

SEND Newsletter

Welcome to our Summer 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.

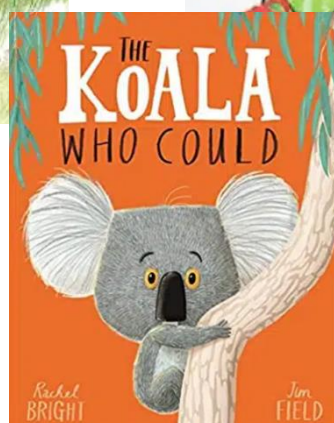
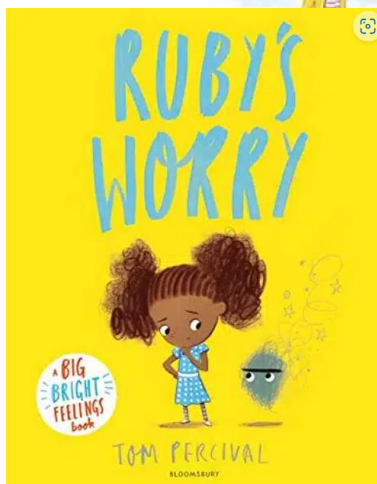
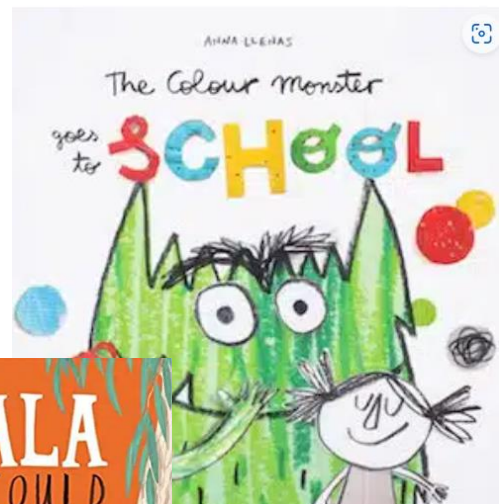
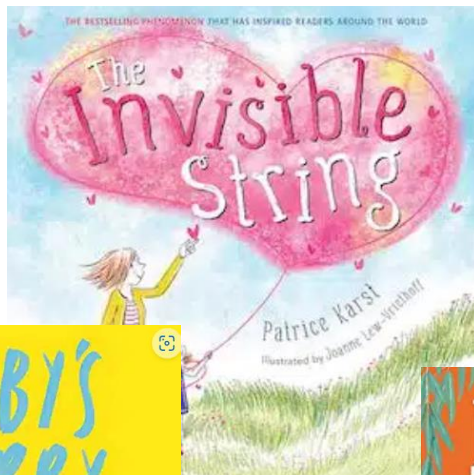
SENCo

The SENCo at Simpson's Lane Academy is Miss Holmes

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

Books to support children with SEND and transition to their next year group.

At Simpson's Lane we put rigorous transition plans in place for our children. Here are some great books that may help if your child asks about transition to their next year group whilst at home. Sharing a book with your child has many advantages, especially for a child who may find the idea of transition challenging. If you have any further recommendations, please let us know.



A full description of each book can be found by clicking on the book - a direct link will take you to the description of what the book offers.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Family Thrive for Parents and Carers Course - The course will run on **Wednesdays at 1.15pm**. Starting on **04/06/25** with last session been **09/07/25**.

We are hosting a 6-week course to introduce parents and carers to Thrive and show how it works. On this 6-week course we will cover:

- What Thrive is
- How Thrive works
- Why play and creativity are so important
- How to support your child through challenging times and times of change
- Everyday triggers and how to keep calm
- How to identify different behaviour

To reserve a space please reply to this email to register your interest.

Any parent who has already registered an interest has been given a space – we look forward to seeing you there!

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:

Precision Teaching – Training from Wakefield Educational Psychology Service.

Training staff will receive this term:

Supporting Children with Complex Needs.
Adaptions to reading for children with SEND.

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)

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.

Offer available locally for children with SEND

What's On Guide - Pomfret Family Hub

📅 21 April - 18 July 2025

🏠 Rookhill Road, Pontefract, WF8 2DD

☎ 01977 722644

✉ WFTPomfretFamilyHub@wakefield.gov.uk

📱 @PomfretFamilyHub



Monday

Who's In Charge*
9:30am - 11:30am

Baby Massage*
10:00am - 11:30am

Bookstart*
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Tuesday

Sensory Stay and Play*
10:00am - 12:00pm
fortnightly starting 29/04/25

Triple P Group*
12:30pm - 2:30pm

Infant Feeding*
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Triple P Baby*
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Young Carers Group*
3:30pm - 5:00pm
1st Tuesday of every month

Wednesday

Childminders Group*
9:30am - 11:30am

Arts & Crafts Group*
1:30pm - 3:00pm

Calm Zone*
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Thursday

Coffee Morning
9:30am - 11:00am

Stay and Play
9:30am - 11:00am

Triple P Stepping Stones*
12:30pm - 3:00pm

Friday

Baby Stay and Play
10:00am - 11:30am

Triple P Family Transitions*
1:00pm - 2:30pm

FAB
1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Pomfret What's On Guide \(online\) v2](#)

Max Cards

wakefieldcouncil
working for you

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**.

