



WJPS Parents' SEND Newsletter May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am starting this month's newsletter in a very similar way to April's, as we are already coming to the end of another busy half term, which although has been very short, it hasn't always felt that way.

One of the main things I want to say this month is an absolutely massive thank you to all of the parents and carers who took the time out to complete the Ofsted Parent and Carer survey, or to speak to one of the inspectors in person during their visit. The feedback from both was incredibly positive and I think the inspectors were very impressed with the feedback they received.

Although we are not able to discuss the outcomes of the inspection yet, we are looking forward to the time when the report is published and we are able to share it with you. Once that has happened, we can go into a bit more detail about how the inspectors felt about our SEND provision.

Another thank you to all of the parents and carers who have completed my SEND at West Jesmond survey – again, the responses have been positive and have given me some very useful and valuable suggestions as to what you would like to see more of and ways that we can improve.

Striving to be better and provide the children and parents with support that they need and want is something I am very keen to continue to do, so if you have not already done so, I would be very grateful if you could spare 5 minutes to complete it. The link is below.

<https://forms.gle/ZV599VUeDW8H5XcH7>

SENDIASS

One of the links on the final page of each newsletter I have sent has been a link to SENDIASS, the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service. Many of you will know about, or had contact with SENDIASS, however, there may be some of you who are unfamiliar with it so I thought I would give you a bit more information about the service. They offer their services to parents of children both with and without a diagnosis and cover all areas of SEND.

The main support they offer for parents includes:

- Support parents/carers of children who have or may have special educational needs.
- Support children and young people who have or may have special educational needs.
- Recognise the importance of parents, carers, young people and children's views.
- Help the Local Authority and parent/carers and schools work together to meet the needs of children and young people.
- Offer free impartial advice.

Below is the link to their parent and carer page, which has more information about what they do. I have also attached a video link that gives a bit more information about them as well.

<https://www.newcastlesendiass.co.uk/parents-and-carers>

<https://youtu.be/yuwVM7OTx4E>

Activities and Events

Adaptive surf academy is a surf school at Blyth beach. They provide surf lessons and activities for neurodivergent adults and children as well as those with physical disabilities, including vision and hearing impairments.

<https://www.adaptiveoceanacademy.com/>

Useful Vision is an organisation that works with visually impaired children and their families. The service provides accessible, positive opportunities and activities throughout the North East region. The links below are for their website and activities leaflet.

<https://www.usefulvision.org.uk/about-us/>

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/4a27883402.html>

Doxford Farm Camping site in Northumberland is a camping/glamping site that offer an inclusive and accessible experience. They provide a range of social stories on their website, a video of a walk around their site with a voice over to help familiarise yourselves beforehand and offer the option of end pods/bell tents or pitches that are slightly quieter for your stay. They have held specific annual SEND glamping weekends over the last few years called Glamp Together. The most recent one was at the beginning of this month, but if you follow them on social media, you will be able to hear of any upcoming ones for next year too. If I hear of any, I will be sure to let you know.

<https://www.doxfordfarmcamping.co.uk/accessibility/>



Newcastle Autism Hubs

For parents / carers of children who are on the diagnostic pathway or post diagnosis of autism.

Children must be living in Newcastle

north east autism society

We have the following dates available:

Nunsmoor Centre, Studley Terrace, NE4 5AH	Galafield Centre, Newbiggin Ln, NES 1LZ	Byker Sands, 19 Raby Cross, NE6 2FF	Fawdon Childrens Centre, Cairns Way, NE3 2SN
07/05	14/05	21/05	28/05
04/06	11/06	18/06	25/06
02/07	09/07	16/07	23/07
06/08	13/08	20/08	27/08

Supporting your autistic child workshop

The workshop will cover:

- worries and action planning
- common misconceptions
- differences in autistic children
- practical strategies to use in everyday life

These sessions will run 10-12 and must be pre-booked.

One to one appointments

These appointments are for families that have questions or would like to discuss any issues in confidence.

These appointments are available between 9-4pm and must be pre-booked.

To book please contact Rebecca Weatherstone on 0191 410 9974 or rebecca.weatherstone@ne-as.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1028080 | Company Limited by Guarantee No. 2808621

NHS

Information about the Newcastle Autism Hubs has been sent out in the school mail, but I thought it might be useful to add into the newsletter. I have attached a link to their website as well. They are for any parents and carers of children either with a diagnosis or without and can offer support and advice.

<https://www.ne-as.org.uk/family-development/our-services/autism-hub-newcastle/>

Gemma Jordan - Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)

Phone: 0191 281 0000

Email: gjordan@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk or SEN@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

School Website <https://www.westjesmondprimary.org.uk/web/>



Useful websites for parents and carers of children with SEND



Newcastle Special
Educational Needs and
Disabilities Information,
Advice and Support
Service

SENDIASS

0191 2116255

<https://www.newcastlesendiass.co.uk/>



[Listen and translate](#)

[Register](#) [Log in](#)

Newcastle Support Directory

Search this site



Activities(615)

Childcare(236)

Education(139)

Information, Advice and Guidance(337)

Support Directory(470)

<https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/?localofferchanne=>



NEWCASTLE
LOCAL OFFER



Click on the links below to find out more about recent news and local events for children, young people and families with SEN.

<https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/node/4049>