



IAS Newsletter May 2025

Happy May.

Here is a round up of the latest webinars, coffee mornings and all things SEND. Next month's Newsletter will have a focus on transition as our children and young people head towards the end of the academic year.

If you have an idea for a topic for our monthly coffee morning, or wish to make a service suggestion please just drop us a line ias@rbwm.gov.uk

Best wishes,

Jean, Donna, Kate and Millie

IAS Coffee mornings

We have been holding our monthly coffee mornings meetings around the borough this term.

Our next session is an online session regarding the process for applying for an Education Health Care Needs assessment, and then in June we have an IAS surgery, based at our Riverside Office you can drop in and speak with the advisers.

More information and the full program below visit www.ias-rbwm.info





**Special Educational
Needs & Disability (SEND)**

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Thursday 22nd May
Online Session 1230-1345

ONLINE SESSION: EDUCATION HEALTH CARE (EHC) NEEDS ASSESMENTS EXPLAINED



An explanation of the process of applying for an Education Health Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA) and what happens if the Local Authority agree to issue an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)



Book a free place via QR code



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Open surgery
Come and our IAS advisers
Tuesday 24th June

A chance to drop in and ask our advisers questions regarding special educational needs and disabilities.



10-1130am *
Open for a cuppa from 9.30am, session starts at 10am
@Family Room, Riverside Childrens Centre,
West Dean, Maidenhead SL6 7JB

Inclusion Summit

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Royal Borough
of Windsor &
Maidenhead



We are extremely pleased to announce our sixth Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Inclusion Summit. This event has been co-produced between SEND Voices RBWM, Achieving for Children, the Independent Advice and Support Service, Children and Young People's Integrated Therapy Service and schools.

It will be a great opportunity for all parents and carers, as well as other key stakeholders, to share information and celebrate developments in SEND across the borough.

This event will inform, engage and inspire how we are all working together as a positive beacon of inclusion for children and young people (0 to 25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities.

There will be a selection of workshops to attend and a bustling marketplace.

This face-to-face event will be held on:

Tuesday 20 May, 2025

Royal Windsor Racecourse

9.15am Registration and browse the marketplace

10am Introduction

10.15am Presentations

11.15am Break and browse the marketplace

11.45am Workshops

1.15pm Summary of the day and performance from Manor Green School

To register attendance, please email:

inclusionsummit@achievingforchildren.org.uk


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Inclusion Summit AGENDA



Tuesday 20 May, 2025

Timing	Agenda	Speaker
9.15am to 10am	Soft start with refreshments	
10am to 10.10am	Welcome	
10.10am to 10.30am	Launch of resources by children and young people and parents	SEND Voices and Inclusion Ambassadors
10.30am to 10.45am	SEND Voices update	Posan Pang
10.45am to 11am	PINS - Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools	Sheila Singh
11am to 11.10pm	The Anchor: School Readiness Hub	Dorrie Hooson-Jones
11.10am to 11.20am	Person-centered path	Tom De Sausmarez
11.20am to 11.30am	College Link	Helen Hanam
11.30am to 12pm	Comfort break and Marketplace	



Local Area SEND Newsletter

The Borough's latest Local Area Newsletter is available now, and includes a round up on May Half term activities.

[Find it here](#)



Local Area Newsletter

In this newsletter:

- ★ May half-term activities
 - ★ Learn some useful Makaton phrases
 - ★ Inclusion Summit 2025
 - ★ Autism Group events
- and much more



Did you know that GEMS has released a selection of articles on our website?

We are creating a wide range of articles that have all been designed to provide understanding, information and advice for parents and carers who are seeking some additional support and are not sure where to turn.

There are currently eight articles available on our website, please see below for topics;

- Sleep Concerns
- Being an Ally
- Meltdowns
- Eating and Nutrition
- Building Routines - ADHD
- Building Routines - Autism
- Eight Senses and Autism
- Eight Senses and ADHD

To view our articles please click on the following link.

If after reading them you feel you need additional support please take a look at our workshops and courses or animations.

Animations - <https://www.gems4health.com/learn-more/>

Workshops and courses - <https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>



PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

Investigating Sensory Reactivity in Autistic Preschoolers (SNAP)



We are looking for parents of autistic children to take part in our research project investigating sensory differences, development and mental health in children.

This study aims to further understand the processes involved in children's engagement with the sensory environment and the relationship between this and their development.



Who can participate?

We are looking for parents of children aged 3 to 6 years and 11 months with or awaiting a diagnosis of autism.

What will you receive?

You will receive a £50 amazon voucher for your involvement. Your child will also receive a gift (sensory toy) for their participation

Study Location

Centre for Integrative Neuroscience and Neurodynamics School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences University of Reading Reading, Berkshire RG6 6AL

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School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences Harry Pitt Building University of Reading Earley Gate Reading RG6 6ES

What will the study involve?

Participation will involve completing online questionnaires and interviews. Your child will complete interactive game like tests with a member of the research team. Two tablet games, and sensor tasks while we measure their brain activity with non-invasive and pain free brain imaging device electroencephalogram (EEG). The visit will take around 4-5 hours total, including breaks between tasks.

The study has been reviewed and approved by the University of Reading ethics committee.

Interested?

To express interest or questions/queries please contact a member of the research team
Zelal Gulbahce
z.gulbahce@reading.ac.uk



Witherslack Webinars

 Free Webinar

Supporting Dyscalculia:
From Home To School



14.05.2025



10am

Register your place at witherslackgroup.co.uk/supporting-dyscalculia

Free Webinar

ADHD & Autism: Navigating The Teen Years

07.05.2025 10am

Register your place at witherslackgroup.co.uk/the-teen-years



Understanding ODD & Conduct Disorder

Date: 11 June 2025

Are you interested in learning about the differences between Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) and Conduct Disorder? Join our webinar with Lisa Rudge, Director of Parent Services at The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity, to find out the answers.

[Find out more](#)



ADHD: The Gender Differences

Date: 22 May 2025

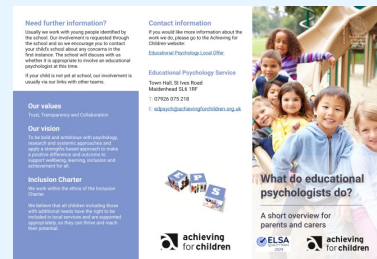
Have you got a question or two about how ADHD presents differently in boys and girls? Join us alongside Rachel Keeton, Assistant Psychologist from The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity, as we explore how these differences often leads to misdiagnosis and misunderstood behaviours and traits.

[Find out more](#)

Find out more about events and podcasts, and to book your free places please visit: [advice-and-support events - witherslack group](#)

Education Psychology Service

We were recently joined by the Educational Psychology service at one of our coffee morning. If you are unsure what the EP service do, or how they work you can find out more via their service leaflet which you can find [HERE](#).



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