



Abington Park. Northampton.

Designated Safeguarding Lead



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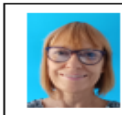
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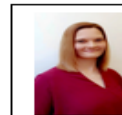
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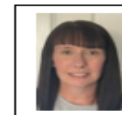
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Inclusion.



Natalie Richards. EYFS Lead.



Natalie Parsonson. SENDCO.

9 things to do at Abington Park

Play tennis

For £6, you can book a court for an hour via the [Tennis Northants website](#).

Visit Abington Park Museum

The museum is situated in the picturesque building of a 500 year old Manor House. Come and browse the wonderful collections, ranging from domestic life in the town to military photographs.

[Museum address and opening times](#)

Do the fitness trail

From cross trainers to air walkers and hip twisters, the park contains a trail of eight pieces of fitness apparatus for you to try and enjoy.

See live music at the bandstand

Events take place throughout the summer with local bands a popular highlight at weekends.

Find out about [Bands in the Park](#).

Grab a bite at the Park Cafe

The Park Cafe serves drinks, snacks and full meals.

It's open from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday and 9am to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Take your children to the play area

Facilities include swings and roundabout, all covered by safety concrete.

Visit the Church of St Peter and St Paul

William Shakespeare's granddaughter Elizabeth Bernard is buried here. The history of the church dates back to the 13th century.

Explore the lakes

The park contains two lakes, one model boating lake and a connecting stream. The large lake was remodelled in the 1920s.

Go fishing

Abington Angling Club is a non-profit organisation that have the rights to fish Abington park lake. Fishing is allowed dawn till dusk. You can purchase yearly books or day ticket on the bank. They run matches on Thursday evenings 5pm until 9pm and Sundays and Wednesdays from 8am until 2pm.

For more information email AbingtonAnglingclub@gmail.com.

ATTENDANCE

**LESSONS AND LEARNING START AT 08:45 IN OUR CLASSROOMS
THANK YOU FOR ARRIVING AT SCHOOL ON TIME.**



Punctuality

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year, that's 20 lessons missed
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to approx 2 weeks absence a year, that's 55 lessons missed
- Arriving 30 minutes late every adds up to approx 19 days absence a year, that's 123 lessons missed

From 19th August 2024: A fine can be issued if a child misses periods, including lateness



Year 6 application deadline for year 7 in secondary schools. Northampton 2025

Parents to apply for Secondary School places

by:

5pm on 31st October 2024

@ www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

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

Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A small piece of Autumn sunshine is always appreciated, and it has been lovely over the last few days to have sunshine through the day. The whole week has been a 'sunny' one with so many fabulous things taking place. Our wonderful Year 3 children presented their Harvest assembly to the parents on Wednesday and to the whole school today. Both assemblies were delivered with clear voices, sharing information about Harvest around the world and singing great songs that had everyone tapping their toes and joining in with the actions. Year 3 even had a standing ovation from the whole school as it was such a fantastic performance.

Yesterday, we welcomed a visitor to school who spent the day seeing the amazing things taking place in classrooms and on the playground. It was such a pleasure to share our fantastic school with them, and as you can imagine, they were immensely impressed, taking away lots of ideas to share with other school.

As ever, a wonderful week and definitely one where the sun has shone brightly at SDS.

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, the quokka,
an Australian animal,
shared our message.
Reminding us all to be
kind, helpful and to
spread happiness to
others.**



Do Nice
Be Kind
Spread Happy

BIKE SAFETY

If you and your child love riding bikes, this website might be interesting for you.

[Cycling with children | Brake](#)



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.

**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
18th October	Whole School	Short Reports home
22nd & 24th October	Whole School	Parents Evening (TLCs). The Book fair and Jules at home will be in school. Clubs that will NOT be running: Tues 22nd: Writing & Reading, Construction, Choir Thurs 24th: Forest School, Gardening & Gymnastics
21st October	Whole school	Last day for food donations
23rd & 24th October	Whole School	Poppy sales - The house captains will be selling Poppy's in aid of the Royal British Legion
24th October	Whole School	Last day for ordering children's photos to be delivered free to school
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- 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 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

House Dojo Scoreboard



4,129



3,963



4,238



4,098

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



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



Harvest for Hope



Thank you for all our Harvest donations of food and toiletries. They will be collected by The Hope Centre on Monday and will make such a difference to so many people.



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](#)



Would your child like to learn
to play the Drums?

NMPAT have a vacancy

If you are interested, please
email: info@simondesenis.org

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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.



**What colour is
Tuesday?**

What colour is Friday?



Sports - Football

Did you know that Sixfields Stadium is turning 30 years old this week.

Northampton Town hosted its first game against Barnet on 15th October 1994. Since then, many matches have been played and goals have been scored. Their next match at Sixfields is on Saturday against Leyton Orient, so why not pop along and cheer on the Cobblers team.

If you are looking to improve your skills on the football field, then check out these holiday courses held at Goals that offer coaching sessions for aged 5-14.

<https://www.ntfccommunity.co.uk/holidaycourses>

Enjoy, Miss Bland

<https://profootballacademy.com/locations/northampton/>



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)



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

D i S C O

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

Friends of
Simon de Senlis

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**



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
 Monday 4 November 2024
 Monday 24 February 2025
 Monday 2 June 2025

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

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

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

December 2024					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

January 2025					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

February 2025					
Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	

March 2025					
Mon		3	10	17	24 31
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28

April 2025					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	

May 2025					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tues		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30

June 2025					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27

July 2025					
Mon	30	7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	

August 2025					
Mon			4	11	18 25
Tues			5	12	19 26
Wed			6	13	20 27
Thu			7	14	21 28
Fri		1	8	15	22 29



Key

School Holidays		Teacher Training Days	
Pupil Days		Bank Holidays	



NPAT Academic Calendar 25/26

Teacher Training Days

Monday 1st September 2025
 Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Monday 3rd November 2025
 Monday 5th January 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026*
 (disaggregated)

September 2025					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

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January 2026					
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**NEWS FOR
OUR
CHILDREN**

18th October



Magic Michael Rosen

Perhaps you are already familiar with children's author, Michael Rosen. He has recently been very busy meeting young book lovers in Jersey, an island just off the south coast of England. At a special event in the town library, Michael read his famous story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* – but with a local twist! He performed parts of the story in Jèrriais, a traditional language from Jersey, which made the audience cheer with delight. Talking about why he continues to write and perform, Michael said, 'It's fun apart from anything else – I just have lovely fun!' Michael is in Jersey for the 2024 Festival of

Words. He's excited to see young people enjoying stories and believes they're writing more than ever, through social media and texting. 'When I see children laugh and enjoy stories, it feels like magic,' he added.



Pictured: Michael Rosen reading his famous story, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.
Source: @JerseyWordFest on X.

World Leaders Meet

Leaders from around the world are meeting at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York City, to talk about big problems facing the planet. The UN was created after World War II to help countries work together for peace, human rights, and helping people in need. Today, almost every country in the world is a member, and when issues or problems arise, the UN is one of the first places where countries share their concerns. This year, the UN will meet for the 79th time! There are many important issues to discuss,



Pictured: Debating at UN Headquarters in New York, USA. **Source:** @UN on X.

such as wars and the climate crisis. Leaders will also discuss new rules to keep artificial intelligence (AI) safe and helpful for everyone. UN leader António Guterres said, 'It's not just about signing agreements, it's about taking action.'

How important is it to know about the author behind the book?

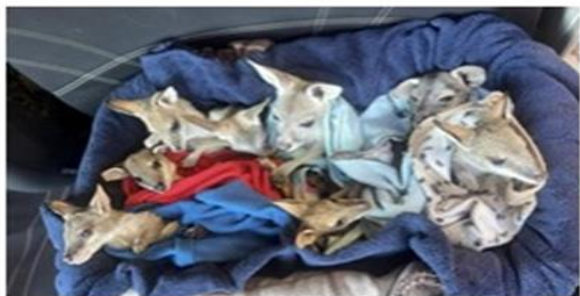


I think it is important because it helps to understand why they write these books.

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Cozy Joeys!

Incubators, donated by a local hospital, are helping to care for orphaned baby kangaroos in Australia. The humidicribs, that previously cared for premature babies, are now being used by Mandy Watson at Kununurra Kangaroo Rescue Haven in East Kimberly. The cribs imitate the conditions of a mother kangaroo's pouch, where baby kangaroos, called joeys, live for the first eight months of their lives. Kangaroo Haven rescues, rehabilitates and releases orphaned and injured wildlife. Mandy explained, 'In 20 years, we've released 823 back into the wild. It's really hard, especially in the dry season, for us to keep up that constant temperature.'



Pictured: Rescued Joeys being cared for at the centre. **Source:** Kangaroo Haven Wildlife Rescue on Facebook.

The incubators were donated after paediatric nurse, Jane Darlington, saw a volunteer raising awareness of the rescue centre while she was shopping. Jane realised she could help save lives as, luckily for the centre, Kununurra District Hospital needed to replace outdated incubators with more modern versions. 'It was very cute and caught my attention [...] I'm very pleased we've been able to give [the incubator] to somebody [who will] use it.'

Can you think of a way to help a rescue centre near you?

Timed Tricks

Teenage magician, Cillian O'Connor from County Meath in Ireland, is celebrating after completing 28 magic tricks in 60 seconds! The former Britain's Got Talent contestant now holds the world record for the most magic tricks performed in one minute (under 16 category). The 15-year-old's set involved making a wand appear out of nowhere, a trick that changed the colour of two pieces of silk, and making pencils disappear. Cillian often talks about difficulties with socialising and why he became a magician: 'I was looking for something to help me engage and interact with people, and I thought maybe magic would help. The rest, as they say, is history. Magic has allowed me to interact more with people. I've also made friends with similar interests and travelled to the most amazing places.' Looking to the future, he added, 'I hope by sharing my



Pictured: Cillian O'Connor with his Guinness World Record certificate. **Source:** Cillian O'Connor on Facebook.

story that I can inspire other kids. I would love to be able to bring magic into schools, as a form of therapy someday.' Cillian says he loves to perform with playing cards, 'My favourite magic trick is a card trick called Triumph, by Dai Vernon.'

Do you know any magic tricks?

How many do you think you could perform in one minute?

How important is it to know about the author behind the book?



It is important to know the author behind the book because they might relate it to their culture or even what has happened in their life or where they are from, their happiness and their struggles.
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TAKEHOME

14th - 20th
October



Arsenal



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts?
- > Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- > Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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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

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