

Dear Families

The time really is flying... today sees the start of December and in school we are gearing up for the Christmas count down. Please check out the Christmas events dates and calendar for more information about what's coming up.

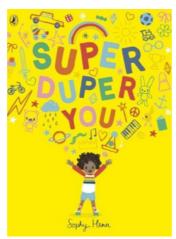
Assembly

The week started with an assembly led by Mrs Hayhurst which focussed on accepting our differences, We shared the book Super Duper You by Sophy Henn – have you read it? It would make a super Christmas present.

Off to space!

On Monday, Year 5 and Red class visited the Space Centre in Leicester and what a fantastic time was had by all. They loved deepening their learning of space and their behaviour was exemplary! We love enhancing our curriculum through trips and visitors. There more more lovely pictures on pages 3 & 4.





Reading Information Sessions

At EHPS we really want to support our parents with what goes on 'behind the classroom doors.'

Last week, Miss Stryjek led a phonics information session where parents and carers came to watch a live lesson and then had the opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

And this week, on Thursday night, Mrs Robinson led an information session all about reading in Key Stage 2. Reading is a huge priority for us so please do talk to your child's class teacher if you would like any more information about how we teach your child to read or how you can support your child with their reading development. PLEASE continue to share a book or two everyday with your child/ren (no matter what their age) as reading really does support their writing and other curriculum subjects – plus it opens up a world of imagination.

Please take note of the following information sessions coming up throughout the year:

- Y4 Times tables 18th January 4.30pm
- Y6 SATs 30th January 4.30pm
- Y1 phonics 22nd April 4.30pm

Lateness

Lateness affects learning. Please note that the mainstream register is taken at **08:45** when formal learning starts. Children must be in school ready to learn by this time – not arriving. We are monitoring our lateness as part of our attendance safeguarding protocols. We suggest arriving no later than 08:40 to allow time to settle in and be ready to learn.

Oh Christmas Tree Oh Christmas Tree...

On Wednesday, we had another very successful House event where children came together to write their Christmas wishes for their future and/or their community. They then decorated a special star to hang on both our school Christmas tree but also on a Christmas tree at St Benedict's Church (Hunsbury Hill Rd, Northampton NN4 9UG) as part of their Christmas Tree festival which is on Saturday 9th December 2.00 – 4.00pm - why not pop along and pay a visit to see our House Christmas trees in situ.

Festive Fayres

Last Saturday, our amazing choir sang at the East Hunsbury Community Fayre. They were amazing and signed their encore using Makaton. Thank you to all of the children who attended and to Mrs Landeman and Mrs Halsall for preparing and supporting our young singers. It is such an honour to regularly be part of our community.



But this weekend it is OUR Christmas Festive Fayre – and what a treat we have in store for you! So much time and effort has gone into preparing the spectacular. I would like to thank all of the FEHPS team in advance along with the staff who have supported. We will see you tomorrow between 10am and 1pm! Christmas jumpers are advised and please bring your Christmas festive spirit!

Have a lovely weekend and I hope to see you all tomorrow.

Ms Pennington



Email the school office for more information.





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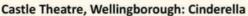
On Monday this week, Red Class joined Year 5 in a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. We had a fantastic time, exploring the history of Space Travel, learning about planets, meteors, stars and much more. We even investigated the night sky in the Planetarium. All the children had a fantastic time and described it as "brilliant" and "the best day ever".







West Northamptonshire Area SEND Accessible Christmas Shows 2023



- BSL interpreted Sat 2 Dec (6.30pm)
- Relaxed Tue 19 Dec (2.30pm)
- Relaxed & BSL interpreted Sun 10 Dec (11am)
 Booking and details: https://ow.ly/Lztb50Q8Tni

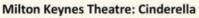


Royal & Derngate, Northampton: Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs

- Audio-described Fri 15 Dec (7pm)
- BSL interpreted Sun 17 Dec (5pm)
- Captioned Tue 19 Dec (7pm)
- BSL interpreted Thu 28 Dec (2pm)
- Audio-described Fri 29 Dec (1pm)
- Relaxed Sat 30 Dec (1pm)
- Booking and details: https://ow.ly/BCqi50Q8Tz5

Royal & Derngate, Northampton: Stick Man

- Audio-described & Touch Tour Sat 16 Dec (12noon)
- Relaxed Sun 17 Dec (1pm)
- BSL interpreted Wed 20 Dec (1pm)
- Relaxed Thu 28 Dec (1pm)
- Captioned Sat 30 Dec (4pm)
- Booking and details: https://ow.ly/9B6Y50Q8Tq5



- Captioned Tue 19 Dec (7pm)
- BSL interpreted Wed 20 Dec (7pm)
- Audio-described Thu 21 Dec (7pm)
- Booking and details: https://ow.ly/okUi50Q8ToL





The Deco Theatre,

Northampton: Cinderella
 Relaxed - Fri 22 Dec (1pm)

The Mill Arts Centre,

Booking and details: https://ow.ly/JxrL50Q8Tlg

Christmas Show

Banbury: There's a Monster in Your

The Stables, Milton Keynes: Hansel

Relaxed - Wed 20 Dec (2pm)

https://ow.ly/sq1b50Q8Tvt

Booking and details:

& Gretel presented by Box Tale Soup

Relaxed - Tue 19 Dec (5pm)

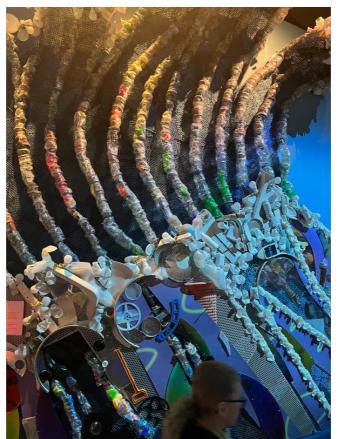
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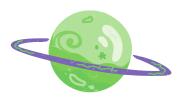






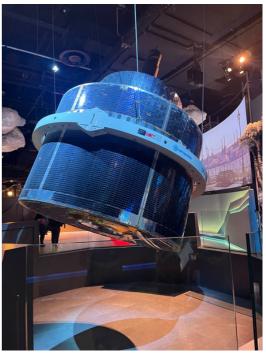






YR 5'S Adventures IN Space







EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER



Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

94.40%

We are aiming to be at 96% + every week.

| | Weekly Attendance | Year Group | Weekly Attendance |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Reception | 96.43% | 1 | 93.98% |
| 2 | 90.33% | 3 | 96.02% |
| 4 | 93.60% | 5 | 96.21% |
| 6 | 94.17% | | |

REMEMBER, lateness affects attendance and learning

WORK HARD



DO NOT

walk across the car park or enter via the main gates (use the pedestrian ones) as these are for vehicles.



collect it . create it . treasure it .



Help us to bring our Little Boxes Of Joy to the community!

This January we want to deliver 1000 Little Boxes of Joy to the community of Northamptonshire. Christmas and New Year can be a time of immense stress and isolation for many vulnerable people, so we would love to offer self care boxes to help bring joy to 500 homes in the first week of January. The boxes will be available to collect at 10 libraries across Northamptonshire.



If you wish to sponsor a set of 10 boxes or more please contact us on the email address below. All sponsors will receive images, an impact report, social media tiles, and access to our Learning Hub for the project. For individual donations please head to: gofundme.com/littleboxesofjoy

<u>Find out more here</u> DONATE HERE

info@thewildtribe.org www.thewildtribe.org/junk-treasure-project

ADVERSE WEATHER

With the cold weather firmly upon us, we have revised our adverse weather procedures. Please <u>click here</u> to read our Adverse Weather Policy which is now on our school website.

Key things to be aware of:



• We will always try to keep the school open in adverse weather, but if for any reason we are unable to, we will inform you by email and Class Dojo by 7:45am.

LibraryPlus

- In the event of snow, the gate on Rowtree Road will be closed and the only access will be the 2 pedestrian gates on Penvale Road.
- In the event of ice, all entrance gates will be open and access points will be gritted where possible. However, we are mindful that will not be able to grit everywhere in time for the school opening so please ensure that you proceed on the school site with caution and take all necessary precautions for yourself and your family.



Top tips to support your child's reading at home

- 1. Take breaks while reading
- 2. Build reading into your child's daily routine
- 3. Encourage your child to follow their interests
- 4. Use technology together
- 5. Encourage your child to be an author
- 6. Have a chat
- 7. Share stories using the pictures in the book instead of the words
- 8. Play with letters, sounds and words

Click here for more information



You can achieve amazing things through reading

William Kamkwamba, age 14, from Malawi found a book in a library called Using Energy. From the rough plans in the book, he constructed an energy producing windmill from spare parts and scrap. It powers 4 lights and 2 radios in his home. You can read more about him in the book called "The Boy who Harnessed the Wind".



J. Our Wishlist / I

Just a few of the books on our list



We have created an Amazon Wishlist which you can click on here and the book would be sent straight to us. Alternatively, you may want to pick one up whilst out shopping... every book bought will go into our library to be enjoyed by the whole school.

> <u>CLICK HERE FOR</u> <u>THE WISHLIST</u>

Walk in Wednesday dates

| 24.01.24 | Walk in Wednesday 3 - reading | 08:30-9:15 | Classroom |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 13.03.24 | Walk in Wednesday 4 - Easter Crafts | 08:30-9:15 | Classroom |
| 01.05.24 | Walk in Wednesday 5 - science | 08:30-9:15 | Classroom |
| 19.06.24 | Walk in Wednesday 6 - reading | 08:30-9:15 | Classroom |

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Remember to order Christmas Lunch for your child before 5th December on School Grid





For more Christmas gift giving guides & recommended reads, visit TheReaderTeacher.com

<u>Click here</u> for more information

CAREERS CORNER PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Do you have a love of sport and physical exercise?

Knowing the most popular careers in physical education can improve your odds of finding a suitable job in the field. Regardless of what physical education career you choose to pursue, knowing its main requirements and responsibilities can have a direct impact on your success. Working a job that's related to physical education can lead to a successful career, and it is helpful to know about various other career paths, including:

Dance instructors: typically work in dance studios, schools and after-school programs.



Athletic Coach: are tasked with coaching either young people in school and college or professional athletes, typically in one particular sport.



Fitness Instructor: can either train one person individually or teach fitness to groups of students.



P.E Teacher: work in schools and colleges, teaching students various physical games and skills, instructing them regarding the use of equipment and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

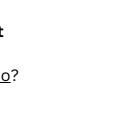
Sports Journalist: Learn About Being a Journalist



Sports Dietician: <u>What</u> <u>Does a Dietician Do?</u>

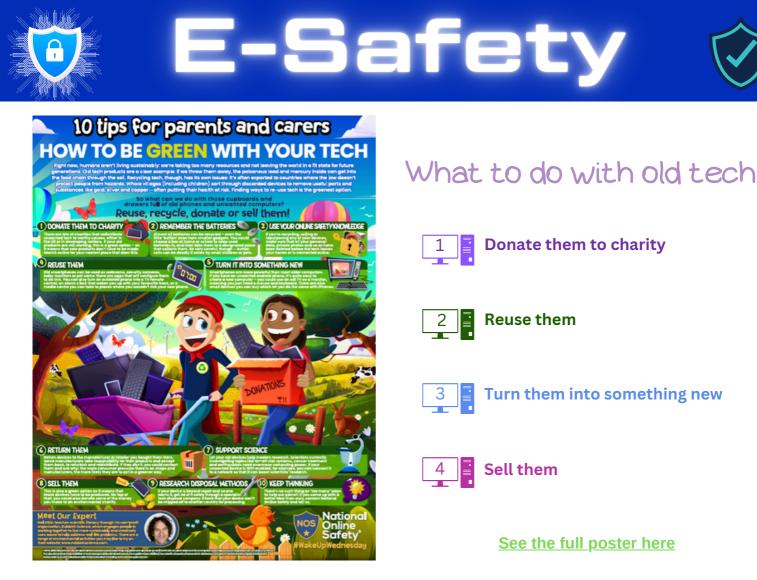


Physiotherapist What does a Physiotherapist do?





Occupational Therapist: Learn About Being an Occupational Therapist



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

What will the Online Safety Act do?



Remove harmful content



Animal cruelty content is banned



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Sites must be transparent about hazards

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms







WE NEED YOUR TOKENS!!! YOU CAN VOTE UNTIL MID JANUARY 2024

We're delighted that our application to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme has been successful! You will need to make a purchase of any value in a TESCO store and add the blue token to the Community Grant Scheme box in the Tesco store. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. The project with the highest number of blue token votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. We will be putting the money we are awarded towards a breakfast club.

You can vote for EHPS in the following TESCO stores:

- Abington Express, 348 Wellingborough Rd NN1 4EX
- East Hunsbury Express, Butts Rd, NN4 OUE
- Northampton South, Clannell Rd, NN4 OJF



- Northampton 13-15 Abington St, NN1 2AN
- Northampton St Edmunds Express,
- Portland Pl, Wellingborough Rd, NN1 4DR

Tech and STEM themed camp - February Half Term

Next Thing Education Camps are looking to host an exciting Tech and STEM themed camp at our school next February half term for Mainstream Years 1 to 6. The camp will combine learning with fun and include themes such as robotic building and programming, Minecraft, movie making, Lego engineering, virtual reality and much more - all with the aim of inspiring the next generation of technology enthusiasts and inventors! Here's a <u>video</u> of a snippet of some of the activities at the camp. The camp runs from 9am – 4pm and costs £49 per day.

To see if this is something that's feasible, Next Thing Education need an idea of how many children would be interested. Please could you click on the following link and complete the following 30 second survey to register your interest for this camp <u>click here</u>. We will be in touch very soon to confirm it is going ahead.

www.nextthing.education

Lost Property

Please label everything (including gloves, hats and scarves) as we are beginning to get a lot of lost property. All unclaimed and unnamed items of clothing will either be donated to our preloved uniform collection or charity after 6 weeks.

There is a red lost property box beside the Year 4 Courtyard.

| 5 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| SOZ Ja | | | 1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month | 2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way | 3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you | sign up to join a new course, activity or online community | 5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel |
| quar | 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 |
| w wan | 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 |
| 1-3-3-3- | 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 | | | u i u |
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New Ways November 2023

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Dates for your diary

| Date | Activity | Time | |
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| DECEMBER | | | |
| 02.12.23 | Christmas Fete | 10am - 1pm | |
| 11.12.23 | Reception Nativity | 9.30 - 10.30am & 4 - 5pm | |
| 12.12.23 | Year 2 & Purple Class Assembly | 9.30 - 10.30am | |
| 12.12.23 | Year 1 & Green Class Carols by twinklelight | 6.00pm - 7.00pm | |
| 12.12.23 | Reception & Blue to West Lodge Farm | All day | |
| 13.12.23 | Christmas Lunch (book on School Grid by 5th December) | | |
| 13.12.23 | FEHPS Christmas Film night | Straight after school until 5:15 | |
| 19.12.23 | Year 6 & Red Christmas Carols & Crafts with parents | 2pm - 3.30pm | |
| JANUARY | | | |
| 11.01.24 | Young Voices Birmingham | All day | |
| 13.01.24 | FEHPS Glow Disco | ТВС | |
| 18.01.24 | Yr 4 Multiplication Check information meeting | 4.30pm - 5.30pm | |
| 24.01.24 | Walk In Wednesday Reading | 8.30am - 915am | |
| 30.01.24 | Yr 6 SATs Information meeting | 4.30pm - 5.30pm | |
| 31.01.24 | School of Life - East Hunsbury Library | 10 - 11.30 | |

| FEBRUARY | | | | |
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| 09.02.23 | FEHPS - Family Bingo Night | 5:30-7:30 | | |
| 12 & 15.02.24 | Year 6 Parents' Evening | 3.50pm - 6.30pm | | |
| 13.02.24 | Year 3 & Orange Class Assembly | 9.30 - 10.30am | | |
| MARCH | | | | |
| 6 & 7.03.24 | Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6) | 3.50pm - 6.30pm | | |
| 06.03.24 | SU Parents' Evening | 3.50pm - 6.50pm | | |
| 13.03.24 | Walk In Wedneday Easter Crafts | 8.30am - 9.15am | | |
| 15.03.24 | Mufti Day in exchange for chocolate | all day | | |
| 23.03.24 | EHPS Easter Community Community Cafe and Easter egg hunt | 10am-1pm | | |
| 25.03.24 | FEHPS Easter Cafe (Reception 9.15 - 10, Yr 1 10.30 - 11.15, Yr 2 1.30 - 2.15, Yr 3 2.30 - 3.15) | Various | | |
| 26.03.24 | Year 1 & Green Class Assembly | 9.30 - 10.30am | | |
| | APRIL | | | |
| 22.04.24 | Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting | 4.30pm - 5.30pm | | |
| ΜΑΥ | | | | |
| 01.05.24 | Walk In Wednesday Science | 8.30am - 9.15am | | |
| 21.05.24 | Year 5 and Red Class | 9.30am - 10.30am | | |
| 22.05.12 | FEHPS Disco | ТВС | | |
| 22.05.23 | SU Show | Morning | | |

| 27.05.24 | Year 4 Spring Assembly | 9.30am - 10.30am |
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| | JUNE | |
| 05.06.24 | Yr 4 National Gallery Trip | All day |
| 10.06.24 | Sports Day Year 1 | 1.30 - 3.00pm |
| 11.06.24 | Sports Day Year 5 | 1.30 - 3.00pm |
| 12.06.24 | Sports Day Year 3 | 1.30 - 3.00pm |
| 12.06.24 | SU Sports Morning | 9.30 - 11.30am |
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| 12.06.23 | Y6 STEAM at UoN | All Day |
| 12.06.23 13.06.24 | Y6 STEAM at UoN Sports Day Reception Sports Day Year 2 | All Day 9.30am - 11.00am 1.30pm - 3.00pm |
| | Sports Day Reception | 9.30am - 11.00am |
| 13.06.24 | Sports Day Reception Sports Day Year 2 | 9.30am - 11.00am 1.30pm - 3.00pm |
| 13.06.24 14.06.24 | Sports Day Reception Sports Day Year 2 Sports Day Year 6 | 9.30am - 11.00am 1.30pm - 3.00pm 1.30am - 3.00pm |
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| | JULY | |
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| 29.06.24 | Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Red | 10.00 - 1.00pm |
| 02.07.24 | Reception & Blue Class Assembly | 9.30 - 10.30am |
| 08.07.24 | Music Gala | 5.30pm - 7.00pm |
| 16.07.24 | Yr 6 Leavers' Performance | 6.00pm - 7.30pm |
| 17.07.24 | Yr 6 Leavers' Performance for toddlers to attend | 9.30am - 11.00am |
| 18.08.24 | SU Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly | 9.30am - 10.30am |
| 22.07.24 | Year 6 Leavers' Party | 7.00pm - 9.00pm |
| 23.07.24 | Mainstream Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly | 10.00am - 11.30am |



Applications open on 8th September 2023 and close at midnight on 15th January 2024 for children who will turn five from 1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025.

National offer day for these children will be **16th April 2024**.

All applications for admission must be made through <u>West Northamptonshire County</u> <u>Council</u>

Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG) Sunday 10th December 3.30 - 5.00 pm



Christmas gifts to be made ...

For all the family

Free event

Family Fun

We are holding an event to have fun, making things, and celebrate Christmas together.

Crafts, story and food, for families with primary aged children plus brothers and sisters. Tea, coffee and cake for adults.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please phone or email to book your places: admin@stbens.uk or vicar@stbens.uk

Free event



3rd Dec - 6:30pm Lighting of the Christmas Tree

> 9th Dec - 2 to 4pm Christmas Tree Festival & Fayre (Choirs, ukuleles & fun)

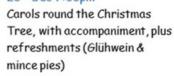
10th Dec - 3:30 - 5pm Family Fun afternoon more cake and fun.



17th Dec - 6:00pm Lessons & Carols service (inside, with Glühwein / mince pies)

20th Dec 7:00pm

3:30 - 4:15pm



Christingles 22nd Dec Briar Hill Community centre 3:30 - 4:15pm

Traditional Services: 24th Midnight Mass -11:30pm with carols & HC

Christmas Day 10am

Any further info, please contact via admin@stbens.uk or vicar@stbens.uk



St Benedict's is looking forward to the

The real reason

lar the season