

SEND Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn term newsletter for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. We hope you find this useful for information and to keep you up to date with all the SEND news and updates that take place here at Simpson's Lane. If you have any suggestions for what you would like in future SEND newsletters, please let the school office know.

SENCo

The SENCo at Simpson's Lane Academy is Miss Holmes

Miss Holmes can be contacted via info@simpsonslane.org.uk

Books featuring characters with SEND

Here are some great books which feature children with SEN or disabilities. Sharing a book with your child can support understanding of SEND. If you have any further recommendations, please let us know.



BIG Book List: Discovering Disabled or Neurodiverse Characters.

A full description of each book can be found by following this link: [BIG Book List \(KS1-4\): Discovering Disabled or Neurodiverse Characters \(sls-uk.org\)](#)

Upcoming dates for your diary

Autumn term SEND coffee afternoon: 13th November, Large Sprots Hall (1:15 – 2:45).

The focus of this session will be around needs in children with autism, sensory needs and anxiety. The afternoon will be run by Wakefield inclusion Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Support Service (WISENDSS).

What CPD do staff receive to support pupils in school?

Staff regularly receive CPD on understanding different needs and how to support children. This can be linked to a specific child or a general course which supports all children or raises awareness of different types of need.

Training staff received last term:

Speech and Language – tailored CPD for staff delivering speech and language programmes.

Training staff will receive this term:

AET – [Autism Education Trust](#).

Useful links for support and information

Simpson's Lane Academy – our SEN policies and information:

[SEND- Simpson's Lane Academy \(simpsonslane.org.uk\)](http://simpsonslane.org.uk)

Wakefield Local Offer

The Wakefield Local Offer is a way of providing information to families with children with special educational needs and disabilities in the Wakefield area.

[Information and Guidance | Wakefield SEND Local Offer \(mylocaloffer.org\)](http://mylocaloffer.org)

Wakefield Early Support, Advice, Information and Liaison (WESAIL)

The service provides a free, confidential and impartial support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their parents and carers

[Wakefield WESAIL SENDIAS- Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](http://family-action.org.uk)

WASP

The service is open to those facing challenges related to social interactions, communication, and other neuro-developmental disorders – even if there's no official diagnosis. It's all about providing the right kind of support.

[Wakefield Awareness Support Project- Kids](#)

Wakefield Parent Carer Forum

Wakefield Parent Carer Forum is an independent parent led forum who work with families of children with special educational needs and/or disability, aged 0-25 years old, living in the Wakefield area.

[Wakefield Parent Carer Forum | Wakefield Parent Carer Forum | Wakefield SEND Local Offer \(mylocaloffer.org\)](#)

Local Support Groups – Early Years.

These services are available and can offer with concerns around toileting, diet, speech language and communication in the early years (0-5)

[Early Help Wakefield](#) has lots of information on what is available in Wakefield.

[Hungry Little Minds](#) is a Government site that gives ideas and support for children under 5

[Contact](#) provides a section specifically for getting support in the Early Years

The National Autistic Society provides information on the use of [Visual supports](#) to aid communication

[ICAN](#) can provide ideas on developing speech, language and communication.

[The Communication Trust](#) provides information and resources for parents/carers

[Ambitious About Autism](#) gives lots of tips, ideas and support for children with or who may be showing indicators of Autism.

[Wakefield Homestart](#) is an under 5's support service that may be able to help you.

[Beat Autism | Home](#)

Beat Autism was created to help parents find their way through this challenging condition and gain the help and support that is so very much needed



Offer available locally for children with SEND

Max Cards



Have you got a Max Card? It can help you go on days out for free or with a discount. A discount is when you get money off the usual price. A Max Card lasts for 2 years. A Max Card is free if you join the Information Network. This is also called the IN. You can join the IN by visiting <https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/information-network/how-can-i-join>.



For places you can visit, go to <https://mymaxcard.co.uk>

If you have lost your card, or it has expired (this means the date has run out) then contact the IN. They will help you get a new one. You can email them at informationnetwork@wakefield.gov.uk You can also ring them on **01924 302 471**.

