



"Sometimes real superheroes live in the hearts of small children fighting big battles"



Autsera

Welcome to the Summer 1 2026 edition of our SEND Newsletter!

It was lovely to hear that the vast majority of you were able to attend Parents Evening appointments at the end of last half term. Teaching staff have fed back to me many of the conversations you had and shared the actions and new targets you decided on together. Thank you for being so open and involved in these discussions.

Also, please see the new SEND display by the office for information and contact details for services within the Local Offer.

As always, please let me know if there is anything I can help you with.

Mrs Mills



Parents SENCo Surgery

As a school we have an open door policy and welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's special educational needs and how, as a school, we can support your child's learning. You will be able to drop in and discuss any specific information about your child. Alternatively, I am also available for longer appointments which can be made through the school office or email:

leanne.mills@sthelens.org.uk

SENCo Surgeries - 2:30pm - 3:30pm:

Tuesday 5th May

Tuesday 19th May

Tuesday 2nd June

Tuesday 30th June

Tuesday 14th July



Book Recommendation

The Only Way is Badger

By Stella J. Jones

This book is all about accepting differences and learning to say sorry. Badgers are best. Or so Badger thinks. "If it's not black and white then it's just not right!" he says. But what if he's wrong? A book about acceptance, difference and learning to say sorry.

Available on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Only-Way-Badger-Stella-Jones/dp/1848699395>



Fancy a Cuppa?

Come to our SEND Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for last term's coffee afternoon and shared your valuable insights on how to raise the school's SEND profile and parental engagement. Your contributions were truly appreciated.

As we move forward this term, I am pleased to invite you to our next meeting, where Lauren from the Mental Health Support Team will be joining us to talk about the range of services available.

I can't wait to see you there!

Tuesday 21st April 2026 - 2pm -3pm



**MENTAL
HEALTH
SUPPORT TEAM
IN SCHOOLS**



April - Autism Awareness Month

Thursday 2nd April - Autism Awareness Day

Saturday 4th April - Auditory Processing Awareness Day

5th - 9th May - Deaf Awareness Week

Tuesday 5th May – SENCo Surgery drop in 2:30pm-3:30pm

Thursday 14th May - Apraxia Awareness Day

Tuesday 19th May – SENCo Surgery drop in 2:30pm-3:30pm

Thursday 2nd June - SENCo Surgery drop in 2:30pm-3:30pm

Sunday 7th June - Tourette's Awareness Day

15th–19th June - Learning Disability Week

Tuesday 16th June – Coffee Afternoon for SEND parents 2pm-3pm

22-26th June - Deafblind Awareness Week

Tuesday 30th June – SENCo Surgery drop in 2:30pm-3:30pm

July - Disability Pride Month

Tuesday 14th July – SENCo Surgery drop in 2:30pm-3:30pm



AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



April

World Autism Day takes place each year on April 2nd, but because it's such an important event for millions of families and individuals around the world, we, as a community, get the chance to dedicate the entire month of April to autism awareness. Sanctioned by the United Nations, this year will mark the 17th annual World Autism Awareness Day!

April is dedicated to fostering understanding, acceptance, and support for the autism community. This period serves as a critical platform for educating others about autism spectrum disorders and advocating for the rights and opportunities of those affected. Through various initiatives and activities, Autism Awareness Month aims to transform the narrative around autism, while also addressing the challenges autistic individuals face daily. It's a call to action for people to be more inclusive and supportive, creating a world where everyone, regardless of their place on the spectrum, can thrive.



Introducing the SEND Inclusion Award

We are pleased to share that our school is currently working towards achieving the SEND Inclusion Award. This reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that all pupils feel supported, valued, and able to thrive within our school community. This award will help us to deliver high quality education for children with SEND. It is compliant with the SEND Code of Practice and focuses on removing barriers to learning through early identification, inclusive teaching and leadership.

We warmly welcome parents to work in partnership with us as we strive to make our SEND provision the very best it can be, and we look forward to sharing our progress with you along the way.

Please speak to Mrs Mills for more information.



Did you know?



St Helens SEND Hub provides information about their Local Offer in one place for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), their parents/carers and professionals.

The Local Offer includes information on local services to help children, young people, parents and carers make choices about the support they receive.

Access the SEND Hub for St Helens here:

<https://familyinfodirectory.sthelens.gov.uk/kb5/sthelens/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>



Where can I get advice?



St Helens IASS provides free, confidential, impartial advice and helps parents play an active and informed role in their child's education.

Contact: Beverley Ellis

Telephone: 01744 673428

Email: IASS@sthelens.gov.uk



ADDvanced Solutions Community Network is an open access offer that supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them.

Telephone: 01744 582172

Email: info@advancedsolutions.co.uk

Website: www.advancedsolutions.co.uk