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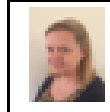


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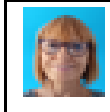
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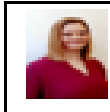
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To donate please go

to: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/simon-de-senlis>

The page is titled:

**Simon de Senlis Primary School fundraiser for BBC
Children in Need, November 15th 2024**

Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, we have had a busy and successful week at SDS. We welcomed visitors to see the great teaching and learning taking place in maths and reading across the whole school, where our visitors were impressed with the children's knowledge, enthusiasm for learning and high levels of attainment. Today, we welcomed Liz and Alison from East Hunsbury Parish Council who donated 20 sets of litter picking kits for our Eco Ambassadors to use around school. It was lovely to welcome them to school and they were delighted to chat to our ambassadors.

As we move into next week, we excitedly will be welcoming the BBC Political Editor Chris Mason to school, via a Zoom link, to be interviewed by our KS2 School Council, House and Vice Captains. As always, I am so proud to showcase our great school, children and staff to all our visitors and am always so proud to hear their positive feedback.

Please enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Take care and enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Fennelly



Enormous thanks to Liz and Councillor Alison who donated 20 Litter picking sets for the school from the East Hunsbury Parish Council. They were presented to some of our Eco Ambassadors who received them with such enthusiasm!



Do you have a cupboard full of Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your child? Would you like to help the environment and buy another jumper at a much cheaper price than in the shops? If the answer to either or both is yes, then the Christmas Jumper Sale is right for you!

Please donate any Christmas jumpers, of any size, to school by Tuesday November 19th. Come to the Nearly New Christmas Jumper Sale on Friday November 22nd at 3:15pm. All jumpers will be sold at £2 each.

Poster of the Week

This week talked about bringing sunshine into our lives and other people lives. This can be through seeing the positives around us or by brightening up the day with a smile or a friendly action.





**CONGRATULATIONS!!!
WE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE SUMMER READING
CHALLENGE!**

Dates for your



Date	Year group	Event
18th November	Whole School	School Nursing team administering flu vaccines
30th November	Choir	Our School Choir are performing at the East Hunsbury Library Christmas fair
13th December	Whole school	Clubs finish this week
20th December	Whole School	Christmas Party Afternoon- wear party clothes to school. Bring a party lunchbox. No Dolce dinners today.

Dates for your



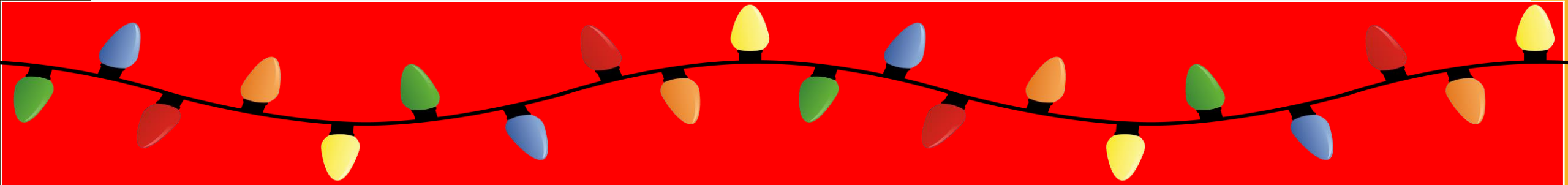
from the Friends of Simon de Senlis

Date	Year group	Event
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. Raffle tickets available to buy in your parentmail shop.
19th December	Whole School	Colour Raffle winners drawn- see poster below

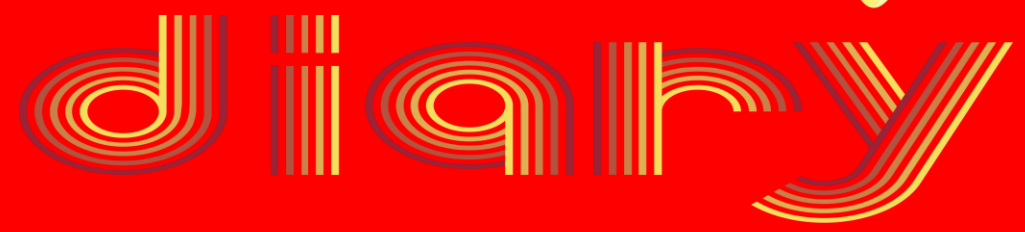


Christmas Performances

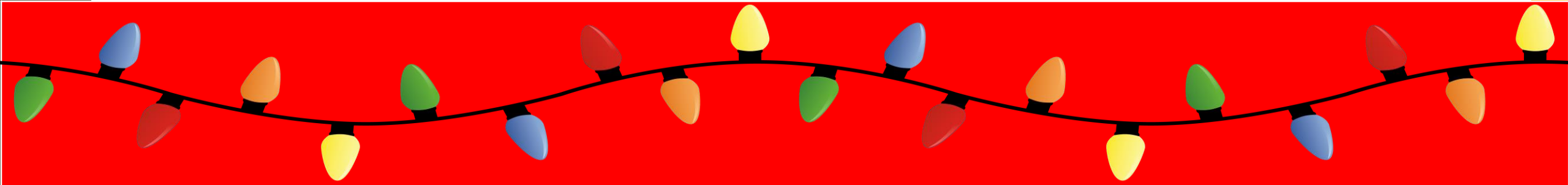
We are excited to have the dates for the Christmas performances. Tickets for the performances are ready to purchase at £1 per ticket in the parentmail shop. You can purchase up to three tickets per family for each performance. The church performances are for Year 5 and 6 which is limited to two tickets per family due to space. Drama club families can purchase tickets for the drama club performance as well as tickets at the performance for your child's year group.



Dates for your Christmas Performances



Date	Year group	Event
11th December	Drama club Families only	1:45pm Christmas Performance
12th December	Year 3 Year 4	10:00am Christmas performance 1:30pm Christmas performance
13th December	Year 5 Year 6	09:30am Christmas performance at St Benedicts Church 11:00am Christmas performance at St Benedicts Church
16th December	Reception Year 2 Year 1	09:30am Christmas performance in school 10:00am Christmas performance in school 10:30am Christmas performance in school



Dates for your Christmas Performances

Date	Year group	Event
17th December	Reception Year 2 Year 1	1:30pm Christmas performance in school 2:00pm Christmas performance in school 2:30pm Christmas performance in school
18th December	Robinson class	2:30pm Christmas performance in school
19th December	Wiggins Class	2:00pm Christmas performance in school

School SEND Partnership Offer. Dates for your diary:

Sign up forms for these online sessions will be sent closer to the dates

Date & Time	Subject
Tuesday 3rd December, 7pm – 9pm	Supporting my child with Dyslexia
Tuesday 12th November, 7pm – 9pm	An Introduction to supporting your autistic child (primary age) at home
Tuesday 26th November, 7pm – 9pm	Understanding and supporting your child with Anxiety and uncertainty
Tuesday 7th January 7pm - 9pm	An Introduction to supporting your autistic child (secondary age) at home
Tuesday 4th February 7pm - 9pm	All about Speech & language Therapy: what we do and how we can help
Tuesday 6th March 7pm – 9pm	Supporting children with pre-writing, handwriting development and writing interventions
Tuesday 29th April 7pm - 9pm	How do I support my child with Emotionally Based School Avoidance

For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

4

ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5

FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

9

AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10

REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College®

As the festive season approaches, please see the link below with some exciting events at Delapre Abbey

[What's On - Delapré Abbey](#)



How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

Explore these websites for advice on age appropriate games for your child:

[Find the right game - Ask About Games](#)

[Family Gaming Database - Guides, Ratings and Suggestions - Family Gaming Database](#)

House Dojo Scoreboard



7,131



7,402



7,629



6,942

New Ways November 2024

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



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.



**Autumn, Winter,
Spring or
Summer- which
is your favourite
and why?**





[SEND Support Service | West Northamptonshire Council](#)

Who we are:

Our service works with children and young people 0-19 years old and their families, school/nursery and some other adults supporting them.

We work with children/young people who have a range of additional needs and disabilities. Sometimes you'll meet us once or twice, maybe via video call, sometimes we might be involved for a bit longer.

We might be working with the child or young person, the family, the school or nursery or all together.

We might give advice and ideas that may help you at school or nursery or at home.

There are a range of ways we can work together, depending on the needs and difficulties we are told about.

Sports - Athletics

This week some of our children ran a Cross-Country event around Abington Park.

The route has small inclines, rough terrain, and muddy patches! The whole of our squad gave all the energy they had to complete the course, well done everyone.

Did you know that being out in nature for 20 minutes a day can improve your mental wellbeing and increase your fitness levels. Have you ever thought about running as part of your daily exercise?

If you want to find out more about Athletics, then why not join a club where talented athletes can run, throw and jump in a variety of competitions. Find out more by clicking on these links;

<https://randnac.org/cross-country/>

[Juniors | Silson Athletics Club | Silverstone Towcester and Surrounds](#)



Rugby and Northampton Athletic Club

Our junior club train on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and on Sundays 9.30am to 12 noon. Additional training for specific disciplines is by invitation. Age 8+

Try out at a trial session today!

[Kettering Town Harriers](#)

[WDAC – A friendly running club based in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.](#)

Sports

Get down to Franklins Gardens and cheer on the ladies' team with this special offer.



  **SAT 23 NOV @ 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/northamptonsts/Events>
AND USE CODE 'SITS2425' AT CHECKOUT TO REDEEM

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

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

What do we offer?



- Family signing
- Junior youth club
- Senior youth club
- Youth council
- Coffee morning
- Holiday activities
- Support in meetings
- Support with education issues
- Basic counselling
- Advice and information
- Transition support
- Independence skills support

Contact: Jennie.Paule@deafconnect.org.uk
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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



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)

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

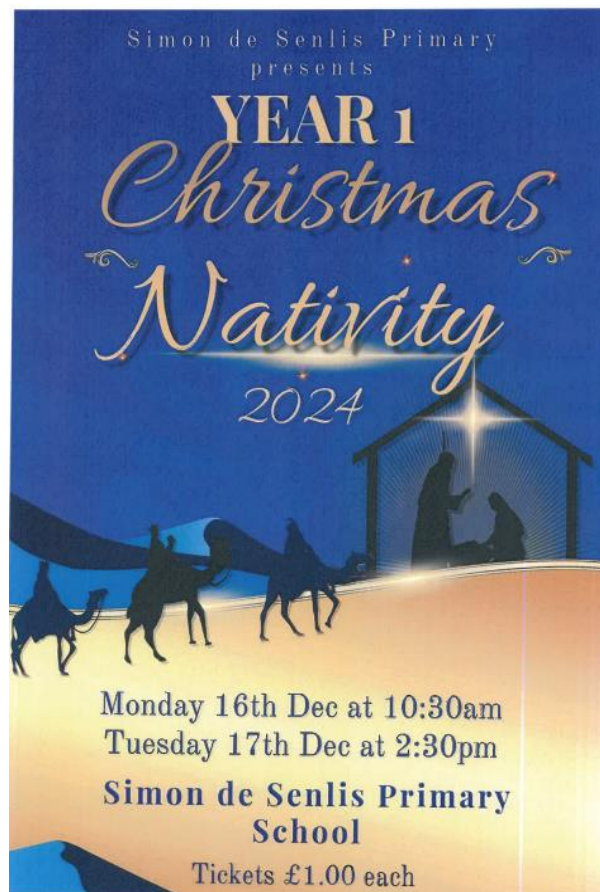
YEAR 6 - WHITE



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

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







YEAR 2 PRESENTS

*Christmas
Around the
World 2024*

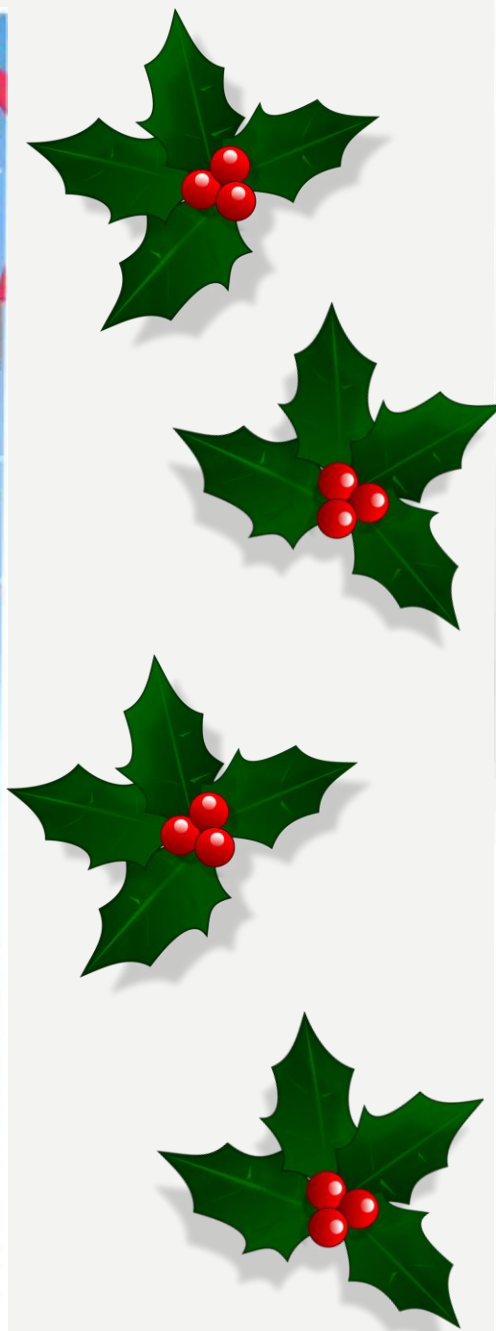


Monday 16th Dec at 10:00am

Tuesday 17th Dec at 2:00pm

tickets £1.00

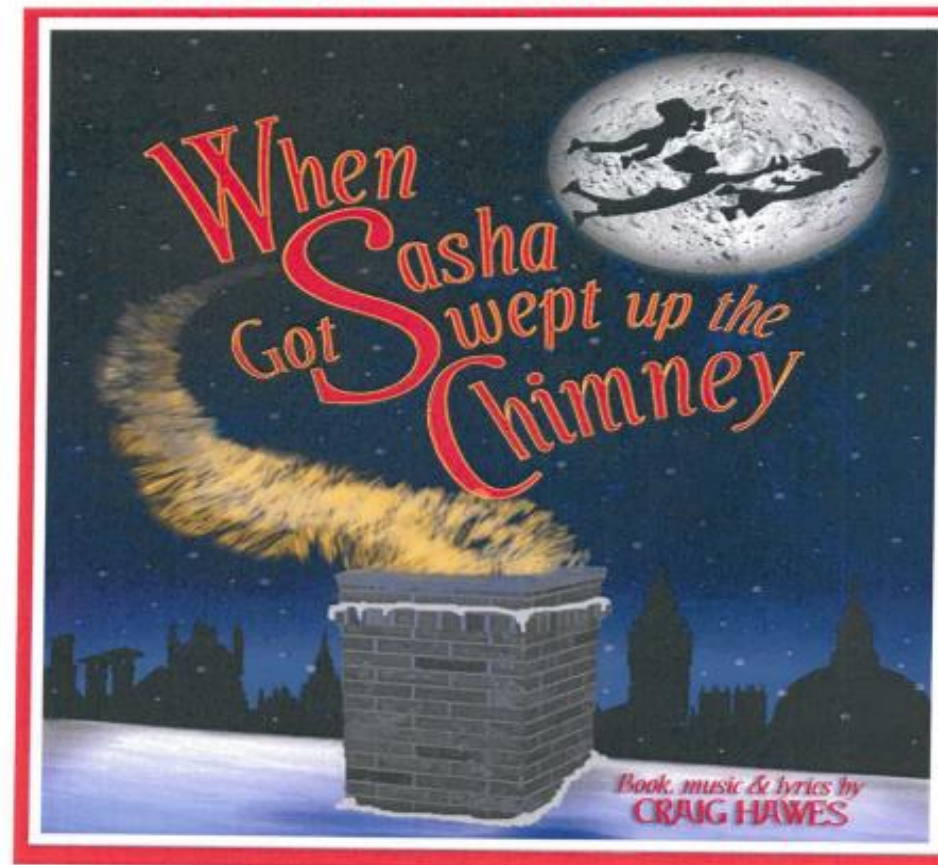
Simon de Senlis Primary School



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2024

PRESENTED BY

SIMON DE SENLIS DRAMA CLUB, YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6



Tickets £1.00

Year 3 & Drama Club at 10:00am, Thursday 12th Dec

Year 4 & Drama Club at 1:30pm, Thursday 12th Dec

Year 5 & Drama Club at 9:30am, Friday 13th Dec at St Benedicts Church

Year 6 & Drama Club at 11:00am, Friday 13th Dec at St Benedicts Church



Wiggins Class
Thursday 19th Dec
2:00 - 3:00pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024

TICKETS £1.00

The poster features a wooden sign with a snow-capped top and a red bow at the bottom, set against a blue sky with falling snow. Below the sign, a cartoon Santa Claus and a reindeer stand in a snowy landscape with Christmas trees and wrapped gifts.



Robinson Class
Wed 18th Dec
2:30pm

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2024

TICKETS £1.00

The poster features a wooden sign with a snow-capped top and a red bow at the bottom, set against a blue sky with falling snow. Below the sign, a cartoon Santa Claus and a reindeer stand in a snowy landscape with Christmas trees and wrapped gifts.

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

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	

October 2025					
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Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

November 2025					
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Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
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December 2025					
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Fri	5	12	19	26	

January 2026					
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February 2026					
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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
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**NEWS FOR
OUR
CHILDREN**

15th November



Game On!

At Glasgow Children's Hospital, there's a new, exciting job - a gamer-in-residence! Steven Mair, a full-time gamer, spends his days playing video games like *Mario Kart* and *Minecraft* with children, who are in the hospital. Steven's job is to help them feel less lonely and bring a bit of fun to their hospital stay. 'Lots of the children say they miss playing with friends,' said Steven. 'Gaming together helps them feel connected and happy.' The role, funded by donations, also means the hospital can get new gaming consoles. Seven-year-old Jace, one of the patients, loves playing with Steven. His mum shared, 'Seeing him smile and



Pictured: Steven Mair, new gamer-in-residence at Glasgow Children's Hospital.
Source: @GCH_Charity on X.

laugh while playing games was a huge boost for him.' With volunteers and even sports stars joining in, the gaming room is the happiest spot in the hospital!

What do you think of the new gamer-in-residence role?

How might it help children staying in the hospital?

Kickin' for the Euros

The women's football teams from Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland are one step closer to reaching Euro 2025 after some big wins in October! They'll each face another team in the final play-offs in a few weeks to see if they can qualify for the tournament. England are the reigning champions and qualified back in July, so all four UK teams might make it! Euro 2025 will be held in Switzerland from 2nd to 27th July, with games across Swiss cities. If Wales qualify, it will be their first major tournament ever. 'It's an amazing

opportunity,' said Welsh star Jess Fishlock. 'We're giving it our all!' All three teams are dreaming big, hoping to clinch their spot at Euro 2025!

Will you be watching any of the matches?



Pictured: Lauren Wade, winger for Northern Ireland. **Source:** @WEURO2025.

What are the qualities that make a good leader?



A good leader should be determined, clever, honest and kind.

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



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Speaking to the Space Station

Children at Robert Drake Primary School in Thundersley, Essex, were given the unique opportunity to speak to an astronaut aboard the International Space Station (ISS). 250 miles above Earth on the ISS, Sunita Williams was on hand to answer all their space-related queries. The NASA Astronaut and Starliner Crew Flight Test Pilot talked about training to go into space, and what it was like to be on the space station – including what there is to eat and do for fun!



Pictured: Sunita Williams talking with girls from the Girlguiding organisation from the ISS.
Source: ISS Research on X.



Pictured: Sunita Williams.
Source: @Astro_Suni on X.

The co-headteachers at the school stated that, 'The pupils were so excited to come together and listen to Sunita answering their questions – the energy in the school was electric. This was the launch of our Space Week where the pupils are participating in a variety of scientific activities including rocket making, learning about famous astronauts and NASA. After the call with the International Space Station, we now have pupils who are aspiring to be our next generation of space explorers. We are very proud of all of our pupils at Robert Drake, for their positive attitudes and enthusiasm, in the build-up to this once in a lifetime experience. So many happy memories were made that will last a lifetime.'

What would you like to ask an astronaut? Do you have any questions about the ISS?

Missing Macaws

Two critically-endangered parrots have been found safe and well, around 60 miles away from their home at London Zoo. Lily and Margot, who are very rare blue-throated macaw sisters, were spotted by a family in Buckden, Cambridgeshire, high up in the trees behind their garden. The parrots then flew away to a field and public footpath in nearby Brampton, where zoo staff were able to catch up to them and treat them to their favourite snacks - pumpkin seeds, walnuts, and pecans. London Zoo posted the following message once the birds were found, 'Lily and Margot, our two-year-old blue-throated macaws, were safely returned to London Zoo on Sunday 27th October, after flying off during a routine free-flight on 21st October. They were found in Cambridgeshire thanks to local tip-offs; when Lily and Margot spotted our bird keepers, they flew down from the

North London area notice / 23 October 2024

LONDON ZOO
© ZSL conservation zoo

Our macaws

Two of our blue-throated macaws flew off this week (Oct 21) while flying freely as part of their regular routine at the zoo.

We've been liaising with nearby bird groups, other zoos and Westminster Council to make them aware of this.

You may have seen our zookeepers out in the local area looking for the birds.

The birds will tend to stay high up in the trees, but may soon come down lower to forage for food.

If you see them, please don't approach or feed them - send a photo and location to birds@zsl.org or call 0344 225 1826

Thanks for your assistance

 Supply a 'What 3 Words' location if possible



Pictured: The appeal sent out to local residents by London Zoo. **Source:** London Zoo on Facebook.

tree they were resting and straight onto the arms of our zookeepers. The macaws are in good health and currently in quarantine—a standard 30-day precaution—before rejoining their parents, Popeye and Ollie. We're grateful to everyone who helped bring them home safely!

Have you ever seen a parrot? Where? Do you know any facts about parrots?

What are the qualities that make a good leader?



A good leader needs to be able to make difficult decisions and focus on what is best for everyone.

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TAKEHOME

11th - 17th
November



What impact can bullying have on a community?



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In the news this week

This year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place on 11th-15th November with the theme, 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12th November, with odd socks being worn to celebrate what makes us all unique. There are many other ways schools are raising awareness and taking action to tackle bullying, including several pupils working towards becoming Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you know about Anti-Bullying Week?
- > This year's theme is 'Choose Respect', what is your definition of respect? Ask others at home.
- > This week's story explores the role of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Do you think this a good way of tackling bullying? Can you think of any other strategies?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Whats on: Activities, Events and Sport





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November
9am-6pm
&
Sunday 17th
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- ❄️ **Children's activities**
- ❄️ **VIP Guest!**
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Introduction to Facing Defiance	24 OCT
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 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:

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