



A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year at Grove Primary! It's been a joy to welcome our pupils back and see their excitement for learning. I am delighted to share that both children and staff have settled smoothly into their new classrooms. Our students are already showing great enthusiasm and a readiness to embrace new challenges!

We have begun lots of fantastic afterschool clubs and wider curriculum sessions this week! Make sure to ask your children what they have been learning!



Dance sessions with Chantal from Pioneer Dance began with **Year 2 (Elder Class)** and **Year 6 (Maple Class)**.
Yoga sessions began with our yoga teacher Kellie Ansell!

Music sessions with our new Music teacher John from Southwark Music Service started up again for all our classes in **Reception - Year 6**.

Swimming began for children in **Year 4 Cedar Class**.

Computing sessions will also begin on Monday 28th at Alleyn's Secondary School for **Year 5 Hazel Class**!

Wishing our school community a happy weekend.

Leah Grant-Muller





★ Stars of the Week ★

We would like to recognize the children who have been great examples of our School values and have shown a true commitment to their learning. Well done!

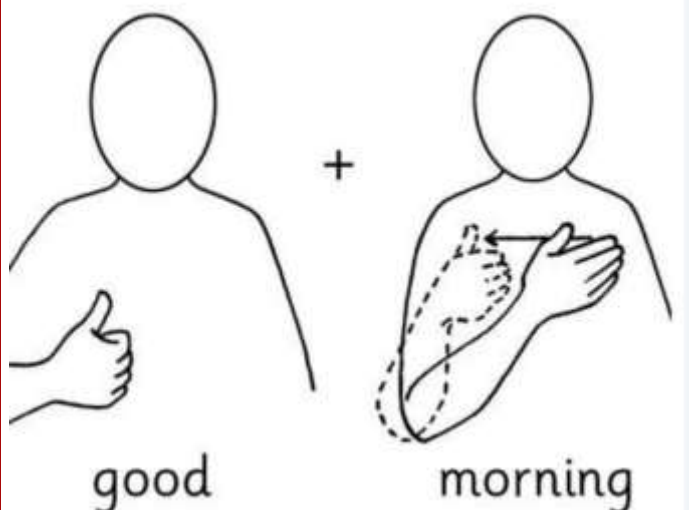
Conker	Aalia for settling in so brilliantly and being very kind to her peers.
Acorn	All of Reception for settling into their new classroom so well!
Willow	Zayan for being absolutely amazing this week, always doing the right thing and being an example to everyone Serena for settling into year one so well, we will miss you and wish you every happiness in your new school.
Elder	The whole of Elder class for rising to the challenge of Year 2 expectations.
Beech	Aziza who has an amazing first week at Grove Primary- She has shown such braveness. Tristan for showing fantastic resilience and persistence in his learning.
Cedar	Kiyah for good work on sequencing events of The Tempest. Haref for settling in well into Grove Primary.
Hazel	Misola for great writing this week and producing a fab explanation leaflet. Erdi for supporting your working partner this week with kindness and care.
Maple	Jeremiah for showing engagement and active listening in class enabling him to make wonderful strides in his learning. Madina for her fantastic start on her chronological report about WW2 and use of amazing sentence starters.



Makaton Sign of the Week

Every Monday the staff and the children will be learning a Makaton sign. Makaton is a language with speech, signs and symbols used to support people who have difficulty communicating. We teach it to all of our children and staff so that we can become even more inclusive as a school.

This week our Makaton sign was "Good morning". We use this in our assemblies and when answering the register. Please practice this at home too!



Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am (please do not arrive earlier as children will not be allowed in until this time)- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.70 per day

After School club- Light snack and sports activities and games and will cost:

1 Hour £6.50

Full session (2 1/4 hours) £14.10

Snack will only be offered to children staying over 1 hour.

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book full week after school club and this is charged at £67.00 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+). Reception class- please contact Carrie for booking and more information.

Club Donations

We would really welcome donations of games and jigsaws for our clubs! Please drop any off to the Office!



Year 6 Secondary School Transfer

Miss Grant will be hosting a meeting on **Friday 18th September** at both **9:00 am and 3:45 pm**. This will be held in the **Lower School Hall**.

During this session **Miss Grant** will discuss the process of choosing Secondary Schools for your child.

Please be advised that the closing date for selecting Secondary School choices is: before 11.59pm on 31 October 2026

Follow this link for Southwark Schools for more advice: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/how-apply-online>



Southwark Council

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<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Attendance

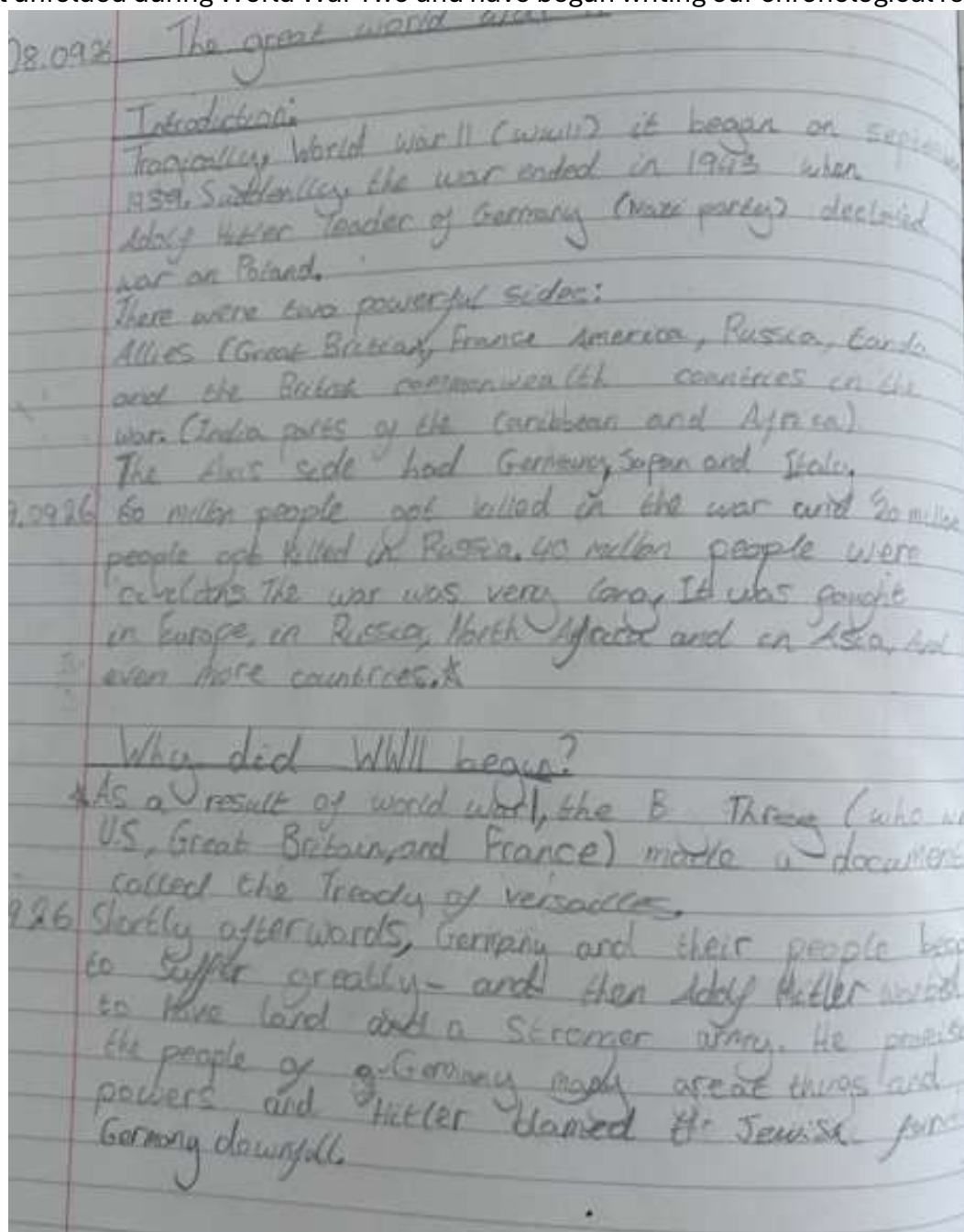
Reception	87.2%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	87.3%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	84.6%

Please note that as directed by the Department of Education, term time holidays will not be authorised.



Year 6 Learning This Week

This week we have kicked off our learning in Year 6! In writing, we have begun learning about the events that unfolded during World War Two and have begun writing our chronological report.





Introduction:

Unfortunately, on the 1st of September in 1939, World War II (WWII) began as Germany unleashed an attack on Poland, which gave Britain and France no choice but to declare war on Germany. Fortunately, WWII ended in 1945 when Germany and Japan finally surrendered. As well as this, WWII was fought in Europe, in Russia, North Africa and in Asia.

There were two sides in this war (The Allies) Britain, France, USA, Soviet Union (Russia) and China. (The Axis) Germany, Japan and Italy.

In WWII, over 60 million people died (20 million were Russian).

Why did WWII begin?

As a result of WWI, The Big Three (Britain, France and the U.S.) blamed Germany for beginning WWI so they created a document (The Treaty of Versailles). Germany was demanded to sign this document. Consequently, Germany fell into a state of depression. As mentioned in the agreement, Germany had to limit their military, forced to give up some land and pay a huge sum of money.

In the years that followed, the German people began to greatly suffer. Determining to bring back Germany's power, there was a sinister named Adolf Hitler who promised the Germans many pleasing things such as; more money, a stronger army and more land. Hitler also believed the Jewish were also to blame for Germany's great loss of political and economic power.



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In Maths, we have been exploring number and place value up to ten million and rounding these numbers!

Ready

Complete the table.

	Round 4,591,324	Round 4,501,324	Round 4,501,304
to the nearest 10	4,591,320	4,501,320	4,501,300
to the nearest 100	4,591,300	4,501,300	4,501,300
to the nearest 1,000	4,591,000	4,501,000	4,501,000
to the nearest 10,000	4,590,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
to the nearest 100,000	4,600,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
to the nearest 1,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000

Ready

Here are the populations of four cities.

Prague: 1 384 732 Bucharest: 1 739 297

Hamburg: 1 892 122 Milan: 1 371 850

Put these populations in order starting with the **smallest**.
One has been done for you.

Milan ✓ Prague ✓ Bucharest ✓ Hamburg ✓

smallest

Put these populations in order starting with the **greatest**.

Hamburg ✓ Bucharest ✓ Prague ✓ Milan ✓

greatest



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Our book for this half term for shared reading is *Stig of The Dump*. We have spent our lessons looking at the author Clive King and exploring how his interests may have influenced his passion to write!



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Harvest Collection



This Harvest, we will be collecting items for Spring Community Hub to support families, ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry, especially as the colder months approach.

We will be collecting until **Friday 9th of October**. Please drop any donations into the Office.

Please see the following lists for suitable donations.

Cereal

Tinned baked beans

Tinned meat (no pork)

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned vegetable/ meat soup

Tinned vegetables (sweetcorn, peas)

Tinned fish

Tinned fruit

Tinned pulses

Toilet roll

Pasta sauce

Teabags/ Coffee

Jam



Study Bugs



Please continue to use Study Bugs when reporting your child's absence.

When stating the reason for your child's absence, please remember to specify the **exact symptoms** of the illness as these are required when marking them as 'illness' on our registers. If symptoms are not listed, it will be marked as an 'unauthorised absence'.

We are going to be phasing out using Arbor for text messages. To replace this, we will be using the in App messaging service in Study Bugs.



Are you interested in working for NEST—or do you know someone who might be?

At NEST, we offer a wide range of rewarding roles across our schools. Whether you're an early careers teacher, an experienced educator, returning to work after a break, or simply looking for meaningful employment, we'd love to hear from you.

We have opportunities in **teaching, school administration, finance, HR, and estates.**

Click [here](#) to view our current vacancies or register for our talent pool and learn more about joining the NEST team and the exciting career opportunities available.

<https://www.nestschools.org/286/current-staff-vacancies>



Scooter and Cycle Safety and Parking

If you are Scootering or cycling to school, please remember to wear your helmets! We have seen a number of children who are not wearing helmets as they are riding their bikes or scooters to school. It is essential that you wear one to protect your head from injury incase you accidentally fall off.

1



Eyes: Put the helmet on your head. Look up. You should see the bottom rim of the helmet.

2



Ears: Make sure the straps form a 'V' under your ears when buckled. The straps should be a little tight but comfortable.

3



Mouth: Open your mouth as wide as you can. Does the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten the straps.

Please also be advised that parking or idling is not permitted in Karen Court Carpark, neighboring residential parking spots or on the zig zags directly outside of school. There is free parking available in the surrounding areas.



Dates for your Diary

14/09/2026	Year 6 School Council presentations
16/09/2026	Open Day for new Early Years Parents @ 10am
17/09/2026	Year 6 School Council Elections
17/09/2026	Year 2 and Year 5 Fire Brigade visit
18/09/2026	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting @ 9:00 and 3:45 in the Lower Hall
25/09/2026	Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 6
30/09/2026	Open Day for new Early Years Parents @ 10am
1/10/2026	Black History Month begins
9/10/2026	International Evening- All parents and children welcome 3:30-4:30
14/10/2026	Open Day for new Early Years Parents @ 10am
14/10/2026	Harvest Festival Assembly
16/10/2026	Junior Citizenship Scheme Year 6
19/10/2026 - 30/10/2026	School Closed for Half Term
2/11/2026	Secondary School Application Deadline



SOUTHWARK PLAYHOUSE YOUNG COMPANY

Is your child aged 8 - 10 and lives in Southwark, or goes to school here?

Southwark Playhouse is recruiting new members for its youth theatre, the Young Company, this Autumn/Winter.

These are weekly drama workshops led by talented theatre professionals.

Our participants make new friends, learn new skills, perform at one of London's leading off-West End theatres and most importantly have lots of fun!.

It's free to join and there are no auditions. We operate a waiting list when there is strong demand.

Find out more and sign up on our website at southwarkplayhouse.co.uk/participate or email participation@southwarkplayhouse.co.uk





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SIV Parent Support Group ***Connect, Share and Support***

Tuesday 15th September 2026
10am to 1pm

The Links Community Centre
353 Rotherhithe New Road
SE16 3HF

Are you looking for support, advice or just a place to connect with other SEND Parent Carers?

Join our friendly support group where we share experiences, offer guidance and find encouragement from others who understand.

Whether you are facing specific challenges or just looking for a supportive SEND community, we would love you to join us.

The life of a SEND parent carer brings so many daily struggles and often it is the parent carers mental, emotional and physical health that suffers.

Come along and meet others so you know you are not alone on this journey.

No one need to be alone on their SEND journey, SIV is run by parent carers of children/young people with SEND, so we really do understand how difficult and life changing being a parent carer of a child with SEND is.

If you find it difficult to join a group you do not know, please do not worry one of our team will welcome you and support you throughout.

Light refreshments provided

* This event is for adults only as we do not have facilities for babies and children.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Make sure you don't miss any of our upcoming events

YEAR 5 ANNUAL REVIEW (transition for Secondary)

Tuesday 6th October 2026 – 10am to 1pm

Recommended for those with children in Year 3,4 & 5

Come along and learn from the Southwark SEND team what the Year 5 Annual review is about. This annual review is so important as it's the one that goes forward for secondary school choices.

MEET THE SIAS TEAM (Southwark Information Advice Service)

Thursday 19th November 2026 – 10am to 1pm

SIAS has a new manager, come along and meet the whole SIAS Team.

Find out what they do and how they can help. PLUS share your experience of the service with the new manager so they can improve the service.

EMOTIONAL REGULATION (BIG feelings, helping you to understand how you can support yourself and your child with greater safety, calm and confidence)

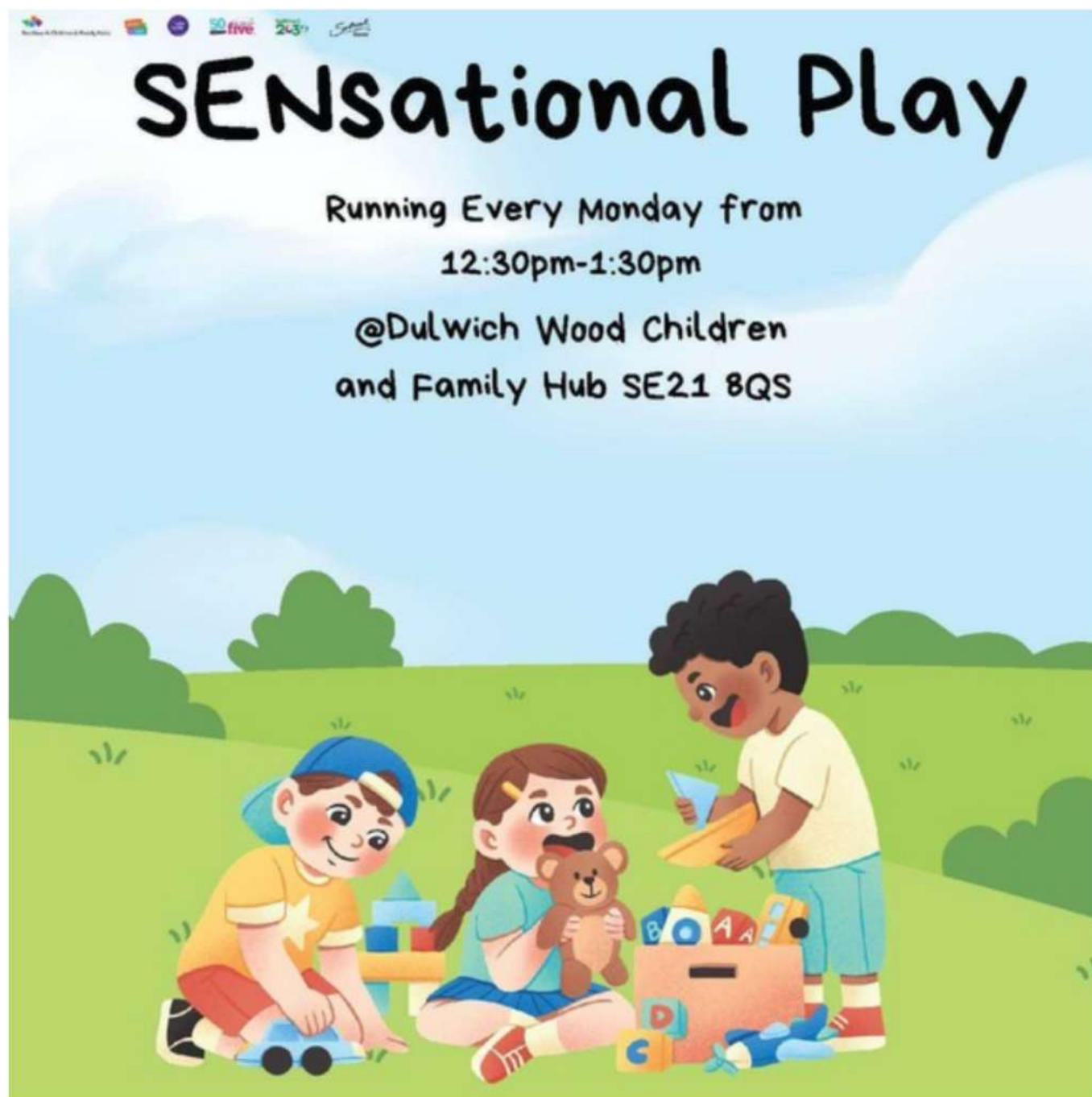
Tuesday 1st December 2026 – 10am to 1pm

Join GRAPEFRUIT WORLD who combine educational expertise, evidence-informed practice and lived experience, to help you understand the foundation of emotional regulation. Plus learn how to become the regulation anchor your child needs while being able to regulate your own emotions.

WHERE – The Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Road, SE16 3HF

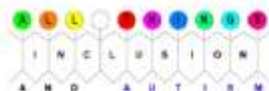
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<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) -Summer term 2026

Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support Monday 14th September 2026 7-9pm Or Friday 13th November 2026 9.30 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person	Understanding Schemas Exploring patterns of play, understanding why children use schemas and how to support their play and learning Wednesday 16th September 2026 Online – via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
ADHD Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them Tuesday 29th September 2026 10-11.30am Or Thursday 19th November 2026 7 - 8.30pm Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Gestalt Language Processing How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners Wednesday 30th September 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
Introduction to supporting children with Down Syndrome Understanding the needs of children with Down Syndrome and strategies to support them Friday 2nd October 2026 9:30am - 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	Introduction to Signalong Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs, supporting the development of speaking and understanding. This course will introduce you to the Signalong and you will learn some everyday signs that you can use in your home or school/setting. This course is designed for beginners and those who may wish to attend the Singalong Foundation Course later in the Autumn term.



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	Monday 5th October 2026 9:30-11:30am Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Visual Strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? Friday 9th October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs Thursday 15th October 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 
Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them Friday 23rd October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Selective Mutism Understanding the causes of selective mutism (situational mutism) and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary Friday 6th November 2026 9.30 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Sleep - Looking at the challenges around sleep and bedtime for autistic children / those with social communication difficulties, and practical strategies to support Monday 9th November 2026 7 – 8:30pm Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Signalong Foundation Course Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs and supports the development of speaking and understanding. This accredited course will equip learners with the skills they need to use Signalong as a way of supporting communication skills for children and adults. Signalong is a CPD accredited course. Tuesday 10th November to Tuesday 8th December 2026 (5 consecutive weeks) 9am-12pm Online via Zoom £200 plus VAT per person
Promoting Positive Mental Health in Young Children	Understanding AuDHD Supporting children who have a dual



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Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma Thursday 12th November 2026 9.30 am – 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	diagnosis of Autism and ADHD with practical strategies to help. Wednesday 25th November 2026 10 – 11:30am Online via Zoom £28 plus VAT per person
All Things Behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Thursday 26th November 2026 9.30am – 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 	Autism and Girls Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them Thursday 3rd December 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All Things Communication and Play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together Friday 4th December 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s



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- The role of culture in our children's mental wellbeing
- Awareness and understanding the impact of schools on our children's mental well being



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Who We're Looking For

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