutwoodsCat on X.

also famous online, with 26,000 followers on X (formerly Twitter). Plus, she helped raise £5,000 for the school's library! With six cozy beds around the school, including two in the library, Cilla lives a life of luxury while doing her important job of comforting students.

## Pumpkin Power

Aleksandr Chusov has grown a record-breaking pumpkin in Russia, weighing an enormous 817kg! The giant pumpkin was crowned the largest in Russian history after a special weigh-in at the Moscow State University Botanical Garden. Aleksandr, who is 28 years old, won the top prize at the Autumn Festival of Vegetables. He explained how he grew the pumpkin saying, 'You select the biggest pumpkins and cross them with other giant pumpkins. Then, with the right care, like proper watering, fertilising, and planting at the

right time, they just get bigger and bigger!' The massive pumpkin is now famous, and Aleksandr is proud of his amazing gardening skills. What a pumpkin!

***Have you spotted any pumpkins? Were they giant?***



**Pictured:** Giant pumpkins.  
**Source:** Canva.

### Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?



*New technology is being invented all the time, I don't think we can rule out teacherless classrooms. Betsy, 10*

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



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## Disney Decoration!

A uniquely decorated home has gone viral after it was put up for sale by its Disney superfan owner! The estate agents in charge of selling the home posted that their advertisement had gone global: 'Our property listing has captured the world's attention, and we couldn't be more thrilled! 🇬🇧 🇬🇧' The Disney-themed home features huge murals of famous characters, such as Aladdin, Mary Poppins and Peter Pan. The property is in the Welsh seaside



**Pictured:** The interior of the Disney themed house.

**Source:** Elwy Estate Agents on Facebook.

town of Rhyl, in Denbighshire. Marti Anderson-Bryan from Elwy Estates explained, 'The current homeowner, she's a real massive Disney fan. She's been to Disney over twenty times, and she's actually lived in that house her whole life. Lots of people are just obviously really curious just to see the artwork because obviously, people have just never seen anything like it before!'

**Do you think you would like to live in this house?**

**Can you think of a theme you would like in your home?**

## Hunt for Happiness

Michael Zervos has announced that he has reached the halfway mark on his mission to travel to every country in the world. He is aiming to do this in the shortest number of days possible. There are 195 countries to go to and he has visited almost 100 so far! He is calling his world-record-breaking attempt, Project Kosmos! He describes his adventure as 'a record-breaking journey of happiness.' As he travels, he is asking the residents of each country the same question: What is the happiest moment of your life? The Greek-American filmmaker is collecting and then publishing the answers and stories that go with them online. He hopes by doing this he will spread happiness and the belief that everyone can be happy, wherever they live in the world, and whoever they are!



**Pictured:** Teacher and students with a globe.  
**Source:** Canva.

'I'm amazed I'm on schedule,' Michael admitted, 'Occasionally it means maybe spending a day less in a certain place, but I've tried to make the most out of those situations.' Describing the experience so far, he added, 'It's changed me in ways that I can't really articulate!'

**Are there any countries that you would like to travel to?**

**What is the happiest moment of your life?**

### Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?



*I think that we will always need human teachers as they will always be better at understanding their class.*

**Hamsa**

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# TAKEHOME

7th - 13th  
October



## In the news this week

E-commerce company, Amazon, has told all staff they need to return to the office five days a week next year, ending the option to work from home. In a message to all workers, Chief Executive Andy Jassy said the company expected everyone to be in the office full time (apart from some exceptions) from 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025. Amazon's new policy is very different from the UK government's approach, which is to make flexible working a right for employees, as promised in a new law proposal, due to be announced later this year.

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

- > Do you believe Amazon's decision is fair? Talk to someone at home, do they agree?
- > Do you think you might prefer working from home, or from a workplace with others? Why?

### How important are human interactions?



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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CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS  
& TAX FREE  
CHILDCARE!

 **PACESETTER**  
SPORTS & WELLBEING

**INTRODUCING  
SPY CLUB  
FRIDAYS!**

CHILDREN WILL  
RECEIVE A SECRET  
AGENT CARD  
& COMPLETE  
MISSIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE  
DAY!



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MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER



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Wellingborough, NN8 5LQ

**ABINGTON  
PDC**

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**MULTISPORTS  
& GYMNASTICS**

Northampton, NN1 5JS



**SPRATTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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£26 PER DAY

**MULTISPORTS  
& GYMNASTICS**

Northampton, NN6 8HY



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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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£26 PER DAY

**MULTISPORTS &  
GYMNASTICS**

Kettering, NN15 7RP

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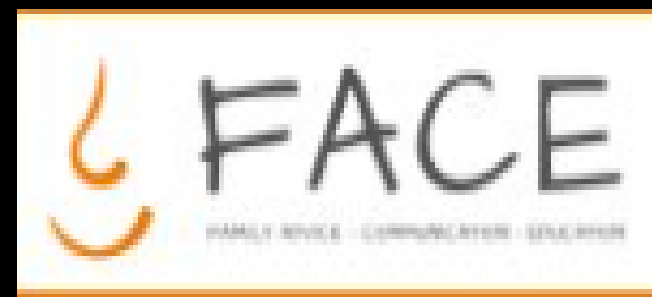


SCAN ME

## SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

<b>FREE SESSIONS</b>	
<b>Supporting Kids with School Anxiety</b>	<b>26 SEP</b>
<b>Introduction to Facing Defiance</b>	<b>24 OCT</b>
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
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



# 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 28<sup>th</sup> till Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](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](mailto:contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org)





Share your support on socials!

#MoveForMentalHealth

10:30 AM  
SUNDAY  
27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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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Friday 13th September - 25th October**



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# Have a great weekend

