

SEND and Inclusion newsletter

Spring 2026



Welcome to the spring edition of our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and Inclusion newsletter.

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.

Top Tip!

Looking for a new place to visit?

The Den café in Taunton is offering free monthly Occupational Therapist advice clinics, as well as lots of alternative SEND advice and guidance.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Den-Coffee-House-61581418484870/>

Coffee morning

Come along to our next parent coffee morning in March:



Date: Wednesday 18th March

Time: Drop in anytime between 8.45am - 10.00am

Venue: The Hive

What's happening: Young Somerset's Mental Health Support Team will be there to chat about your child's well-being and mental health as well as share all the resources and services available in our area.

We look forward to seeing you there.



THE DEN COFFEE HOUSE
Home of Coffee, Chat & Support
EST. 2025

- EHCP SUPPORT
- SEND CLINIC
- VISUAL & SOCIAL STORIES
- ACCESSIBILITY SHOP
- CAKES AND CO.

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 DCD \(formally Dyspraxia\)](#)

[Let's explore brains](#)

[Let's explore rumination syndrome](#)



We are always learning about the brain and how it develops. Here is a poem that tells us more about our brain 'flipping it's lid' –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbBVCy5VpYs>



Key dates:

- Neurodiversity Celebration Week – 16th–22nd
- World Down Syndrome Day – 21st March
- Dyscalculia Awareness Day – 21st March
- Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month
- World Autism Acceptance Week: 30 March – 6th April
- MS Awareness Week: 20th–26th April
- Mental Health Awareness Week: 11th–17th May
- Learning Disability Week: 15th–21st June

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: <https://somensetsendias.org.uk/>



Clubs and activities

The Community Inclusion and Activity Team – formerly the Short Breaks Team – supports children and young people from 0 to 17 who have a disability or additional need.



Community – We want to enable children and young people with a disability or additional need and their families to access their local community.

Inclusion – We want children and young people with a disability or additional need to feel included in their community and in clubs and activities.

Activity – We can signpost children and young people with a disability or additional need to many opportunities to access regular clubs and activities in the school holidays. We offer some of these activities ourselves and work with many other organisations who offer great activities too. This information is sent to you in our newsletters and calendars.

Team – We cover the whole of Somerset and our team work directly with referred families to offer support, information and guidance, as well as offering activities and clubs. We are part of the Children With Disabilities Team.

Visit their site to find out more: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/the-local-offer/leisure/activities-for-families/>

Where can I find useful information relating to SEND?



Click the below link for information on the services available for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)



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

Share your thoughts!

Here is the link to our Special 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



To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is **123784**
Or simply **scan this QR code** to sign up



Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

Concerns

If you have any concerns about your child's progress or think they may have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND), please speak with your child's class teacher. You can also visit our school website for more information about how we identify and support children with SEND.

<https://www.stmarysbridgwater.co.uk/>

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.



Don't forget the Wise up Workshops are still available.
Click on the picture below for details:



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.

