

Wendover CE Junior School

SEND Half-termly Newsletter: 17 January 2025

Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS

has the opportunity to flourish.

We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead

and the compassion to care.

Building solid foundations (Matthew 7:24)



Parent's Portal – Autism Early Support (AES)

The Parent's Portal by Autism Early Support (AES) has launched in Buckinghamshire as a free resource for local parents. Buckinghamshire Council have partnered with the creators of the platform, specialist local charity Autism Early Support, to offer this service.

[Parent's Portal - Register here](#)

What is the Parent's Portal?

The portal provides early help and guidance and an online community of support. It is a self-guided learning tool, designed for parents of children aged 2-17 years who:

- Have noticed differences in their child and they're exploring neurodivergence
- Have Googled, '*Is my child autistic, or what is ADHD?*'
- Have an autistic child(ren)
- Are awaiting a Neurodevelopmental assessment

Registration is easy!

There is **no cost** for families from Buckinghamshire when they sign in via this registrations page: <https://portal.autismearlysupport.org.uk/bucks-registrations/>.



What's in this newsletter?

All the usual things...

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Happy New Year

Dear all,

Welcome to 2025! We are busy working on new SEND Support Plans and will be emailing them home at the end of this week. It is great to see children back after the Christmas holidays.

The Christmas Lunch was great fun and enjoyed by lots of children. However, we know that some children found the singalong a bit overwhelming. Next time, we will offer a Christmas lunch in a quieter space for those who prefer it.

The Local Authority is launching a Parent's Portal to support the parents of children with ADHD or Autism, whether or not the children have a diagnosis. Read more about it here: [Parent's Portal](#). If you do choose to use it, let me know if it is useful.

Mrs Bartlett

SENDCo

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Bluebird Room lunchtimes

Update:

Due to staff absence, the Bluebird Room will not be open as often. We will definitely try to keep it open on Mondays but other days will not be possible.

Monday

Reading,
drawing and
colouring

Please note that the Library is also open on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes for anyone who would like a quieter lunchtime.

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Bluebirds

You may wonder why there are Bluebirds all over this newsletter.

When we re-launched our SEND room, the children chose the name for it, via the School Council: The Bluebird Room. We use the Bluebird Room for group sessions (e.g. Young Carers) and for emotional regulation.

All classrooms also have a Bluebird Box, which contains lots of equipment that children with SEND may find useful. For example, sensory tools, overlays, reading slopes, wobble cushions...

The Bluebird Boxes are useful resources for teachers to use when supporting children.





The SENDCo and the SEND team

The SENDCo is **Mrs Jenny Bartlett**. I am also one of the school's two Assistant Headteachers and the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

I am not based in a class or year group and work with children and staff across the whole school. I co-ordinate the provision of SEND support across the school.

I am supported by a team of four Lead Learning Support Assistants (Lead LSAs) and several Learning Support Assistants (LSAs). This sounds like a lot of people, but not everyone works full-time.

We send this newsletter out twice a term to all parents whose children have SEND Support Plans or EHCPs. It is also available on the school website for all parents.

Contact me at: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk



The SEND Team – the Lead LSA team

The four LLSAs are:

Mrs Nikki Weeks-Pearson – Pastoral Support Lead. Mrs Weeks-Pearson supports children 1:1 with social, emotional and mental health issues. She runs our Young Carers Group, which meets on Tuesday afternoons. She also runs the Nurture Group in Year 3.

Miss Clare Doman – Lead LSA for Behaviour and Attendance. She is also working on extending and embedding our work on the zones of regulation and emotional self-regulation.

Mrs Rebecca Ford-Makin – Lead LSA for Year 3 and 4. Mrs Ford-Makin also supports the Dynamo Maths intervention.

Mrs Charlotte Brister – Lead LSA for Year 5 and 6. Mrs Brister also supports the Language Link intervention.



Lead LSAs and cover teaching

We are fortunate to have four Lead LSAs (Lead Learning Support Assistants) in this school, who all take a significant role in the provision of support to our children. For example, the Lead LSAs provide pastoral support, the nurture group, EAL groups, Young Carers, Language Link groups, Dynamo maths assessments, behaviour support, attendance support and a range of other individual and group interventions.

However, as part of their role, Lead LSAs also cover lessons for absent teachers, often at very short notice. This means that, sometimes, it is not possible for them to be able to carry out their other duties. Please bear with us on these occasions: we always try to catch up as quickly as we can.

The Buckinghamshire Local Offer



Buckinghamshire Local Authority has a useful [web page](#) which not only sets out their local offer of support, but also contains links to many useful organisations and sources of support.

There is general advice as well as specific suggestions for support.

You could check out the [Autism Toolbox for parents and carers](#) or the services offered by [Bucks SENDIAS](#), who provide free, confidential, impartial information, advice and support relating to SEND.

The screenshot shows the Buckinghamshire Council Family Information Service website. The header includes the council logo, the text 'Buckinghamshire Council Family Information Service', and a search bar. Below the header is a 'Home' link. The main heading is 'Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND Local Offer)'. There are six content cards arranged in a 2x3 grid. Each card features a photograph at the top, a title, and a short description. The cards are: 1. 'Get started with SEND' with a photo of a woman and child at a laptop; 2. 'About the SEND local offer' with a photo of a smiling woman; 3. 'Education and SEND' with a photo of a child wearing headphones; 4. 'SEND money and benefits' with a photo of a woman; 5. 'Health and SEND' with a photo of a woman; 6. 'Social care and SEND' with a photo of a woman.

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Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND Local Offer)

[Get started with SEND](#)
Where to start if you're new to special educational needs and disabilities

[About the SEND local offer](#)
What the SEND local offer means and how it can help you

[Education and SEND](#)
Education help for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Including Alternative Provision, EHCPs, find your EHCCO, and SEND school transport.

[SEND money and benefits](#)

[Health and SEND](#)

[Social care and SEND](#)



The SEND Team - the LSA team in Year 3 and 4

3W- Mrs McHardy-Jones' class – Mrs Becky Williams, Mrs Ria Austin, Miss Weeks-Pearson, Mrs Hayley Burton

3J – Miss Easton's class – Mrs Emma Salmon, Mr Cooper Edwards

3S – Mrs West & Mrs Beck's class – Mr Cooper Edwards, Miss Elle Weeks-Pearson, Mrs Hayley Burton

4W – Mr Slade's class – Mr Robert Irvine

4J – Mrs Simpson's class - Mrs Laura Duignan, Miss Olivia Carrington

4S – Mrs Beale's class – Mrs Laura Duignan, Miss Olivia Carrington

All Year 3 and 4 classes are also supported by Mrs Ford-Makin.



The SEND Team - the LSA team in Year 5 and 6

5W – Mrs Edwards' class – **Ms Kate Abbott**

5J – Mrs Corns' and Miss Ellerby's class – **Miss Ashley McLure**

5S- Mrs Khan's class – **Mrs Sally Barrett**

6W – Mr Kirk's class – **Mrs Jemma Elliot, Miss Jade Buckingham**

6J – Mr Newnes' class – **Miss Maddie Keating**

6S – Mrs Khan's class – **Mrs Sandeep Kaur, Mrs Jemma Elliot**

All Year 5 and 6 classes are also supported by **Mrs Charlotte Brister**



SEND Information Report and the SEND Policy

All schools are required to share an annual SEND Information Report and their SEND policy with parents. Ours is on [this page](#). We update the SEND information report each year and consult with parents. Do let us know if anything is unclear or you have any questions.

The screenshot shows the website for Wendover Church of England Junior School. The header features a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Key Information, Safeguarding, Curriculum, Parents, and Children. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Key Information', contains a list of links: Admissions, School Development, GDPR, Special Educational Needs (which is highlighted), Service Child Support in school, Performance Information, Ofsted and SIAMS, Pupil Premium Information, and Sports Premium Funding. The right column, titled 'Special Educational Needs', features a profile for Mrs Jenny Bartlett, the Inclusion Manager, with her contact email admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk. Below her profile are two document links: 'WCEJS SEND INFO REPORT 2024' and 'SEND Policy', each accompanied by a PDF icon.



Levels of SEND

We have four levels of support for children with SEND. Children may move between levels, as their needs change.

	Children	Adults supporting	Documents	Liaison with parents / carers	Interventions beyond the classroom	SENDCo Role
Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP)	Children may or may not have a diagnosis Children have needs that can be met by typical classroom practice Most children are at this level of support	Classroom teachers Learning Support Assistants Lead Learning Support Assistants	As per the rest of the class	Usual classroom communication Parents' Consultation Evenings and reports	Usually not needed	Oversight
Assess Plan Do Review by classroom teacher and LSA (APDR)	Children may or may not have a diagnosis Children's needs may not be being met by typical classroom practice and there are concerns Some children are at this level of support	Classroom teachers Learning Support Assistants Lead Learning Support Assistants	Assess Plan Do Review plans created and managed by teachers	Usual classroom communication Parents' Consultation Evenings and reports Additional liaison with parents may be needed	Sometimes offered on a trial basis where there are concerns	May be involved
SEND Support Plan (SSP)	Children may or may not have a diagnosis Children have needs that require adjustments beyond OAP Some children are at this level of support	Classroom teachers Learning Support Assistants Lead Learning Support Assistants External professionals may be involved	SEND Support Plans, created and managed by teachers and SEND Support Team.	Usual classroom communication Parents' Consultation Evenings and reports Termly SEND Review meetings and SEND Review reports	Interventions from LSA team Sometimes support from external professionals	Actively involved
Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP)	Children may or may not have a diagnosis Children have complex needs that need a high level of support A very few children are at this level of support	Classroom teachers Learning Support Assistants Lead Learning Support Assistants External professionals may be involved	Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP), written by the LA, with parents and school SEND Support Plans, created and managed by teachers and SEND Support Team.	Usual classroom communication Parents' Consultation Evenings and reports Termly SEND Review meetings and SEND Review reports Annual Review meeting for EHCP	Interventions from LSA team Sometimes support from external professionals	Actively involved



Service Support (RAF)



Mrs Ria Austin is our Service Support Assistant. In addition to her work in classrooms, she works 1:1 with all RAF children, increasing support around times of difficulty, e.g. deployment, social and emotional issues.

She also runs regular lunches for groups of service children and their friends, as well as other events, e.g. the Year 6 wellbeing course, Little Troopers events and craft sessions, where children make items to send to family members who they don't see very often.

Parents are invited to a half-termly informal meeting. This term, it is a joint meeting with parents from John Hampden School.

2:30 on Thursday 30 January 2025 at our school. Do come along and meet some new faces.





SENDCo Parent meetings

We offer a termly meeting with the SENDCo, in addition to the termly meeting with the class teacher.

We offer time slots at SEND Review meetings via the 'school cloud:' this is the same system that parents use to book Parents' Evening Consultations. Parents are able to choose their own time slots. If the meeting is in school time, we try to arrange for your child to be present at the meeting.

This term, we are holding the meetings across three weeks, to enable parents to have the widest possible availability.

Dates for SEND Review Meetings Spring Term 2025:

- **Monday 3 February 2025 to Friday 28 February 2025**





SEND Support Plans

All children with SEND support or EHCPs have an individualised SEND Support Plan. The plans describe the support offered to the children. These are issued and reviewed termly.






SEND Support Plans are live documents and often change as the children's needs change.

A draft version is sent home near the start of term and a reviewed version is sent home, along with the SEND Review form, at the end of term.

Examples of the format are on the following pages.



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<p>How I like to be supported in school:</p> 	<p>Zones of Regulation:</p>	<p>Motivators/What do I like? I like ...</p> 
<p>How I like to be supported in PE:</p>	<p>I communicate by:</p>	
<p>What people like and admire about me:</p>	<p>My name is X and I am X years old. I am in Year X at X School</p> 	<p>What am I good at? (strengths & talents)</p> 
<p>My dreams and aspirations:</p>	<p> What do I find difficult or hard? (include my fears & worries here)</p>	<p>Areas of Need: (highlight relevant areas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication and Interaction Cognition and Learning Social, Emotional and Mental Health Sensory and Physical Needs, including medical Independence and community Involvement



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Details of Child/Young Person			
The following questions are for school age pupils			
Name (in full)		National Curriculum (NC) year	
Also known as		Young carer	Y/N
Date of birth	00/00/00	EBSA	Y/N
Gender at birth	Male/Female	Is the pupil receiving any alternative provision package?	
Preferred pronouns		Reception Inclusion Funding	Y/N
Ethnicity		Off-set	Y/N
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	Y/N	Home language	
Reduced timetable under behaviour policy.	Y/N	Current Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) placement or involvement	Y/N
Looked after child (LAC)	Y/N	Suspensions/exclusions in the last 12 months	



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Background

- Family Story – including number in family and any relevant family history.
- Child's story – this could include relevant details relating to birth and early development, other professionals that have been involved, detail move of house. Details of any medical conditions, operation, diagnoses etc

My Family's Views:

The **parents' comments** should include: The parents' /carers' and children's aspirations for both their short term and longer-term future. This could include aspirations relating to

- Skills and attitudes that they hope to develop
- Thoughts about schools

They could also comment on any support they have had that has been successful and any other services they would like to find out about

How can my **family** help me? (include signposting to support and strategies which can be used in the home)



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	Strengths	Special Educational Needs
Communication and Interaction		
Cognition and Learning		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health		
Sensory and Physical (including medical)		
Independence and Community Involvement		



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Provision Mapping



Long Term Outcomes for Child or Young Person

These aspirational SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time bound) outcomes will be for the current or next Key Stage and must be related to the child or young person's area of needs. We would recommend between three and five outcomes.

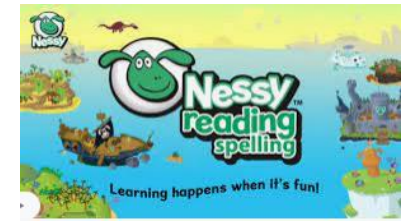
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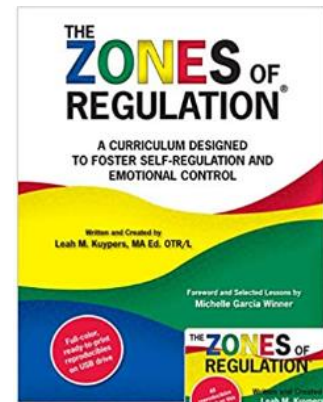
Short term outcomes will be directly linked to the agreed medium-term outcomes identified above. These should summarise the outcomes that you have been working on over each cycle of APDR or those advised by other professionals – don't forget to include a review. It is advised that each cycle be reviewed at least termly and a new plan produced annually.



How we support children with SEND

We aim to support children in classrooms as much as possible, so that they benefit from contact with the teacher and the other children. Therefore, we only take children out of class for a small range of interventions or support activities. For example, you might find that your child comes out for one or more of the following:

- Nessy – a computer package that teaches / practises phonics skills for reading and spelling. Several times a week. 1:1 per computer, but may be carried out in a group
- Dynamo - a computer package that teaches / practises maths skills. Several times a week. 1:1 per computer, but may be carried out in a group
- 1:1 reading with an adult – frequent reading practice with an adult to build confidence and fluency
- Language Link - weekly small-group sessions of focused language activities
- Pre-teach vocabulary – a small group who learn vocabulary before the rest of the class and work on meanings and spellings
- A social skills group or activity – a group of children who focus on a particular skill
- The Zones of regulation – 1:1 or small group work on understanding and managing feelings



Note that not all of these interventions will run every term.



Meet the SEND team – events coming soon

We regularly hold Meet the SEND team events. The next one is:

9:00 Wednesday 19 March 2025

The Meet the SEND teams events are an informal chat with SEND team staff, including the RAF Service Support Assistant. Where possible, the SENDCo or other members of the team will support parents with individual queries.

Please let us know if you would like to attend this event: send an email to admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk.

The event lasts for about half an hour. Tea / coffee and biscuits are provided.

