

Inclusion and SEND newsletter

Summer 2026



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

Transitions and change

Transitions can be challenging for many children for a variety of reasons. Use the links below to find out how you can support your children transitioning through to the next chapter of their journey.

Click on the images that might support you and your family with the transitions ahead.



An animated story of a little girl moving from Foundation Stage to Year 1.



How does it feel transitioning into secondary school?



A parent webinar to support with helping your child make a smooth transition to secondary school.



Transition tips for children with additional needs.

What do the students say?

What do your children wish they had known. Click on the link below for a child friendly advice from students who have made the transition.

Transitioning to secondary school



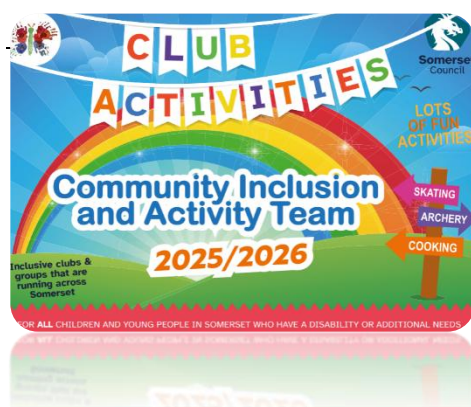
Mental health and well-being

Moving on can be a stressful time for children as they get use to new routines, new adults, new friends and new surroundings. Starting conversations with your child and finding out how they feel is a great start.

Click on the pictures below to find out how you can help your child.



What's the Somerset Graduated Response?
Click on the picture above to find out more.



Our community

We are always looking at ways in which we can build upon our community links and ensure we offer our families the support they need. What opportunities would you like to see available? For example, a toy café, an after-school library service, a monthly coffee morning or even a SEND information workshop? Email your ideas to: office@stmarysbridgwater.co.uk

[Click here to find out what's available over the summer.](#)

Coffee morning

Come along to our next parent coffee morning:

Date: Wednesday 24th June

Time: Drop in anytime between 8.45am - 10.00am

Venue: The Hive

What's happening:

Mentally Healthy Schools Team are returning to support parents with advice around their child's Anxiety.



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>



Somerset Parent and Carer Forum

Somerset Parent Carer Forum is a parent led organisation, with all the people leading our working having a child or young person between birth to 25 years with additional needs and/or disabilities.

Find out more at: <https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/>



Scan the QR code to explore St Mary's School Padlet, where you'll find lots more videos, leaflets and helpful support.



If you have concerns about your child and think that they may need to be considered as having Special Educational Needs or a Disability, please see our school website for more information or ask to discuss with your class teacher.

Remember the Somerset Local offer can offer you advice, guidance, and support for all the services relating to SEND.

What is Somerset's Local Offer?

Click the above link for information on the services available.

Find out more about the local offer as well as see our school SEND information report and SEND policy on our website:

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



Somerset max card

The max card makes days out more affordable for foster families and families of children with additional needs. It is a discount card for attractions, venues, and days out across the UK.

The [community inclusion and activity team \(cia team\)](#) offers the max card to any family with a child or young person with a disability or additional need aged 0 to 25 years living in somerset.

The cards are free to families. One card per household and lasts for 2 years.

<https://mymaxcard.co.uk/>