



WJPS Parents' SEND Newsletter March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Spring Review meetings over the last couple of weeks. In these meetings, progress against the Spring targets should have been discussed along with suggestions about possible summer targets. You will be receiving the fully updated support plans in the final week of term where you will see the spring targets RAG rated and comments from teachers and parents added to the review section. You will also see the new summer targets that will be in place until the end of this academic year. If you have any further questions once these have been sent home, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Neurodiversity Celebration Week was 16th-20th March. In school we celebrated this through assemblies, stories and class discussions.

As part of their resources, the Neurodiversity Celebration Week website shared some interesting podcasts and videos that help explain what neurodivergence is as well as videos linked to a range of neurodivergences such as ADHD, Autism and also Dyslexia and Dyspraxia. Some of these may have been shared with your children already, but below is the link to the page so that you can check them out and share with your children too.

[Videos | Neurodiversity Celebration Week](#)

Below are just some of the books that have been shared in school. If you want any more information about any of them, or if you have any suggestions of other books you feel would be good for us to have in school, please get in touch.



Speech and Language

Although not all children who have speech and language issues will be on the SEN Register, speech and language, at school, we have many children who access speech and language intervention and the range of difficulties is a broad spectrum. Some of these will also receive visits from a speech and language therapist in school, some have a bespoke programme, and some have recommendations to be used at home and school. Often children need a short intensive intervention, but others may need longer involvement.

Unfortunately, the waiting lists for input from the NHS is becoming swamped and it is taking a long time for children to be seen. There are a few ways in which this can be helped – in school we have a number of LSAs who provide intervention and support, and we are also currently supporting one of our LSAs to gain a qualification in speech and language support.

Another way that is also helping to reduce the numbers needing input from the NHS is a speech and language clinic provided by Newcastle University. Below is their flyer, but further information can be found on the letter sent alongside this newsletter.

Children's Speech & Language Clinic



Do you know a child who could benefit from the clinic?
If so, please feel free to pass on our details.

Scan the QR code below



For further information/general enquiries contact:

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



Useful websites for parents and carers of children with SEND



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