



SEND NEWSLETTER

Amaze, Excite, Inspire

Welcome to our first SEND newsletter of 2025.



Nicola Waylen

Hello and Happy New Year to you all. I am your new SENDCo at Langley Fitzurse Primary School and I am really looking forward to meeting you all and becoming part of the school team.



I live in the local village of Lacock with my two boys aged 12 and 18 and their dad Simon. We have a sproker spaniel called Budleigh and a cat called Willow. I think myself fortunate to live in such a beautiful place and love spending time at the weekends taking my dog on long walks through the countryside.

I started my career as a Nursery Nurse in a local nursery many years ago before qualifying as an Early Years Teacher. I have been a SENDCo in Wiltshire for the past 17 years and so come to you with a wealth of experience in teaching and supporting children with Special Educational Needs.

Over the next few weeks, I look forward to getting to know all the children and spending time with them in their classrooms. I would also like to meet parents too so if you get the chance please pop in and say hello. I will be in school on a Monday. I will be contacting parents over the next few weeks to have a chat and arrange a time to meet but please call or email if you want to meet sooner.



SENDCo email -senco@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk.

ELSA Update

What is an ELSA?

An Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) is a school based Teaching Assistant specifically trained to support the emotional well-being of pupils. We are pleased to announce that Amy Tayler has almost completed her ELSA training and will be able to start ELSA sessions with children over the next term. If staff feel that your child would benefit from ELSA sessions then you will be contacted by letter before any sessions start.



Amy Tayler

Hello to you all,

I'm Amy, better known in school as Mrs Tayler. I am passionate about children's mental health and wellbeing and am excited to have nearly finished my training to become the school ELSA. Although I have worked at Langley Fitz for a couple of years, I thought it would be nice to tell you a little more about me!



I live on a Dairy Farm with my husband Ollie and daughters, Bella and Lola. We have a very loving 3-year-old Staffador called Skye. Bella is at-College studying Animal Management. Bella is Autistic with a special interest in Reptiles (we're also home to a 4ft Bull Python called Cara). Lola is at secondary school and 'living her best life'. She loves to dance and perform.

When I'm not running the girls about, I love to be outdoors. I enjoy the little things in life, walking, gardening and bird watching (yes, I'm a bit of a twitcher). I enjoy listening to music and have a very varied taste depending on my mood! I love Disney and collect Fairy folklore.



In school I work mainly as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant and have a good understanding of SEND. I get the privilege of supporting in other classes sometimes and have got to know the children really well during lunchtimes.

I am very proud of the strong sense of belonging we create for the children at Langley and this provides good foundations for them to gain a positive understanding of themselves. I look forward to helping them build on these foundations. We hope to help grow resilient young people that are well equipped emotionally to deal with life events and experiences.



The Family Hub website is now fully up and running! Click [here](#) to explore their services and register your interest for support, such as Time Out for Parents -which is for parents of children aged between 3-11 years. They are also running a six-week programme Time Out for Parents for Teens with additional needs designed to support parents/carers to stay connected with their teenager through understanding the teenage world.

If you would like to sign up for one of the parenting courses offered or any other services then you can contact the Family Hub on their website [here](#). If you would like any further queries, then please email WiltshireFamilyHubs@spurgeons.org or call 0800 970 4669.

Families and Community Learning

Please remember that Family and Community Learning includes a range of on-line and face to face courses designed to help families and young people. The following courses are running throughout February.





February 2025

- Helping my child build concentration and resilience online course
- Supporting teen wellbeing online course
- Helping my child with anxiety online course
- Discovering well-being face to face course

Please use the link below to find out more details and book courses.

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

Supporting All to Thrive project

This project is led by a team of researchers from Oxford Brookes University, funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust. The project is investigating the educational opportunities, experiences and outcomes of children with additional learning or support needs and/or disabilities from UK Armed Forces families. The project findings will help support policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders to target resources to ensure they get consistent provision and support. Ultimately the aim is to support all children to thrive.

As part of the project, parents are being invited to complete a survey, which will look at the educational experiences of school-age children with additional needs. It will ask about children's current education, their education over time and parents' feelings about the educational support their child has had.

Who is the survey for?

- Parents or carers of a child aged 4-18 with additional needs in UK education or in MOD schools overseas
- Any families, not just Service families
- Parents can take part whether their child has been diagnosed with additional needs or not
- Parents can take part if their child is currently out of education for any reason.

If you would like to complete the survey please follow the link below. Please note that the researchers are keen to hear from any family, not just service families:

For more information about the project: www.sattproject.org.uk

Survey link:



https://brookeshls.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dm7QvRucb9 IVKcK

EPIC Think Learn

Epic Think Learn is a web based resource to support parents and teachers to gain a better understanding of neurodivergent children and to see things from the child's perspective. They offer a toolkit and online webinars on topics such as masking, anxiety and sleep. All information and resources are based on 25 years research by Dr Sinead Rhodes.

For more information and to book webinars click here:



<https://epicthinklearn.com/>

Learn and Thrive

[Learn and Thrive](https://www.learnandthrive.org/) is a charity which produces educational resources for children and young people with Down's syndrome and other special educational needs. Created during lockdown, it aims to provide specialist teaching online, to be used across educational settings and in the home. The two projects, [Teach Me Too](https://www.learnandthrive.org/teach-me-too/) and [Learning for Life](https://www.learnandthrive.org/learning-for-life/), cater for different age groups. The resources are all completely FREE digital tools to help children and young people with Down's syndrome and SEN to learn and thrive.

