

# SEND newsletter

## Autumn 2025



Welcome to the autumn edition of our SEND newsletter. A newsletter to address all things related to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). In this issue find out top tips for accessing local events, Somerset systems, some useful parent training courses, an acceptance and awareness section, practical ways to save money and some important dates.

At St Mary's Primary School, our children are at the center of everything we do. We aim to identify the needs of all pupils as early as possible. This is part of our graduated approach, in which we Assess, Plan, Do, Review.



Please click the image to find out for about the Graduated Response Tool in Somerset.

### Coffee morning

Come along to our next parent coffee morning in December:



**Date:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 8.45am - 10.45am

**Venue:** The Hive

**What's happening:**

*Lucy Pigden* will be attending from the Victoria Hub to offer advice on the neurodivergence pathway and offering guidance and support strategies.

*Tracey Porter* and *Savannah Spencer* will be discussing the whole school PSHE scheme, My Happy Mind.

### Top Tips!

Have you been wondering if your local supermarket offers quiet hours?  
What about local sensory friendly trips or even access cards that can support a young person when visiting new places.

Click here:



### Important dates:

**November:**

UK Disability History Month  
Anti-bullying Week – 11th Nov

**December:**

International Day of Persons with Disabilities – 3rd Dec

**January:**

World Braille Day – 4th Jan

**February:**

Children's Mental Health Week

**March:**

Neurodiversity Celebration Week – 17th–23rd

World Down Syndrome Day – 21st March

Dyscalculia Awareness Day – 21st March

Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month

### Acceptance and Awareness

Let's explore these amazing differences. Here is a link to an informative video about the challenges and the strengths.

[Let's explore juvenile arthritis](#)

[Let's explore diabetes](#)

[Let's explore dyslexia](#)



### Where can I find useful information relating to Somerset and SEND?

Click the below link for information on the services available for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) aged between 0 to 25 and how to access them.

Click here: [Somerset SEND Local Offer](#)



## Wise up Workshops

Click on the picture below:



**WISE UP WORKSHOPS**  
Empowering Parent  
Carers to succeed

Being a parent carer of a child or young person with additional needs can bring extra situations which are challenging to know how to handle. To help support parent carers navigate these a range of workshops have been created by Somerset Parent Carer Forum based on the subjects you have told them would be helpful.

## Concerns

If you have any concerns about your child's progress or think they may have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND), please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher. They will be happy to listen and discuss your concerns, and can guide you on the next steps for support.

You can also visit our school website for more information about how we identify and support children with SEND.

Our school Padlet is also available for you and is full of useful information, training, and support. Please use the QR code above to access the resources.



## Pantomime time

Cinderella - Relaxed Performance  
14th December 2025



We aim to make the relaxed performance an affordable performance with reduced ticket prices and is suitable for all families including those families with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). It will feature reduced lighting effects and reduced sound effects and the atmosphere is exactly that – relaxed! The lights aren't turned off and there will be a 'chill-out' area if the experience becomes overwhelming. Generally, people are allowed to enter and leave the auditorium freely, and there is a more open attitude towards audience noise and movement.

 Book now to secure your tickets and avoid disappointment.

**All Tickets: £19.50 / £16.50 Under 16 / £66 Family**

**Essential Carer Tickets: £12.50 available through the Box Office on 01278 556677  
(Family Tickets - 2 x Standard + 2 Under 16 or 1 x Standard + 3 Under 16)**

Click here for more details: <https://www.mcmillantheatre.com/events/cinderella--relaxed-performance/>

## Share your thoughts!



Here is the link to our Specials Educational Needs website page. The first report is our Information Report 2025- 2026:

<https://www.stmarysbridgwater.co.uk/special-educational-needs-disabilities-send>

What do you think about the content?

Is it clear to read?

Do you have any thoughts on what else the report needs to include?

We'd love your contributions about the report, please email: [office@stmarysbridgwater.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysbridgwater.co.uk)

## Somerset SENDIAS

Somerset SENDIAS (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support) can give children, young people and their parent carers information, advice and support about SEND. This can include information on Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessments and Plan. <https://somersetsendias.org.uk/>



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