



WJPS Parents' SEND Newsletter July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now only days away from the end of the academic year and again, it seems to have flown by. It is a time to really reflect and there have been lots of successes this year. It has been lovely to hear some of the positive feedback about some of the various sporting achievements your children have had with events such as Boccia, the Penathlon and Curling to name a few. The pride that some of the children have shared with their adults and the comments they have made about their achievement in things they didn't think possible has been wonderful to hear.

I have also been really pleased to hear in some of the reviews I have been in and from reading through support plans and talking to staff, about the progress so many of the children are making. There are children who over the last few years are able to really identify what they need and use the strategies that really work for them from all of the ones they have been taught or exposed to. This could be in relation to emotional regulation, resilience, relationships, independence or general class work.

We understand that this progress can take time and some days it works and others it doesn't, and that is ok but every one of our children has made progress in some way and they should be very proud of themselves.

We ask an awful lot from our children in many different ways but what we hope for them is that they will develop independence, resilience and an understanding of themselves so they are ready and prepared for the next stage, whatever that may be. For many of your children, this will take more time and effort than for others and in turn can be harder for you at home, so I also want to say a huge thank you to all of you for the support and work you do at home.

Further Transition

By now, many of you with children who are on the SEN Register will have either had meeting with this year and next year's teacher where support plans will be shared, or they will be happening over the next week.

If your child is at monitoring and not on the SEN Register, you will not be having these meetings, but the support plans will be sent home by the end of the next week.

Any children who have been identified as needing a little bit extra in terms of transition will also have started this. Some will have met their new teacher and had a visit to their classroom in addition to the whole school transition mornings they have also had.

Transition booklets with photographs and information about staff and environment will be sent home to look through over the summer and these will also be added to the school website so you can access from there as well.

Alongside this newsletter, I have also created a visual calendar for the holiday that shows the days at home and then at school so you can cross them off if needed. I have also attached a selection of other visuals that you may wish to use as part of a daily timetable at home. If you cannot see a visual you think would be useful to you, please email me in the next couple of days and I will do my best to get one to you.

There are also a couple of other resources for parents to support transitions that have been sent alongside this newsletter too so hopefully they will be useful.

Virtual Tour

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we also have a new virtual tour that was created by one of our kind, talented and generous parents. This will enable you to virtually access the new classroom with your child through the door they will enter. The link will be valid until the first week back in September.

Video link: <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=ecTTdtzAjhD>

Password: VTNE+WJPS

Travelling Abroad this Summer

Some of you will be lucky enough to travel abroad this summer, but with that, for some of you, it can mean extra planning and consideration for a number of things. Many of you will already be aware of the Hidden Disabilities sunflower and may have a lanyard or badge for your children to wear when out and about, but for those that don't, here is a link with a bit more information as well as another link specifically to their travel page.

[A symbol for non-visible disabilities](#)

[Airports and airlines around the world](#)

I have recently been made aware however, that for Spanish airports (which I know many of you will be using), they will no longer necessarily recognise the Sunflower lanyard or badge, and you will need to apply for their own Invisible Disabilities badge which will be valid for single use. I have attached the link for you to apply here, but the website may come up in Spanish, however, there is an option to translate it into English.

[DI badge](#)

SEND Newsletter Feedback Survey

Thank you so much to those of you who have taken the time to complete the SEND newsletter survey I sent the link out for in the previous newsletter. For those of you who have not completed it, I would really appreciate your feedback so that going forward, it can be more tailored to what you want.

<https://forms.gle/QV7kSAHshYFjjRQD6>

Activities and Events

Below are links to the Newcastle Local Offer and their events calendar for SEND activities.

[Activities SEND Local Offer | Children and Families Newcastle](#)
[Events Calendar | Children and Families Newcastle](#)

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Introducing our mascot

Meet **GiRTrood**, our mascot. She's a flying penguin who represents the amazing things young people can achieve. With the right opportunities, they can go beyond expectations.

The Local Offer helps promote opportunities for children and young people with SEND, so they can reach their potential.



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