



Designated Safeguarding



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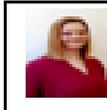
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HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

The first instance of volunteerism dates back to medieval Europe, where religion and care for the sick went hand-in-hand. Hundreds of hospitals run by churches in countries like England tended to lepers and victims of the plague. By the 18th century, volunteering had more to do with military service than giving back to the community. Organized volunteering as we know it today began to take off in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Organizations like the Red Cross, Lions Club, Rotary Club, and the Y.M.C.A. started collecting donations, mobilizing volunteers, and doing charity work and community service.

3 Facts About Volunteering

1. Volunteering eases stress

Volunteering connects you with others and builds a support base, which helps ward off depression and stress.

2. Volunteers are happier people

Volunteers have a higher chance of being very happy than people who never volunteered, going up by as much as 12% among people who volunteer every two to four weeks.

3. Volunteers are more likely to find employment

Volunteers are 27% more likely to get a job after being out of work than those who don't volunteer, and volunteers without a high school diploma are 51% more likely to find employment than non-volunteers.

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the week where we celebrate volunteers nationally, I'd like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who come into school each week to support the children in class. The work they do is so valuable and makes a difference to the children in each class, with children building great relationships with them over the year. Thank you also to the staff in school who volunteer each Saturday to support the Soup Kitchen in the town centre. The staff purchase food items and pack lunch bags that are then donated to the kitchen to give freely to those in need. Helping others, in any way, and giving your time freely, is always such a wonderful thing to do and I know, from personal experience, that the gift you receive back, knowing that we're helping others is a great reward. Thank you to you for any help you give our school and the community; it is very much appreciated.

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

Mrs Fennelly

Poster of the Week

This week we talked about our hopes and aspirations; having dreams and goals and achieving them one step at a time.

SOMEWHERE OVER THE
RAINBOW,
SKIES ARE BLUE,
AND THE DREAMS THAT YOU,
DARE TO DREAM
REALLY DO COME TRUE
—LYMAN FRANK BAUM

Take
ONE
STEP
at a
TIME

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**



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:



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

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 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

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!



December Kindness 2024

SUNDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

MONDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

TUESDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

WEDNESDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

THURSDAY

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

FRIDAY

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

SATURDAY

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025



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)

Miss Wharton Says...

[Cold Weather Payment:](#)

[Overview - GOV.UK](#)

[Winter Fuel Payment:](#)

[Overview - GOV.UK](#)

[Cost of living support | West
Northamptonshire Council](#)

Winter wellbeing

Additional support that could help towards heating and other costs during the winter is available to some.

This includes

- Cold Weather Payment
- Winter Fuel Payment
- Cost of living support

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.



**As we think about
National Volunteer
Day, how do you
help others?**





[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 - Indoor Athletics

Some of our year 3,4,5 and 6 children attended an Athletics event at Benham Sports Centre. They worked as a team to score points in events including throwing/pushing, running, leaping, jumping and co-ordination. They worked hard with their skills to improve their PB (personal best). The obstacle relay was the most exciting and all our children gave 100%.

Why not try this speed bounce challenge and set your own PB. Get the rest of the family involved and see if you can improve your score each time.

Stay Active Miss Bland



Speed Bounce 60 Second Challenge

Are you honest and only count the jumps that are completed properly?

How many times can you bounce over a pillow in 60 seconds?

Both feet must land over the pillow for the jump to count.

Achieve Gold
70 bounces

Achieve Silver
50 bounces

Achieve Bronze
30 bounces

Jump over a pillow!
If you do not have a pillow, jump over a safe object!

Set a Record!
The most bounces in lockdown was 99. Can you set a new speed bounce record?

Compete against a family member!
If you touch the pillow you must stop bouncing.

Complete P.E.
P.E.P.P.R.E. LEARN SUCCEED

YOUTH SPORT TRUST

Sports Rugby

Remember to support the Girls Rugby! Take advantage of the special price and use the code.



LIGHTNING **NORTHAMPTON SAINTS**

LIGHTNING **HAMPDEN WOMEN**

SAT 14 DEC @ 3.05PM
CINCH STADIUM @ FRANKLIN'S GARDENS

**EXCLUSIVE LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTNING
SCHOOLS TICKET OFFER**

PRICES FROM £8* ADULT | £3* JUNIOR

VISIT

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

Dates for your



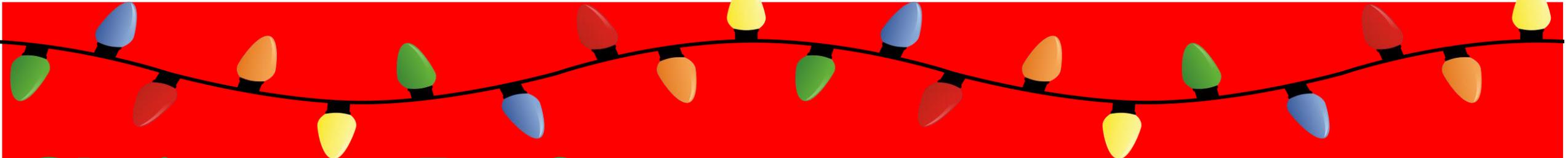
Date	Year group	Event
13th December	Whole school	Clubs finish
20th December	Whole School	Christmas Party Afternoon- wear party clothes to school. Bring a party lunchbox. No Dolce dinners today.

Dates for your



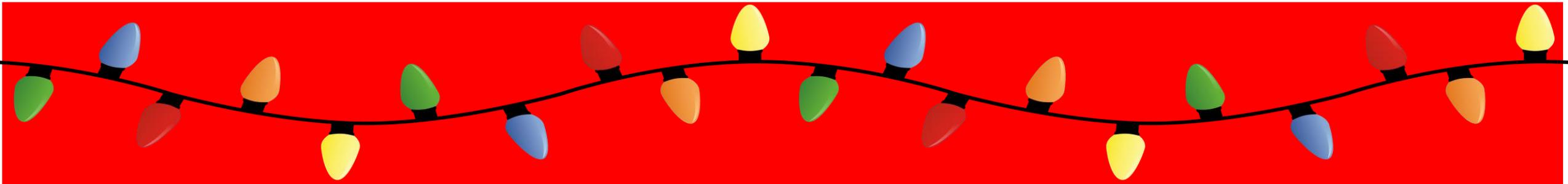
from the Friends of Simon de Senlis

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

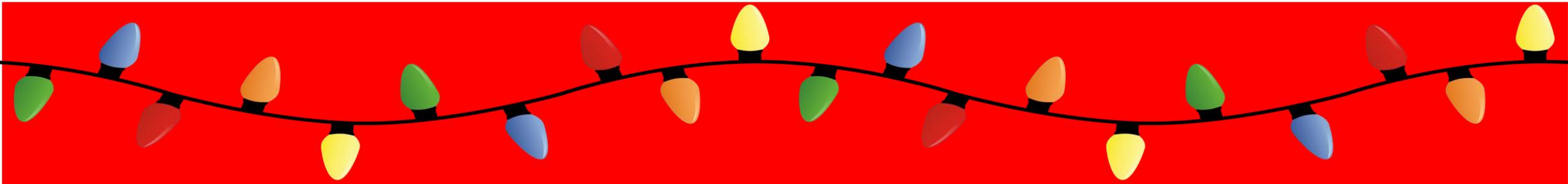
We are excited to have the dates for the Christmas performances. Tickets for the performances are ready to purchase at £1 per ticket in the parentmail shop. You can purchase up to three tickets per family for each performance. The church performances are for Year 5 and 6 which is limited to two tickets 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

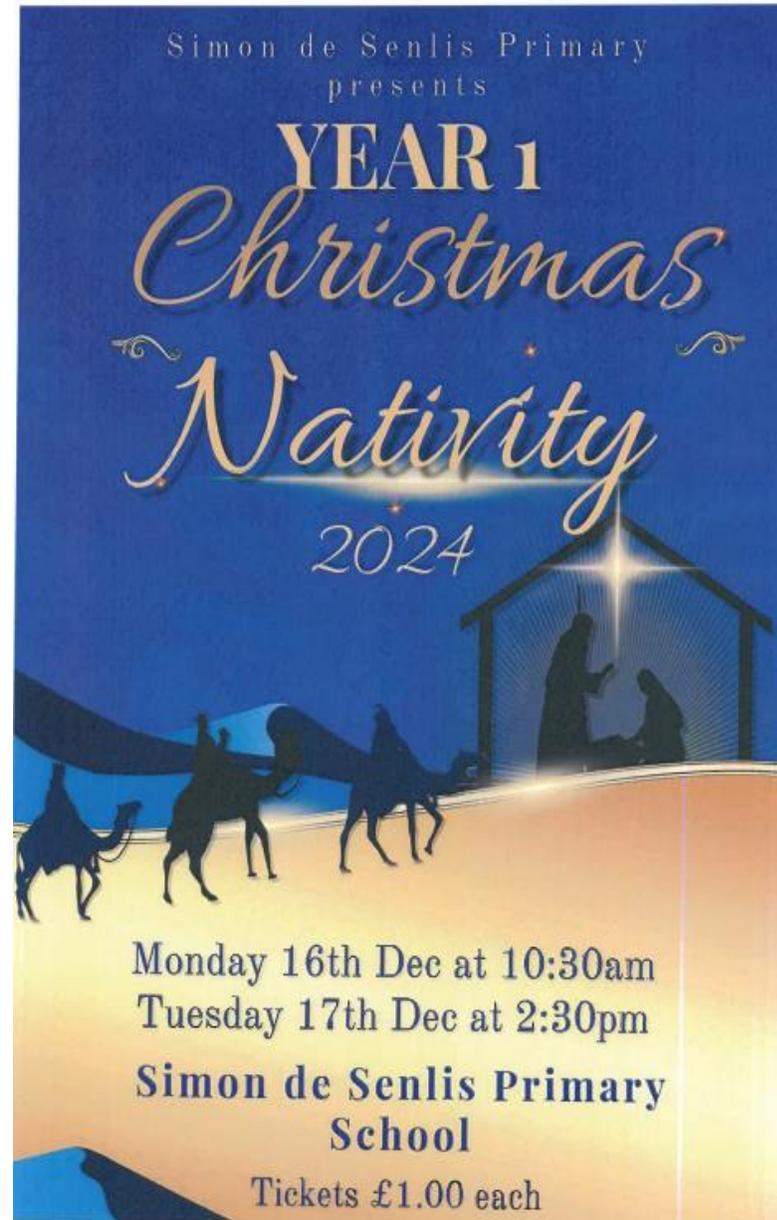


Dates for your **diary** Christmas Performances

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

A festive poster for a school play. The background is a red wooden plank texture. It features various gingerbread-themed illustrations: a gingerbread tree, a gingerbread man, a gingerbread bell, and a gingerbread house. There are also white Christmas trees, orange slices, cinnamon sticks, and a cup of coffee with a latte art design. The text is centered and reads:

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

A poster for a school play. The background is a dark blue night sky with a yellow glow at the bottom. It features a silhouette of a nativity scene with a manger, a star, and three camels. The text is centered and reads:

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

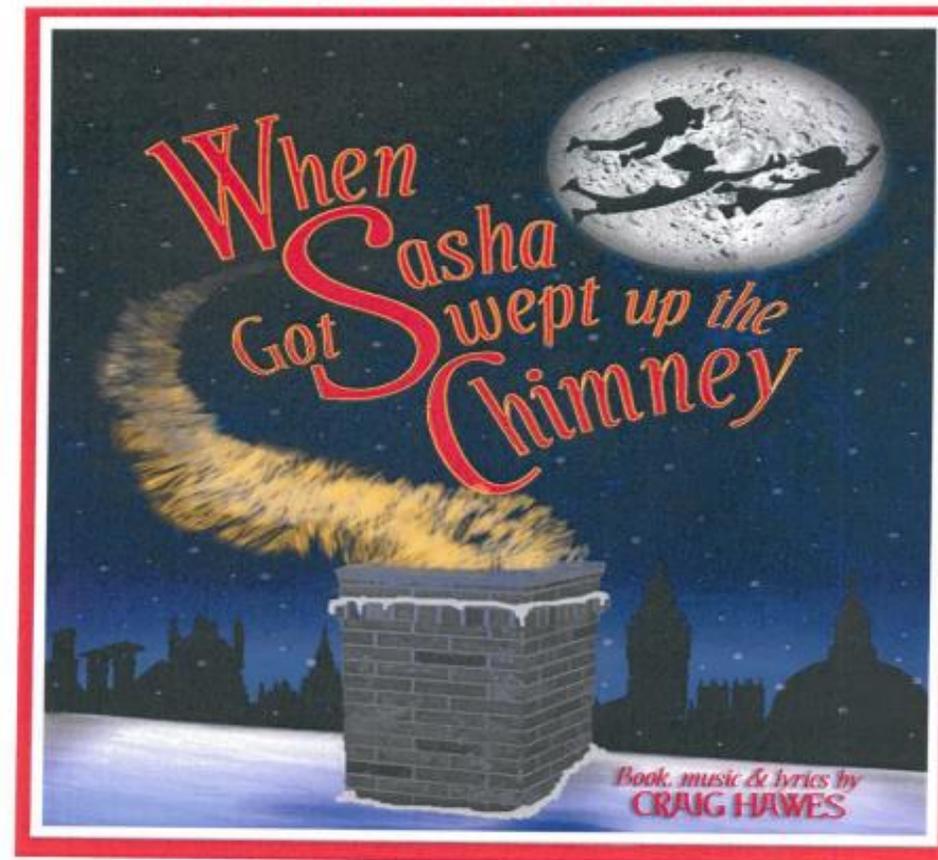
Simon de Senlis Primary School



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 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.

**NEWS FOR
OUR
CHILDREN**

6th December



Quieten Down, You!

A noisy cockerel has been causing quite the commotion in a quiet street in Hampshire. The bird, owned by Harold Brown, 80, would start crowing as early as 3am, waking up neighbours and making life difficult for everyone nearby. One neighbour, Barbara Cron, said, 'It felt like torture. The noise kept me awake and made my migraines even worse.' The council received many complaints and told Mr Brown to keep the noise down. When Mr Brown's cockerel passed away, the noise stopped. However, he got a new cockerel, and the crowing started all over again! Environmental health officers

recorded the bird crowing 90 times in just an hour and a half! Mr Brown was taken to court and fined £200 for not stopping the noise. Luckily, things are quieter now, and the neighbours can finally get some rest!



Pictured: A noisy crowing cockerel.
Source: Canva.

Snowy Surprise

Recently, parts of the UK were covered in snow, and lots of schools had to close as a result. Snow days happen when the weather makes it tricky or unsafe to get to school. Sometimes it's because the roads are icy or snowy, or even because it's hard for teachers to get to work. Snow days can be fun, but they also cause disruption, especially for places that are not used to snowfall. Trains and buses might be delayed, and journeys can take longer. Neil Armstrong, the Met Office's chief meteorologist,

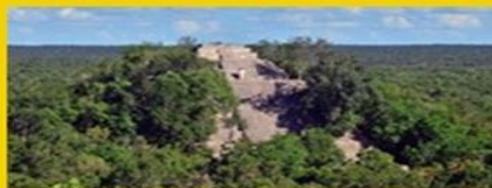


Pictured: Playing in the snow! **Source:** Canva.

said, 'With cold Arctic air firmly in place, wintry weather often brings challenges, but it's important to stay safe'. While snow can make life tricky, it is also magical!

What's your favourite snowy activity?

Why is discovery important?



I think discovery is important because it helps us learn.

Joanna

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



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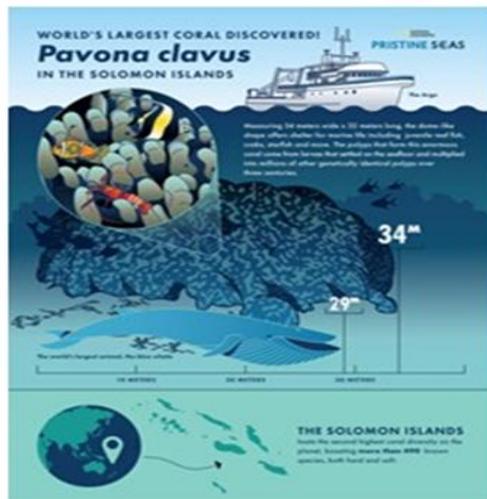
[@HelpPicture](https://twitter.com/HelpPicture)

Colossal Coral

The world's largest coral has been found during a scientific expedition, launched by the National Geographic Pristine Seas project in the Pacific Ocean. Scientists working on the study were checking the ocean health in the Solomon Islands, when they made the discovery. The coral is longer than a blue whale – the planet's biggest animal! Researchers commented that the mega coral could be 300 years old. It is three times the size of the largest known coral reef and would be visible from space. The massive coral is a collection of tiny creatures, all connected together to create one organism, with the appearance of a brown rock.



Pictured: The largest coral. **Source:** National Geographic Pristine Seas on Facebook.



Pictured: Information about the newly-discovered coral. **Source:** National Geographic Pristine Seas on Facebook.

'Just when we think there is nothing left to discover on planet Earth, we find a massive coral made of nearly a billion little polyps, pulsing with life and colour,' said Enric Sala, founder of the Pristine Seas project. 'This is a significant scientific discovery, like finding the world's tallest tree.'

Have you ever seen coral?

Do you like to learn about what is being discovered in the oceans?

Art at Whitby Abbey!

An impressive art installation called 'The Heritage Tree' has been unveiled at Whitby Abbey. The artwork by world-renowned artist, David Popa, honours seven 'game changers' as part of the National Lottery's 30th birthday celebrations. A National Lottery spokesperson said the giant visual display celebrates the 'extraordinary impact' the seven people have had on heritage and conservation. The inspiring individuals are Sir Tim Smit, co-founder of The Eden Project, Arthur Torrington CBE, co-founder of the Windrush Foundation, Teresa Anderson MBE, director of Jodrell Bank Centre for Engagement, Chantelle Lindsay, project officer with the London Wildlife Trust, Sandy Bremner, convener for the National Parks Authority, Lisa Power MBE, Pride Cymru volunteer, and Heidi McIlvenny, former project leader for Ulster Wildlife's Sea Deep initiative.



Pictured: Whitby Abbey and the Heritage Tree by David Popa. **Source:** English Heritage on X.

Eilish McGuinness, CEO of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, said, 'The creation of a stunning Heritage Tree installation at Whitby Abbey honours seven of those extraordinary game changers and beautifully symbolises the deep roots and ever-growing impact of each, reflecting our shared ambition to strengthen heritage.'

Would you like to find out more about the seven game changers?

Do you think art is a good way to honour people?

Why is discovery important?



I think discoveries help us remember the people and things that existed in the past, it is important to remember and respect our history.

Josef



TAKEHOME

2nd - 8th
December



**What does
it mean
to feel
included?**



In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called Football Without Limits, includes growing the Comets programme for young people aged 5-11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts about the FA's plans to increase awareness of disability football.
- > Can you think of a time when you have felt like you belonged (perhaps in a team or group)? What was it that made you feel included? Ask the same questions to someone at home.
- > Ask people at home whether they, or someone they know, have benefitted from a similar programme.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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

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

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

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

December 2025					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

January 2026					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30

February 2026					
Mon	2	9	16	23	
Tue	3	10	17	24	
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

March 2026					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tue	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
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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	



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.



Local Activities: Sporting & Social



Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG)

Sunday 8th December

3.30 – 5.00 pm



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Saturday 30th November 11am – 3pm

Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 1st December 7pm

Official switching on – Christmas Tree Lights

Sunday 8th December 3.30pm -5pm

Family Fun event

Friday 13th December 7pm

Christmas Choir concert



Sunday 15th December 10am

Confirmation/Family service with Bishop Debbie

Tuesday 17th December 7pm

Beer & Carols (The Collingtree Pub – NN4 0UE)

Wednesday 18th December 7pm

Carols round the Christmas tree

Sunday 22nd December

Christingle service – Briar Hill 3:30pm

Lessons & Carols – St Benedict's 6pm

Christmas Eve 24th December

Christingle service – St Benedict's 3:30pm

Midnight Mass 11:30pm



Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

10am Family service

www.stbenedictschurchnorthampton.uk

Mobile 07564 605275 (voice only, do not text)

vicar@stbens.uk or admin@stbens.uk

Parish of Briar Hill, Camp Hill, East, West
Hunsbury & Hunsbury Meadows.



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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News from Trilogy Active

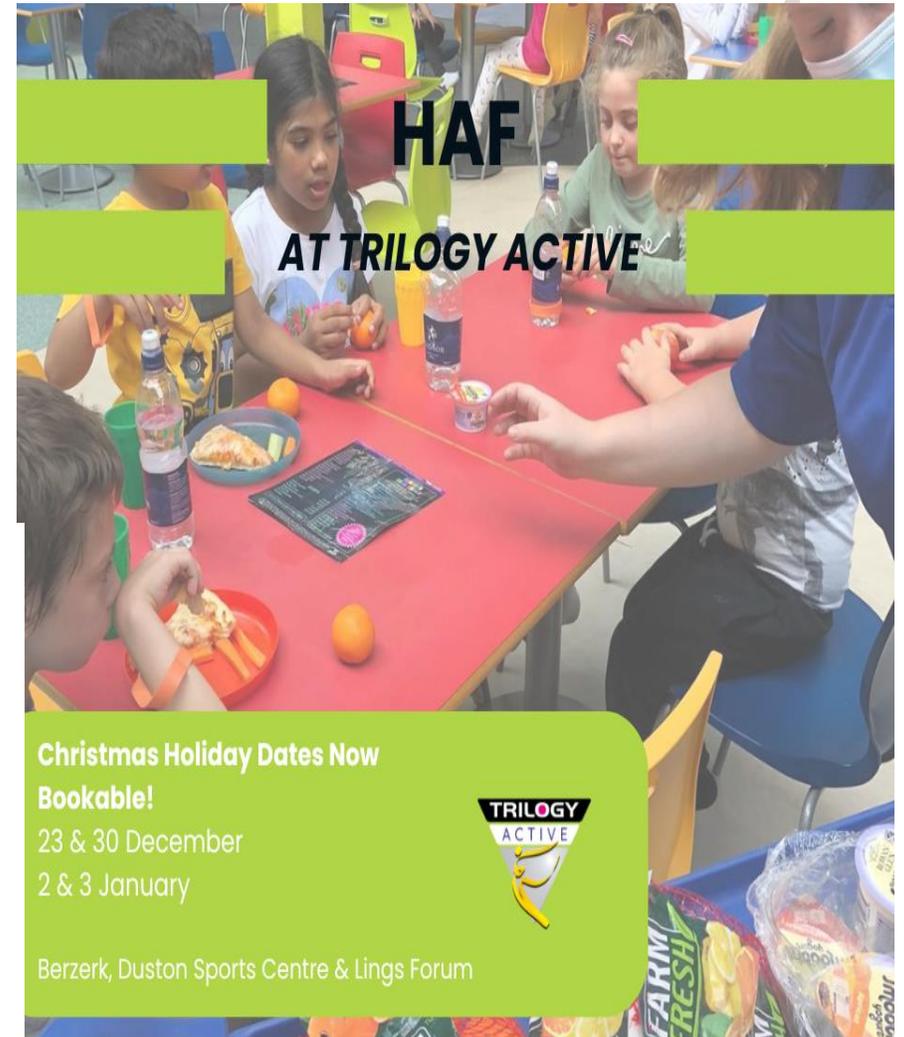
What's on at The Forum Cinema this December?



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/



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Northampton. NN6 8HY

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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](#)



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
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- ❖ **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
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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

