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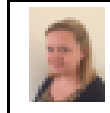


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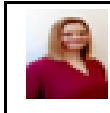
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## Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout the week, I've had the privilege to take part in playtimes and lunchtimes on the playground with the children. We are lucky to have a huge number of resources for the children to play with and it is always wonderful to see how kind, creative and imaginative the children are in their play. It has been lovely to see children of different ages playing together and most importantly, the happiness and fun that the children have during their play. Play is a powerful tool for learning and growing and through play, children explore the world, develop problem-solving skills, and build social connections. Play supports your child's cognitive development through critical thinking, their social skills through teamwork and their emotional well-being through the happiness it brings.

I know as parents you also value play at home and at the weekend and so, fingers crossed, the weather enables there to be lots of play, play, play!

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

Mrs Fennelly

## Poster of the Week

**This week we talked about how the most important thing is to make progress and that we can't always be perfect at something. We all agreed that one great way to make progress is to practice. We also reflected on the progress we have all made this year!**

Practice doesn't make  
perfect-  
Practice makes  
progress!



## Rainbow Hamper Raffle

**We can't wait for our traditional Rainbow Hamper Raffle that will be drawn on December 19th. Please see the wonderful hampers from last year as a reminder. Please bring in your coloured items for your year group from Monday December 2nd and purchase your raffle tickets from your parentmail shop.**

**Good luck everyone and fingers crossed that you're a winner!**





**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**



# Hunsbury Library Christmas Fair

**Come along and enjoy the Christmas Fair at Hunsbury library tomorrow 11:00am-4:00pm. Our school choir will be performing Christmas songs at 1:00pm so we hope to see you there.**



## Hunsbury Christmas Fair 2024

*Sat, 30th Nov 2024 11:00 - 16:00*

Hunsbury Festive Fair and Christmas Tree Light Switch On!

Christmas Tree switch on 4.30pm

ALL WELCOME

**Venue:** Hunsbury Library

**Contact:** East Hunsbury Parish Council



# **School SEND Partnership Offer. Dates for your diary:**

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

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Tuesday 3rd December, 7pm – 9pm	Supporting my child with Dyslexia
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



## What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

**PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.**





## What should I be aware of?

**Game content** – as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

**Chat Facility** - Players can chat to each other. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

**Virtual Currency** - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories.



## **Roblox accounts with Parental privileges - NEW**

Roblox have just launched a new system to manage your child's experience on Roblox through 'Roblox accounts with parent privileges.' The new format allows you to view and update parental controls from your own device. Controls include setting content restrictions, managing screen time and setting a spending limit. You can find out more here:

[Parental Controls FAQ – Roblox Support](#)

[How to Report Rule Violations – Roblox Support](#)



Thank you for your support

To SIMON DE SENNIS SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

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District total \_\_\_\_\_

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Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces Community.

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199 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1AA

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10 Days of Happiness is a free online program to boost your wellbeing, through daily actions for happier living.

It is designed for challenging times, based on the latest research from positive psychology, neuroscience, and behavioural science.

And it takes just a few minutes each day!



# 10 Days of Happiness

Free online program to boost your wellbeing

[Join the Program](#)

Click below to join the program  
[10 Days of Happiness](#)

As the days are getting shorter and the weather is getting colder, take a look at the link with ideas to boost your happiness. They include links to podcasts and activities that might help.

## [10 Keys to Happier Living | Action for Happiness](#)



### **Giving**

Do kind things for others



### **Relating**

Connect with people



### **Exercising**

Take care of your body



### **Awareness**

Live life mindfully



### **Trying Out**

Keep learning new things



### **Direction**

Have goals to look forward to



### **Resilience**

Find ways to bounce back



### **Emotions**

Look for what's good



### **Acceptance**

Be comfortable with who you are



### **Meaning**

Be part of something bigger

# 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



## Connect with respect (SEND)

Stories for keeping children aged 7-11 years old with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities safe online



Explore these animations to support your child with their online understanding:

[Connect with respect \(SEND\)](#)  
[Childnet](#)

OCT 24 - JAN 25

# EAST HUNSBURY Life Magazine

BROUGHT TO YOU BY EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL



For details of what is on locally, have a look through the:  
**East Hunsbury Life Magazine.**  
Can you spot the article about **Simon de Senlis Primary?**

[East Hunsbury Life Magazine Issue 8 by PulseGroupMedia -](#)

Issue 8



# Miss Wharton Says...

## Reminder for those stressing about Christmas



You don't need matching  
pyjamas to be happy.

Children need presence  
more than presents.

A Christmas movie night does  
not need to be on a 70' inch TV.

Colour coordinated decorations  
means nothing to children.

The number of presents isn't a  
reflection of you as a parent.

Your kids will grow up and  
remember the laugh and love.

## 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.



**Can you  
touch the  
wind?**





[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 – Football

**Kettering Town Football club**, The Poppies, are preparing for their historic Emirates FA Cup Second Round home tie against Doncaster Rovers on 1st December. Tickets are sadly sold out, but you can catch all the action on BBC 2 at 12 midday. To celebrate this momentous event the club will have the honor of displaying the FA cup trophy at their Latimer ground. The club will be opening its doors from 12:30pm to give fans and everyone from the town and surrounding areas, the opportunity to come down to the KTFC Social Club and have their photograph taken next to the world famous trophy itself!



If you want to watch England Women play, then their next match is on Saturday, and it should be a thrilling game. They are playing a friendly against the USA in preparation for the UEFA qualifying matches in 2025.

[Fixtures & Results - England Women's Senior Team | England Football](#)

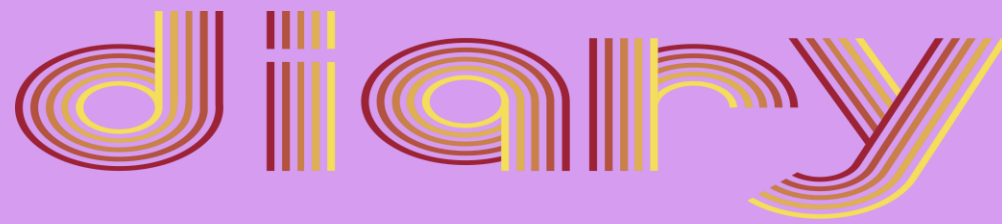
See you at the kick off!  
Stay active, Miss Bland.

# Dates for your



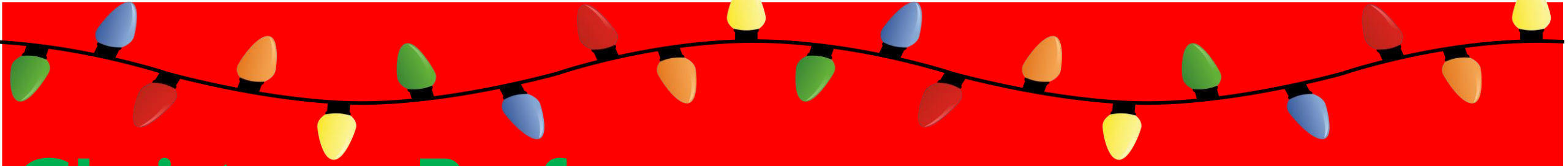
Date	Year group	Event
30th November	Choir	Our School Choir are performing at the East Hunsbury Library Christmas fair
13th December	Whole school	Clubs finish this week
20th December	Whole School	Christmas Party Afternoon- wear party clothes to school.  Bring a party lunchbox. No Dolce dinners today.

# Dates for your



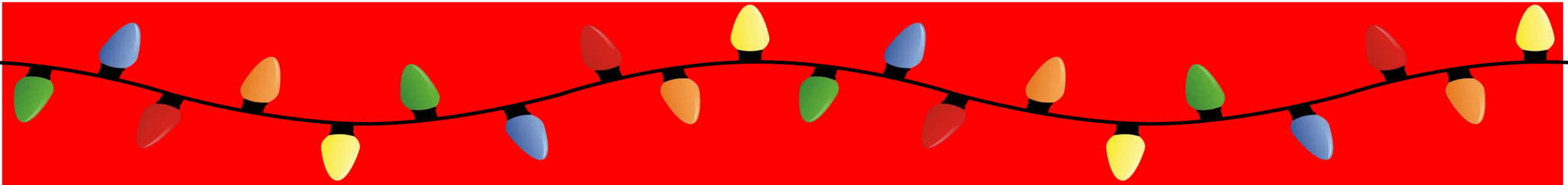
# from the Friends of Simon de Senlis

Date	Year group	Event
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

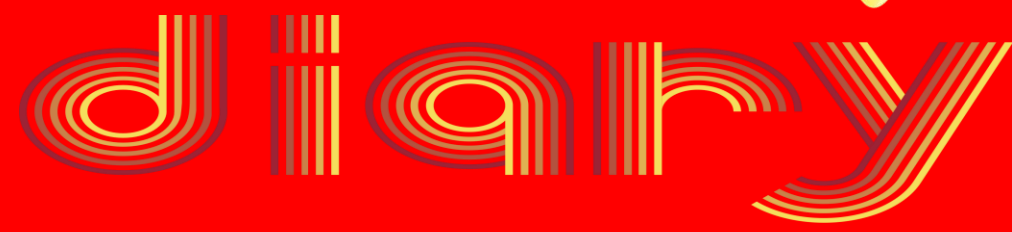


## Christmas Performances

**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.**

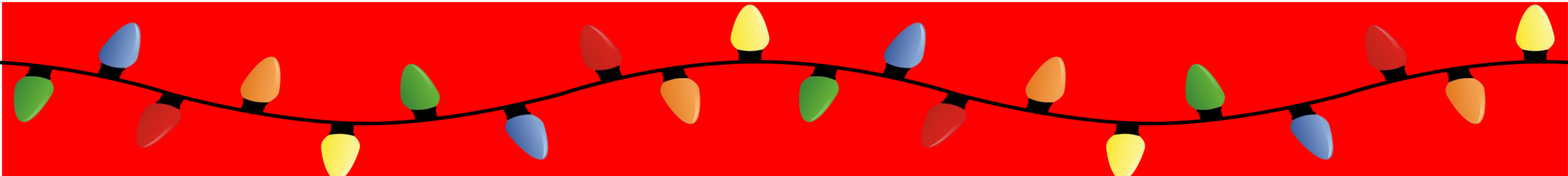


# Dates for your Christmas Performances



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

Reception Class 2024  
presents  
**The  
Gingerbread  
Man**  
Monday 16th Dec at 9:30am  
Tuesday 17th Dec at 1:30pm  
tickets £1.00  
Simon de Senlis Primary School

Simon de Senlis Primary  
presents  
**YEAR 1  
Christmas  
Nativity**  
2024  
Monday 16th Dec at 10:30am  
Tuesday 17th Dec at 2:30pm  
**Simon de Senlis Primary  
School**  
Tickets £1.00 each





**YEAR 2 PRESENTS**

*Christmas  
Around the  
World 2024*



**Monday 16th Dec at 10:00am**

**Tuesday 17th Dec at 2:00pm**

**tickets £1.00**

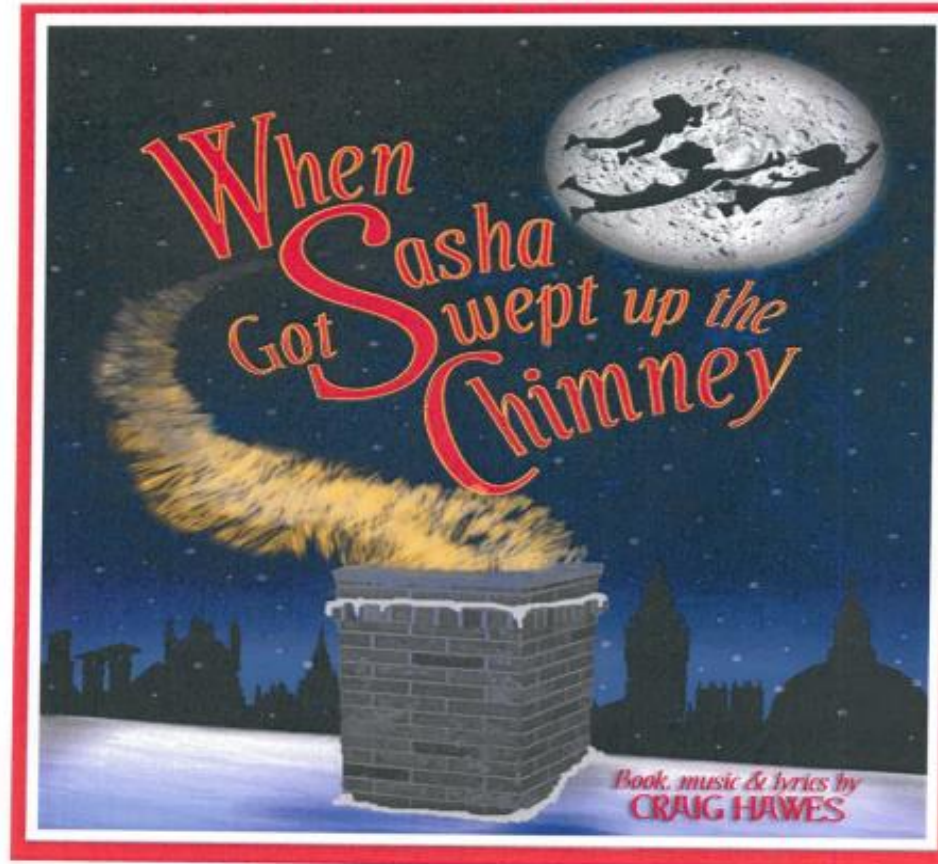
*Simon de Senlis Primary School*



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 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 4 & Drama Club at 1:30pm, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

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

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



# 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

**NEWS FOR  
OUR  
CHILDREN**

**29th November**



# Highway Hullabaloo

A busy highway between two Chinese cities became blocked with nearly 100,000 cyclists earlier this month! The riders were travelling from Zhengzhou to Kaifeng to try some special dumplings, as part of a social media trend called the 'Night Ride to Kaifeng'. Guantangbao are delicious dumplings, filled with warm, tasty soup, and are a local favourite in Kaifeng. The bicycle frenzy started with just four friends, who decided to rent bikes and cycle to Kaifeng to taste the famous dumplings. As more and more people joined, the streets became crowded and blocked with bikes. One of the original four friends said, 'You don't get

a second chance at youth, so you must go for a spontaneous trip with friends.' While it caused a bit of chaos, it was certainly an exciting adventure for everyone involved!



**Pictured:** Cyclists on their way to get their dumplings! **Source:** @tongbingxue on X.

# Whale Rescue!

A humpback whale, that became tangled in fishing ropes, has been set free in Loch Fyne, Scotland. The poor whale had ropes wrapped around its body and head, making it hard for it to swim. A team from British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) rushed to help. Using underwater cameras, they saw how tightly the ropes were caught around the whale. 'It was a tricky job, but we're thrilled to see the whale swim away safely,' said BDMLR rescuer Sarah Collins. The team carefully untangled the



**Pictured:** A humpback whale enjoying its freedom! **Source:** Canva.

ropes, and soon the whale was free to dive back into the sea. Thanks to these brave rescuers, the humpback whale is now safe and swimming happily again! The BDMLR hopes this rescue will serve as a reminder of the importance of keeping our oceans clean and safe for all sea creatures.

## What impact can bullying have on a community?

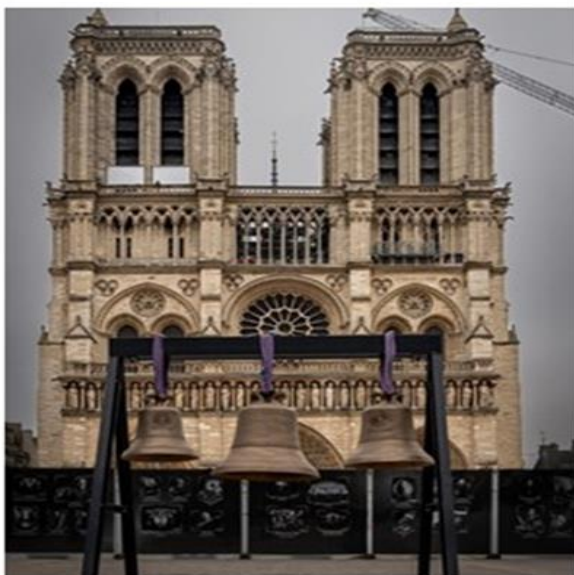


*Sometimes the people who bully can be hurt inside but there is still no reason to bully someone and hurt them. Alyza*



## Bells Ring Out!

Notre Dame Cathedral, in Île de la Cité, Paris, is due to reopen on 8<sup>th</sup> December. It has been restored following a fire that destroyed a lot of the historic building in 2019. Earlier this month, people were overjoyed to hear the bells ringing out across the city for the first time in five years! Chimes from the cathedral's northern belfry were heard by thousands. The eight bells rang as part of a technical test. Three of the bells are new (pictured right), including the recently-gifted 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games bell. This special bell rang out during the Games



**Pictured:** Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris and the recently installed bells.  
**Source:** Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris on Facebook.

whenever an athlete won gold or broke a record. Explaining that it was 'the culmination of a big project', Alexandre Gougeon, who managed the bell's installation, said, 'Hearing the bells ring this morning was very moving'.  
**Do you like to hear bells tolling?**  
**Would you like to visit Notre Dame?**



**Pictured:** Notre Dame. **Source:** Canva.

## Magic Circle Mystery!

The Magic Circle has launched a search to find their first female member, who had to pretend to be a man to join! The famous society of magicians is looking for the talented performer to apologise. Before women were allowed into the Magic Circle, Sophie Lloyd fooled the organisation by posing as a male. She passed her entrance exams in disguise, going by the name Raymond Lloyd. After 18 months in the club, when the rules were changed and females were eventually allowed into the society in 1991, she revealed her true identity. The society responded by expelling her for 'deliberate deception'! Chair of the Magic Circle, Laura London, said, 'As a woman in magic it is so important to



**Pictured:** Sophie Lloyd (as herself and disguised as Raymond Lloyd!).  
**Source:** Laura London Magic on Facebook.

share her story. Because what she was doing essentially was to prove that women were just as good as the guys.' Marvin Berglas from the Magic Circle, explained, 'We're trying to welcome Sophie back because it's such a great story. Being that she was such a pioneer we would love to find her, get her side of the story and honour her.'

**How do you think it would feel to have to pretend to be someone else to do what you wanted to do?**

### What impact can bullying have on a community?



*Bullying can have a really bad impact on us because it will hurt people and make them feel like crumpled paper with no way to be straight again!*  
**Dorothy**

# TAKEHOME

25th November  
– 1st December



## How can we raise awareness of important issues?



Earthshot Prize 2024

## In the news this week

This year's Earthshot Prize winners have been announced. Prince William, who launched the prize in 2020, closed the award ceremony in Cape Town, South Africa. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports people and companies working to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues. The winners include projects to protect animals, handle rubbish and prevent wasted energy.

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

- > Can you tell someone at home a bit more about the Earthshot Prize?
- > Do you believe awards are a good way of raising awareness about important issues?
- > Have you ever taken part in or contributed to a project with the aim of helping protect and look after the world? Ask others at home whether they have.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



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 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)

September 2025					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
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December 2025					
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January 2026					
Mon		5	12	19	26
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Fri	2	9	16	23	30

February 2026					
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Tue	3	10	17	24	
Wed	4	11	18	25	
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Fri	6	13	20	27	

March 2026					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tue	3	10	17	24	31
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Fri	6	13	20	27	

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

May 2026					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

June 2026					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

July 2026					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

August 2026					
Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	

# 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)



## 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.

# 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.

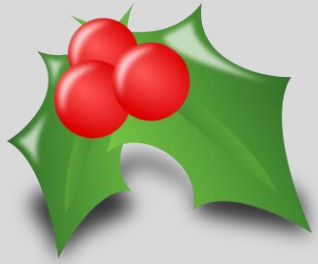
September 26th 2024 at 6:00pm | October 10th 2024 at 9:30am  
November 12th 2024 at 6:00pm | December 10th 2024 at 9:30am  
January 7th 2025 at 6:00pm

**Book your place at: [www.simondesenlis.org](http://www.simondesenlis.org)**



OFSTED Report:





# Local Activities: Sporting & Social





## Time & Location

Saturday 7th December from 12 to 6pm, Becket's Park Northampton.

## Christmas in the Park



Get ready for a bumper festive family event as the beautiful surroundings of Becket's Park turn into a Winter Wonderland this Christmas. Join us for live performances on the Christmas bandstand, magical ice rink, children's Christmas crafts and activities, festive workshops, stalls featuring seasonal produce from local community groups, businesses and organisations, fun fair rides, festive food concessions and bar, plus much more!



## Sunday 8 December

### Brackley Christmas Tractor Run

This year will be the fourth Brackley Christmas Tractor Run and it is now a firm favourite in the Brackley Town Council office events calendar.

Once more, they will be raising money for the charity Yellow Wellies. Yellow Wellies is an award-winning charity that supports the physical and mental wellbeing of UK farmers.

Once more raising money for the charity Yellow Wellies Brackley hope to bring between 50-100 tractors who will participate by decorating their tractors with lights, tinsel, and other Christmas decorations. Spectators gather along the route to watch the parade of tractors pass by.

The tractor run will begin at 6pm and covers a predetermined route through the town. Keep an [Brackley Town Councils website](#)





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**SANTA** FUN  
RUN

The 6th Northampton Santa Run will be held on **Sunday 1st December 2024** at **Northampton Racecourse. (NN1 4LG)**

Dress up as Santa and enjoy running, walking or jogging 2.5km or 5km around Northampton Racecourse. Its the jolliest run of the year AND you'll be doing something amazing for your choice of local Charity.



Sign Up -

[santarun.northamptonrotaryevents.org/sign-up/](https://santarun.northamptonrotaryevents.org/sign-up/)



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## News from Trilogy Active

### What's on at The Forum Cinema this December?



Gladiator II (15), Red One (12A) and Wicked (PG) are all showing at The Forum Cinema this December. Kids Screens include Paddington in Peru (PG), Piece by Piece (PG) and Moana 2 (PG) . Tickets can be booked two weeks in advance and are free to Trilogy Supergold, 55+ and Junior Active members.

# Holiday and Food Activity Programme (HAF) at Trilogy Active This Christmas Holiday

HAF is back at Trilogy Active this Christmas holiday providing funded places across some of our Christmas holiday programmes for children and young people. Places are available at The Trilogy Holiday Playscheme at Duston Sports Centre & Lings Forum as well as Berzerk Active Play Centre. We're also offering one month Trilogy Junior Active membership's to 14-16 year olds giving them access to our gyms, pools and cinema over Christmas and into January. If your family receives benefits-related free school meals, you might be eligible for HAF.



[www.trilogyactive.co.uk/junior-activities/trilogy-holiday-and-food-activities-haf/](http://www.trilogyactive.co.uk/junior-activities/trilogy-holiday-and-food-activities-haf/)



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# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

## REDWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

23 DECEMBER | 2, 3 & 6 JANUARY

**9AM - 4PM**  
**£26 PER DAY**

**MULTISPORTS  
& GYMNASTICS**

Wellingborough. NN8 5LQ

## ABINGTON PDC

23 DECEMBER | 2 - 3 JANUARY

**9AM - 4PM**  
**£26 PER DAY**

**MULTISPORTS  
& GYMNASTICS**

Northampton. NN1 5JS

## SPRATTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

23 DECEMBER | 2 - 3 JANUARY

**9AM - 4PM**  
**£26 PER DAY**

**MULTISPORTS  
& GYMNASTICS**

Northampton. NN6 8HY

## HALL MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

23 DECEMBER | 2, 3 & 6 JANUARY

**9AM - 4PM**  
**£26 PER DAY**

**MULTISPORTS &  
GYMNASTICS**

Kettering. NN15 7RP

Book online at:

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For ALL





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



[What's On - Delapré Abbey](#)

# Town Centre Christmas Lights Switch On Saturday Nov 23rd, Market Square

## CHRISTMAS IN NORTHAMPTON

**Northampton's Annual Christmas Lights Switch On!**

**Saturday 23rd November**

Join Northampton for a stocking-stuffed line up of festive fun for all the family with live stage entertainment and activities. Northampton's Panto Stars and some very special guests will start the countdown to Christmas with the lights switch-on.

**Venue:** Market Square, Northampton

**Contact:** [events@northamptontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:events@northamptontowncouncil.gov.uk)





# See below for a list of SEN activities happening at the Chester House estate.

## Ticket Information:

Child Ticket: £20.00 per child- Accompanying Adults: FREE (Please note, accompanying adults do not receive a gift)

Our standard Father Christmas grotto is accessible for wheelchair users.

If you have any particular requirements that we need to be aware of then please let us know when you checkout and we will be as accommodating as we can.

## Booking Information:

Tickets must be pre-booked to ensure a magical experience for all our guests. Limited availability, so book early to secure your preferred date and time.

Don't miss out on this enchanting opportunity to create cherished memories with your loved ones. Father Christmas Magic at Chester House Estate is the perfect way to celebrate the festive season.

Reserve your tickets today and get ready to unwrap the magic of Christmas with us!

Your time slot is the time that you **must** be at the grotto ready to go in, the experience can last up to 40 minutes including all the festive activities. It is vital that you be on time to your slot, or we cannot guarantee to get you in to the event.

## Book the date that best suits the SEND needs:

- ❖ **Saturday 23rd November 2024:** Reduced Sound and Full House Lights
- ❖ **Sunday 24th November 2024:** No Flashing or Twinkly Lights
- ❖ **Saturday 30th November 2024:** Full experience, just the reduced number
- ❖ **Sunday 1st December 2024:** Reduced Sound and No Flashing Lights
- ❖ **Saturday 7th December 2024:** Visually Impaired Friendly Sessions
- ❖ **Saturday 8th December 2024:** Deaf/Hard of Hearing Sessions
- ❖ **Saturday 14th December 2024:** Reduced Sound and Full House Light
- ❖ **Sunday 15th December 2024:** No Flashing or Twinkly Lights
- ❖ **Monday 16th December 2024:** Full experience, just the reduced number
- ❖ **Tuesday 17th December 2024:** Reduced Sound and No Flashing Lights
- ❖ **Wednesday 18th December 2024:** Visually Impaired Friendly Sessions
- ❖ **Thursday 19th December 2024:** Deaf/Hard of Hearing Sessions
- ❖ **Friday 20th December 2024:** Reduced Sound and Full House Lights
- ❖ **Saturday 21st December 2024:** No Flashing or Twinkly Lights
- ❖ **Sunday 22nd December 2024:** Full experience, just the reduced number
- ❖ **Monday 23rd December 2024:** Full experience, just the reduced number
- ❖ **Tuesday 24th December 2024:** Full experience, just the reduced number



# 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](mailto:Jennie.Paule@deafconnect.org.uk)  
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# Ice Skating at Chester House

## Festive Skating Rink

November 23 - December 24 £12.50 – £18



**Experience the magic of winter at The Chester House Estate's first-ever Festive Skating Rink, running from 23rd November to 24th December!**

Set within the beautiful grounds of this historic estate, the skating rink offers a perfect blend of seasonal joy and family fun. Whether you're a seasoned skater or trying it for the first time, this promises to be the highlight of your holiday season.

We have opted for an eco-friendly skating rink, made of synthetic ice.

A synthetic ice rink is a specially designed surface that mimics the properties of real ice, allowing for ice skating and other ice-related activities without the need for refrigeration. It's made from a high-quality synthetic material that provides a smooth, gliding surface.

This option is the most environmentally friendly option, and also has the added benefit of parents being able to support young skaters on the ice without needing ice skates!

Multiple dates and times available



# HAVE A GREAT

