# EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

## 5th December 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It's officially December and the count down to the Christmas holidays is on! I know my Christmas tree at home is already up and our school one is soon to be too!

### Congratulations!

First of all a HUGE and well deserved congratulations to our very own Mrs Sarah Heavens who last weekend won Maths Teacher of the year at the Northampton Education Awards. Sarah works tirelessly behind the scenes overseeing our maths and training other teachers/schools as a Maths Enigma club teacher. Well done Mrs Heavens and thank you for everything you do and continue to do for our school – we are lucky to have you.





### Assembly - World Views and Tolerance

During the assembly, the children explored the idea that everyone sees the world differently and that our beliefs, experiences and the people around us all help shape how we understand life. We watched a clip of the song What a Wonderful World and discussed how the same song can make different people feel happy, inspired or even sad. We also demonstrated this by using four different pairs of 'worldview glasses' to show how children might react differently to the same event.

The message of the assembly was that everyone has a worldview, and learning about each other helps us to show kindness, respect and tolerance in our school community.

### **Debate Club**

On Wednesday, our debating club, led by Mrs Lawther, attended an exciting debate event at Northampton Boys School. This was a fantastic opportunity for our young people to showcase their skills and they did brilliantly—debating complex issues against secondary-age students with confidence and clarity.

We are proud to share that two of our superstars won prizes in recognition of their outstanding debating abilities! Throughout the event, our pupils demonstrated our school values and showed remarkable confidence and teamwork.

Well done to all the children — you were amazing!



### Reception & Blue Class visit to West Lodge

What a wonderful day Reception & Blue Class had at West lodge farm. The children had lots of fun writing a letter to Santa and then had a mission to help his sleigh fly, by using magical dusters!

We visited Santa who told all the children they were on the good list and they received a wonderful gift! They even took part in their very own Nativity alongside some animal friends with a sprinkling of snow.

Well done Reception & Blue Class for being so brilliant and making us all proud of your behaviour!



### Parliamentarian meeting

This week was my last of the term's meeting with our brilliant Parliamentarians. Over the term, they have explored the new logo, helped us understand what makes them feel safe and unsafe, collected views on what helps them to learn and represented their classes superbly. Some of them are even helping with a special website project...!

### Year 2 and Green Class Visit St Benedicts

Today, as part of our RE and World Views curriculum, the children from Year 2 and Green class visited St Benedicts Church. They learnt a lot about what a church is and why community and faiths can be important to people. This learning really built on from our assembly on Monday. The children took part in the Christmas Nativity and created a tableau. They also made a star with words of Christmas, including joy, peace, kindness and hope. We were all very impressed with the children's respectful behaviour and their thirst for learning.

Finally, tomorrow is our annual Christmas Festive Fair – have you booked to see Santa? We are all very excited to see you there and really get into the Christmas spirit! I wonder who will win our famous hampers this year?

See you tomorrow.

## Ms Pennington





Thank you to the House Captains for helping to decorate the Christmas tree, kindly donated by Acorn (MK) Nurseries.



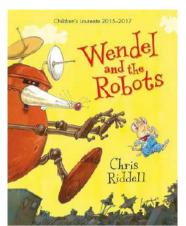
## THE HIVE NEWS - YELLOW CLASS

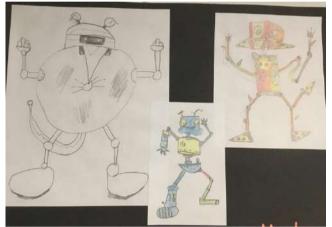
We have enjoyed our talk for writing book a lot this term - Wendel and the Robots! In the story, Wendelbot tries to tidy up but ends up smashing the tea cups, shredding the umbrellas and flattening the laundry basket. So of course, we have had to have a go at smashing, shredding and flattening

things!









What a class of artists we have! Check out their robot drawings, copying from our Talk for Writing book, they have draw Wendelbot, Clunk and then designed their own.







In science, we have been looking at materials and their properties. We have walked around school labelling different materials we see.





We have also enjoyed DT with year 6. We are going to make a spaghetti bolognaise sauce. We have blind tasted two sauces and said what we liked best about them, planned what ingredients we would like to use, ready to cook next week!



## CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

Please could you send your child to school with a Christmas Cracker on 18<sup>th</sup> December so they can pull it with their friend at lunchtime.



## **Attendance News**

Whole school average attendance this week was

94.84%

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

|           | Weekly Attendance | Year Group | Weekly Attendance |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Reception | 96.05%            | 1          | 93.98%            |
| 2         | 95.60%            | 3          | 94.15%            |
| 4         | 97.22%            | 5          | 90.92%            |
| 6         | 95.83%            |            |                   |

## Who works at East Hunsbury Primary School?

## Meet the Team

I'm Mr. Guilder, and I've been lucky enough to teach at East Hunsbury for a few years now. I lead reading across the school, which is perfect because I absolutely love books! My shelves at home are packed with stories from favourite authors and poets, and I'm always on the lookout for new recommendations.



When I'm not teaching or reading, you might find me getting creative with potatoes (Story Spuds!) or outside enjoying the fresh air. I'm a keen runner and recently hit 250 parkruns, and last year I completed my first triathlon - a real challenge but so rewarding!

East Hunsbury is a fantastic place to work with an amazing team and brilliant children. If you see me around school, please come and say hello - I'm always happy to chat about books, reading, or even running tips!



Christmas LUNCh

If your child would like school Christmas lunch, please order on School Grid by 9am on Wednesday 10th December.



### **Reception Places September 2026**

- 10th September 2025 Online Applications open
- 15th January 2026 Midnight Online Applications close
  - 16th April 2026 National Offer Day

<u>Click here to book</u> a tour at East Hunsbury Primary School.

### Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

- 10th September 2025
- 31st October 2025 Midnight Online Applications close
- 2nd March 2026

Online Applications open

National Offer Day







# WE NEED YOUR TOKENS!!! YOU CAN VOTE UNTIL 31st December 2025

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 the Changemakers quiet shaded area on the playground.



### You can vote for EHPS in the following TESCO stores:

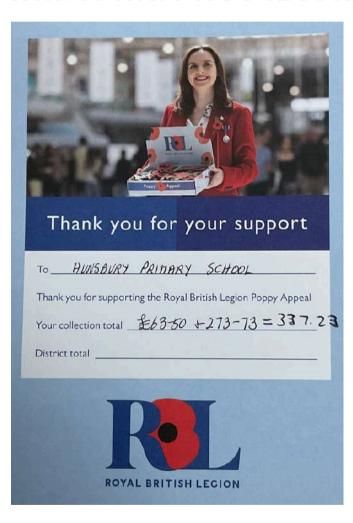
- Abington Express, 348 Wellingborough Rd NN1 4EX
- East Hunsbury Express, Butts Rd, NN4 OUE
- Northampton South, Clannell Rd, NN4 OJF
- Northampton 13-15 Abington St, NN1 2AN
- Northampton St Edmunds Express,
- Portland Pl, Wellingborough Rd, NN1 4DR















Do you have any unwanted wellies and outdoor waterproof coats that your children have outgrown, ages 4 - 11 years.

Please leave any donations, in a bag, by the bench in the Year 4 courtyard. Any queries, please contact Julia Fenton, Assistant Headteacher.



## EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

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This week

Grand total

183

2476



156

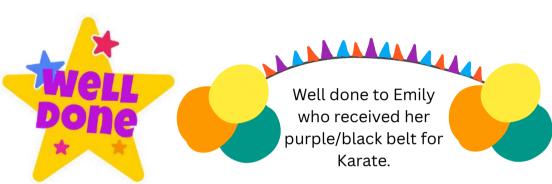
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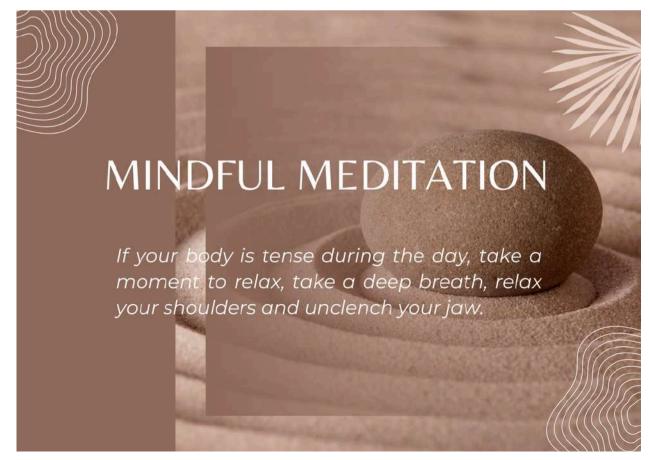




You've demonstrated our school value of Work Hard.









# EHPS Christmas Fayro Sat 6th December 11am - 1pm

Name the Teddy, Christmas Raffle
Chocolate Tombola, Games,
Christmas stalls,
Refreshments, Santa's Grotto
and much more!

## Special performance by EHPS choir

Come and join the festive fun!

FREE ENTRY



## Walk in Wednesday dates

| 17.12.25 | Walk in Wednesday 2 - Christmas     | 08:30-9:00 | Classroom |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 21.01.26 | Walk in Wednesday 3 - Reading       | 08:30-9:00 | Classroom |
| 11.03.26 | Walk in Wednesday 4 - Easter Crafts | 08:30-9:00 | Classroom |
| 29.04.26 | Walk in Wednesday 5 - Reading       | 08:30-9:00 | Classroom |
| 24.06.26 | Walk in Wednesday 6 - Science       | 08:30-9:00 | Classroom |

### NO IDLING CAR ENGINES IN THE CAR PARK PLEASE

Always switch your engines off when in a parked car. Leaving your engine running when your vehicle is stationary is called idling. This creates air pollution by increasing the levels of exhaust fumes and harmful gases in the air. No one, especially children, should have to breathe in these fumes.





## **PARKING**



A reminder that you must take extra care when parking and driving near the school. If you are reversing, please look carefully around you to ensure it is safe to pull away.

It is also illegal to park on the zigzags or on a zebra crossing!.

Please put our children and community's safety first.



## OUR FUTURE LEADERS

### **Digital Leaders**



A digital leader at EHPS will support in auditing equipment, learning computer-based systems and supporting teachers in using them. They will also be helping other children to be safe when using the equipment through awareness campaigns in the forms of posters, assemblies etc.

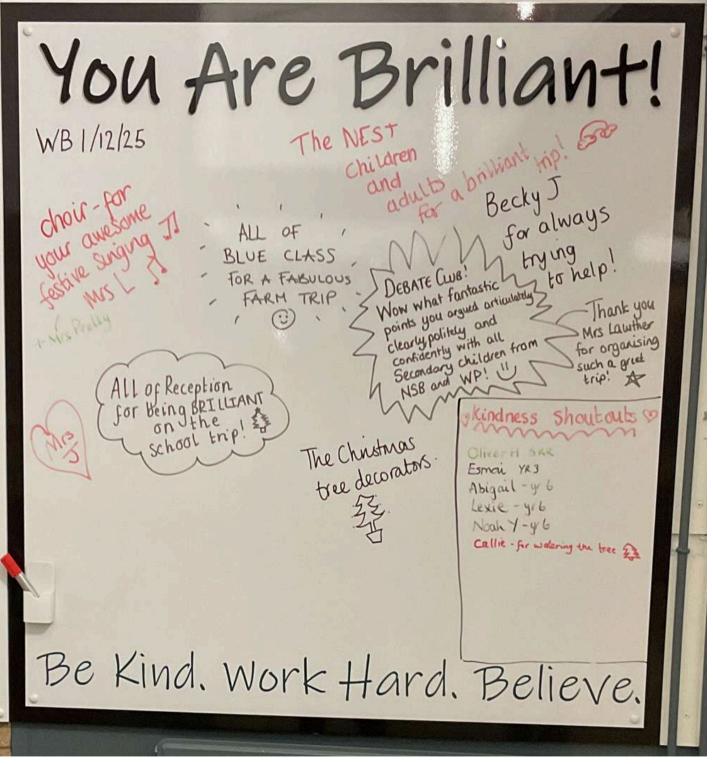
Our Digital Leaders are:

Amarrio Lyla Krishan Thea Matteo Elijah Oliver Andreas

Noah Maizey

Dylan Abigail

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| 18.12.25 | Christmas Jumpers/Party Day   | No charge |
|----------|---|-----------|
| 13.03.26 | Donations for Chocolate Hampers   |           |
| 20.03.26 | <b>Wear odd socks</b> for World Down Syndrome Day   | No charge |
| 27.03.26 | Autism Awareness Day - <b>Wear Bright Colours</b>   | No charge |
| 21.05.26 | UN Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and<br>Development – wear something/colours which<br>reflects your culture | No charge |
| 16.07.26 | Mufti for winning House<br>(winning House announced on 13 <sup>th</sup> July)                                 | No charge |

## How many have you completed? Have you started a scrapbook to document your activities?





## E-Safety & Wellbeing







### Online Safety Newsletter December 2025

### Al Chatbots and companions

### **New Technology**

Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games. Remember,

- rasing or any new games. Remember, PEGI rates the gomeplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.

  I a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.

  On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for popular devices here:

  Nove: https://www.xbox.com/em-GB/familu-hu-h
- x: https://www.xbox.com/en-G8/family-hub
- PSS: https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psS-parental-controls-spending-limits/

Nintendo Switch: https://www.nintendo.com/en-eh/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parentai-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-2-Nintendo-Switch-Parentai-Controls-2873385.html

Tables/y-mart phones
Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict
content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to
check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their
age. Follow the links below to find our more:

iPhones/iPad: https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121 Android Device: https://support.google.com/googleplay/ v/answer/1075738

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

### The Safety-First Smartphone

The Other phone is a new smartphone, which includes "SafetyMode" software. The software automatically blocks multity, prolamity, and bullying language in real time. You can find out more here: <a href="https://otherphone.co.uk/">https://otherphone.co.uk/</a>

mart Phone Free Childhood also list some alternatives that you could onsider here: https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives

Please note, that the inclusion of these models does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. While these devices may provide a 'safer' alternative to traditional smartphones, there are still potential risks associated with children using any type of phone.

## What are the risks?



Inappropriate content



Radicalisation



**Connecting with strangers** 



**Sneaky scammers** 

Click here for more information

### Contents



**Al Chatbots** 



**Roblox** 



**Discord** 



**Signal** 

### Click here for more information



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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION** 





Below you will find all of the dates we know so far for the whole of the academic year. We hope that these will support you in your family forward planning. As we are releasing these dates so far in advance, they may change but if they do we will colour any additions or amendments in red so that you can see them and communicate changes in advance. We do hope that you find this useful.

| Date               | Activity  | Time              |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|
|                    | DECEMBER  |                   |
| 06.12.25           | Christmas Fete                                    | 11.00am - 1.00pm  |
| 08.12.25           | Year 2 & Green Class Assembly                     | 2.30pm - 3.30pm   |
| 09.12.25           | Reception Nativity                                | 10.00am - 11.00am |
| 09.12.25           | Year 5, Red &Yellow Class Trip                    | All day           |
| 10.12.25           | Reception Nativity                                | 2.00pm - 3.00pm   |
| 11.12.25           | iRock Concert                                     | 2.45 - 3.15pm     |
| 16.12.25           | Year 1 Carols by Twinklelight                     | 5.15pm - 6.15pm   |
| 17.12.25           | Walk In Wednesday Christmas                       | 8.30am - 9.00am   |
| 17.12.25           | Year 6 & Yellow Christmas Carols & Crafts         | 2.00 - 3.15pm     |
| 17.12.25           | End of term reports to families                   |                   |
| 18.12.25           | Christmas Party Day (Christmas Jumpers and Lunch) | All Day           |
| 19.12.25           | END OF TERM                                       |                   |
| 22.12.25 - 2.01.26 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY                                 |                   |

|                  | JANUARY   |                 |
|------------------|---|-----------------|
| 05.01.26         | TRAINING DAY  |                 |
| 15.01.26         | Census Day<br>All Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Book school lunch via School<br>Grid |                 |
| 15.01.26         | Yr 6 SATs Information meeting   | 4.30pm - 5.30pm |
| 20.01.26         | Yr 4 Multiplication Check information meeting                                 | 3.40pm - 4.40pm |
| 21.01.26         | Walk In Wednesday Maths   | 8.30am - 9.00am |
| 27.01.26         | Choir to Young Voices   |                 |
| 30.01.26         | Kindness Workshop - 52 Lives  | Morning         |
|                  | FEBRUARY  |                 |
| 03.02.26         | School of Life  | 10 - 11.30am    |
| 06.02.26         | FEHPS Bingo Night   | 5.30 - 7.30pm   |
| 09.02.26         | Year 3 & Purple Class Assembly  | 2.30 - 3.30pm   |
| 09.02 - 15.02.26 | Childrens' Mental Health Week   |                 |
| 10 & 12.02.26    | Year 6 Parents' Evening   | 3.50pm - 6.30pm |
| 10.02.26         | Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting                                       | 3.30 - 4.30pm   |
| 16.02 - 20.02.26 | HALF TERM   |                 |
| MARCH            |   |                 |
| 4 & 5.03.26      | Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6)  | 3.50pm - 6.30pm |
| 04.03.26         | The Hive & Nest Parents' Evening  | 3.50pm - 6.50pm |

| 04.03 - 11.03.26 | Bookfair  | After school    |
|------------------|---|-----------------|
| 11.03.26         | Walk In Wednesday Easter Crafts                           | 8.30am - 9.00am |
| 13.03.26         | Mufti Day in exchange for Chocolate                       |                 |
| 16.03 - 22.03.26 | Neurodiversity Week                                       |                 |
| 19.03.26         | iRock Concert   | 2.45 - 3.15pm   |
| 20.03.26         | Odd Socks Day for World Downs Syndrome Day                |                 |
| 21.03.26         | Easter Cafe   | 11.00 - 1.00pm  |
| 23.03.26         | Year 1 Class Assembly                                     | 2.30 - 3.20pm   |
| 23 or 24.03.26   | Yr 5 Shakespeare Production                               |                 |
| 24.03.26         | Yr 6 & Yellow Faith Tour                                  | All day         |
| 25.03.26         | Reports go out to families                                |                 |
| 26.03.26         | The Hive Show   | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
| 27.03.26         | Autism Awareness Day - Wear Bright Colours<br>(No Charge) | All Day         |
| 30.03 - 10.04.26 | EASTER HOLIDAY  |                 |
|                  | APRIL   |                 |
| 21.04.26         | School of Life  | 10- 11.30       |
| 22.04.26         | Earth Day   | All Day         |
| 29.04.26         | Walk in Wednesday Reading                                 | 8.30 - 9.00am   |
| MAY              |   |                 |
| 11 - 14.05.26    | Yr 6 SATS   | Mornings        |

| 18.05.26       | Year 5 and Yellow Class Assembly  | 2.30pm - 3.30pm |
|----------------|---|-----------------|
| 19.05.26       | School of Life  | 10 - 11.30am    |
| 21.05.26       | Census Day<br>All Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Book school lunch via School<br>Grid                           |                 |
| 21.05.26       | UN Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – wear something/colours which reflects your culture |                 |
| 25 - 29.05.26  | HALF TERM   |                 |
|                | JUNE  |                 |
| 01 - 12.06.26  | Yr 4 Multiplication Check   |                 |
| 04.06.26       | Reception Sports Day  | 9.30 - 11.00am  |
| 08 - 12.06.26  | Yr 1 Phonics Check  |                 |
| 10.06.26       | SU Sports Morning   | 9.30 - 11.30am  |
| 13.06.26       | Northampton Carnival  |                 |
| 16 or 17.06.26 | Yr 5 NMPAT Festival   |                 |
| 18.06.26       | Year 6 Sports Day   | 1.30pm - 3.00pm |
| 19.06.26       | Class Photos  | All Day         |

| 22.06.26         | Reception & Yr 6 Height & Weight checks  | Morning                 |  |
|------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| 22.06.26         | Sports Day Year 1  | 9.30 - 11am             |  |
| 22.06.26         | Sports Day Year 2  | 1.30 - 3pm              |  |
| 24.06.26         | Walk In Wednesday Science  | 8.30am - 9.00am         |  |
| 25.06.26         | Sports Day Year 3  | 9.30 - 11.00am          |  |
| 25.06.26         | Sports Day Year 4  | 1.30 - 3.00pm           |  |
| 26.06.26         | Careers Fair   | TBC                     |  |
| 27.06.26         | Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Yellow) | 11.00 - 1.30pm          |  |
| 29.06 - 02.07.26 | Yr 5 Bikeability   |                         |  |
|                  | JULY   |                         |  |
| 29.06 - 02.07.26 | Yr 3 Residential Trip  | (2 nights per<br>class) |  |
| 02.07.26         | Yr 4 & Orange Class Assembly   | 2.30 - 3.30pm           |  |
| 03.07.26         | Music Gala   | 5.30pm - 7.30pm         |  |
| 06.07.26         | Reception & Blue Class Assembly  | 2.30 - 3.30pm           |  |
| 09.07.26         | Yr 5 Sports Day  | 1.30 - 3.00pm           |  |

| 09.07.26 | iRock Concert                                    | 2.45 - 3.15pm   |
|----------|--|-----------------|
| 14.07.26 | Yr 6 Leavers' Performance                        | 6.00pm - 7.30pm |
| 15.07.26 | The Hive Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly                  | 9.30am-10.30am  |
| 15.07.26 | Yr 6 Leavers' Performance for toddlers to attend | 5.00pm - 6.30pm |
| 15.07.26 | End of year reports go to families               |                 |
| 16.07.26 | Mufti for winning House                          |                 |
| 16.07.26 | Year 6 Leavers' Party                            | 7.00pm - 9.00pm |
| 17.07.26 | Mainstream Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly                | 10.00 - 11.00am |
| 17.07.26 | END OF TERM                                      |                 |

- kindness and Spread
- calendar with December share the others
- someone you can't be with to see how Contact they are

Kindness 2025

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

friend or family

member

Do something

helpful for a

positive to say to everyone something Look for

our neighbour

Say hello to

and brighten

up their day

ecemper

you speak to

things others

have done

for you

ist the kind

Give thanks.

give or receive forgiveness Choose to the gift of 23

someone for an

achievement that may go

unnoticed

Congratulate

- them and why Let someone
- know how much you appreciate

and really listen

to people

digital devices

Turn off

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- Plan some new
- acts of kindness to do in 2026





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

today, including

something which

others. Share

Bring joy to

made you laugh

Treat everyone

with kindness

- to say hello and who is far away Call a relative
- use less energy less meat and Be kind to



Happier · Kinder · Together

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS** 

Give a gift to

someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

> or campaign you really care about

charity, cause

Support a

help someone who is facing

Offer to

difficulties at the moment

someone else message for positive to find

**Give kind** 

Leave a

comments to as many people as happy memory possible today Sharea

thought with or inspiring a loved one

many different

See how

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people you can

with food, love or kindness today

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tem and donate

it to a local

without judging

food bank

Buy an extra

wholeheartedly

Listen

to others

Be generous.

smile at today

kindness and thank people Appreciate 2

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may be alone or eeling isolated

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joy of giving

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Ask for help

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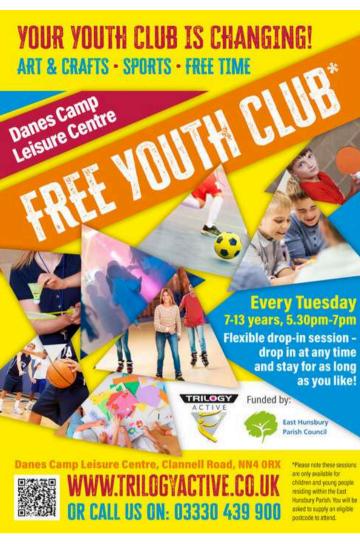
Contact

you don't need

by giving away

Help others

the planet. Eat





We are appealing to parents to think twice before buying their children e-scooters as presents this Christmas.

> Did you know it is illegal to ride electric scooters on public roads, pavements and cycle lanes.

Police can seize any private scooter if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

#knowthelaw #scootsafe









WNC are working in partnership with Northants Police, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue and Northamptonshire Safer Road Alliance on a campaign to tackle illegal use of Electric Scooters.

We are appealing to parents to think twice before buying their children e-scooters as presents this Christmas given the inherent dangers in them being driven recklessly and the potential for unintentional law breaking.

We want to highlight the dangers of riding e-scooters illegally on roads, pathways

Last year, 47 people were injured in collisions involving e-scooters in Northamptonshire. Please take heed of the safety warnings and the potential for prosecution and avoid buying these vehicles for Christmas.



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

WHY MOT ENTER OUR BEST DRESSED CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

THEY CAN BE REAL. ARTIFICIAL HOMEMADE



ENTER AS A FAMILY. SCHOOL, GROUP OR BUSINESS

DEC 10AM-6PM

For more details and to enter contact:

admin@stbens.uk

Trees to be in St Benedict's Church by Friday 5th Dec



We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

### However, the current law is clear

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

### Why is this?

E-scocters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as:

- · MOT

- Licensing Tax Insurance

Some e-scooters have exceptions to this as part of the government trial but this does not extend to any personal e-scooters.

### What happens if I am stopped by Police?



Section 59 of the police reform act allows police to issue a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, distress or

annoyance. Being issued with this warning does not stop the e-scooter being seized.

Police can seize any private scooter if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic

This is also the case for anyone using Voi scooters without a licence or registering with the Voi app as this is what covers you under their insurance





Voi are a company that are running a trial of the use of e-scooters in Northampton but will be expanding the use of the scooters across the county.

Voi e-scooters have an exemption as part of the government trial which make them legal for use on the road.

- Be over 18 AND
- Have a full UK or foreign licence or a UK provisional licence
- Have an account registered with Vo via their website or app
- Only use the e-scooters on roads limited to 30mph (not on pavements) or designated cycle lanes
- Always have full control of the e-scooter whilst you are riding and not allow yourself to be distracted by other

- Use an e-scooter if you are under 18
- Use an e-scooter if you do not have the correct licence
- Ride the e-scooters on pavements
- Ride an e-scooter under the influence of drink/drugs
- Ride an e-scooter using someone else's Voi account
- Have more than one rider on an e-scooter at a time

For full details on their use look on Voi's website or on their app wv

For education around the use of e-scooters and road safety go to www.ridelli and complete the online training.

