

SEND Newsletter Summer 1



We intend to produce a regular newsletter in order that parents and carers supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are kept up to date with national and local policy and initiatives. We also want to signpost you to a range of services and information that may help you.

Our spotlight this half term is **Dyspraxia**

Dyspraxia is also known as Development Co-ordination Disorder (DCD). It affects fine and/or gross motor skills in children and/or adults. Individuals may vary on how they present with Dyspraxia. In children, Dyspraxia may include difficulties with activities such as: writing; drawing; using scissors; using a knife and fork; riding a bike; and self-care skills, such as fastening zips and tying shoelaces etc.

Difficulties may also include organisational skills, such as planning and time-management.

[Dyspraxia Foundation](http://www.dyspraxiafoundation.org)

Where can I get SEND advice?

SENDIASS (Staffordshire's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service) provide an impartial and confidential service on matters relating to a child or young person's special educational needs or disability from birth to 25 years.

The link below will take you to a video that explains more about this service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54R4cDbX6L8>

For ant referrals or advice, you can contact SENDIASS by:

Phone: 01785 356921

Email: sfps@staffordshire.gov.uk



Deaf Awareness Week 2026

Deaf Awareness Week this year will take place from the 4th to the 10th May. The UK Council on Deafness began Deaf Awareness Week to increase the visibility of challenges the deaf community face and educate others on how they can support them.



[Deaf Awareness Week 2026 | National Deaf](#)

Thank you to everyone that attended our last coffee morning. We would be delighted to welcome more parents to our next session on **Wednesday 13th May 2pm – 3pm**

SEND Parents/ Carers
Coffee afternoon



Are you a parent/ carer of a child with special educational needs at Hayes Meadow?
Join us for a relaxed and friendly coffee afternoon – a chance to chat, share experiences and connect with others who truly understand.

Here are some useful websites to support our young people:

Makaton.org – access to training and lots of free resources. <https://makaton.org>

NASEN – a charitable membership organisation that exists to support and champion those working with, and for, children and young people with SEND and learning differences. <https://nasen.org.uk>

Young Minds – provides helpful ideas and advice regarding mental health for children, parents and carers. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent>

We welcome any feedback about this newsletter and any items or topics that you would like to be included please contact either Mrs Morgan Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo

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