



# SEND NEWSLETTER

*Amaze, Excite, Inspire*



Welcome to our first SEND newsletter! In it, you will find some updates regarding SEND at Langley, as well as some information from Wiltshire Council. I hope that you find it useful, and I look forward to sharing more information and ideas throughout the year.

It has been lovely to see the children in their classrooms and settling well into the new school year, into new learning and new routines.

This term, as part of my SENCO role I have been meeting with staff to discuss children on our SEND register and the planned interventions to support children. We have also started the recruitment process so that I am able to transition the role of SENCO to a new member of the team. Once we have completed this, I will be pleased to introduce our new SENCO to you.

If you have any questions about SEND at Langley Fitzurse, please do ask. The SENCO email is [senco@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk). Please remember that talking to your child's class teacher is the first step in raising any concerns.

*Karen Winterburn*

## **ELSA – emotional literacy support assistant.**

Emotional and pastoral support for our children is key. If our children are not feeling secure and emotionally ready, they may find it difficult to focus on the academic learning. Last year, we ran programmes such as Lego Therapy, Garden of Dreams and introduced Feeling Boards across the school. We are very pleased to share that

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this year we are training one of our team to be an ELSA. This is an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. Whilst we will not be running sessions just yet, we will be able to share more information in subsequent newsletters.

### SEND events this October

Come along and hear about the latest developments including additional SEND school places, the [five-year plan for SEND and Alternative Provision](#) and how it will be implemented. It's also an opportunity for you to share your experiences and have your say, so that we can discuss how we can continue to work together. The events are:



Event:	Date:	Time:	Location:
Monkton Park	Thursday 10 October	10am – 11am	Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1ER

The online session is on Tuesday 8 October, 6pm – 7pm via this Teams link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com>

[Find out more about the SEND events](#)

### Inspection of Local Area arrangements for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) in Wiltshire

An OfSTED/CQC Area SEND inspection has been announced. This is a three-week inspection which focuses on the effectiveness of local area arrangements for children and young people with SEND in Wiltshire. Inspectors' activities in the first two weeks are carried out remotely and then they will be on-site for the third week.

Surveys seeking feedback from parent carers, practitioners, children and young people can be found here:

- **For parents** – [Parent/Carer Survey \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](#)  
Easy read version - [Parent/Carer Survey \(Easy Read\) \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](#)
- **For children and young people with SEND** - [Children and Young People Survey \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](#)

### School Nurse Workshops

Our School Nurse has offered to run various workshops for parents. We hope that from Term 3 onwards and may be around the following areas: emotional (behaviour), sleep, and diet. Our School Nurse is however happy to be flexible needs of our school and parent community, therefore we will be sending survey to gauge the support parents would appreciate and ask for an interest. We would also like to ask you when the best time for these be held would be. Please look out for this survey through ParentMail. In the meantime, our school nurse has shared that for any child specific toileting, parents can call the school nursing team on 0300 2470 090 to get advice from the duty nurse Monday to Friday 9-5.



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### FACL - Families and Community Learning

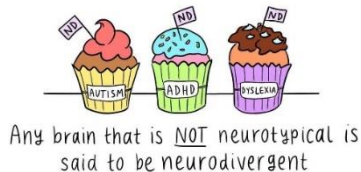
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- Gain a new skill
- Reconnect with learning
- Prepare to progress to formal courses
- Learn how to support their children better

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Wiltsfamilylearning>

## Neurodiversity



Sometimes, we need additional support and external experts to best support some children. When this level of support is needed, discussion with parents/caregivers, we will place our SEN register. This just means that this person is going to have as much support as help them thrive.

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The SEN register isn't just a list of children with a diagnosis, medical need or disability; it is for those children who need support above and beyond our classroom provision and so, if your child has made significant progress and their needs are being met by our classroom provision, they will be taken off the register. Before this happens, we will meet with you to agree this.

### **School Provision Map**

We are in the process of creating a school provision map detailing what we offer at Langley Fitzurse to support children. This will include interventions which are considered as 'universal or OPAL – Ordinarily Available Provision for All Learners' which can support all our children together, and the support which is different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age. Further information about OPAL can be found on the Wiltshire SEN Offer Page [OPAL Introduction - Local Offer \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/sen-offer)