

SEND



NEWSLETTER **SPRING 1** **2026**



Happy New Year!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome to the first SEND newsletter of 2026!

If you have any concerns or worries about your child please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Playford (Parent Support Advisor) or feel free to contact myself (Miss Reeve - SENCO) by emailing the school office. We will always be happy to listen.

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7Cs Assessment

I wanted to provide a little more information about the 7Cs assessment that we as a school have adopted as a fair and consistent way to assess and track progress of our learners with SEND.

The 7Cs learning portfolio includes 7 areas all beginning with a C. They are:

1. Cognition
2. Communication
3. Creativity
4. Control
5. Compassion
6. Coordination
7. Curriculum

We use the portfolio to be able to talk about the strengths of your child but also identify three areas for development. Your child's class teacher will then plan targets and provision to support them based on the 7Cs. This allows us to use consistent language throughout our school but also to think beyond the curriculum for our learners with SEND.

INDES/IPSEF

Norfolk County Council have developed a briefing sheet for parents/carers providing information regarding two tools they have developed. The tools are used in mainstream settings to support their provision for children with SEND.

The tools are:

- Identification of needs descriptors in educational settings (INDES)
- An Inclusion and Provision Self-Evaluation Framework (IPSEF)

The briefing sheet explains what these tools are, why they are useful and how they will be used in school.

The sheet can be found following this link <https://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/media/13662/INDES-IPSEF-parent-carer-communication/pdf/2aindes-ipsef-parent-carer-communication.pdf?m=1757699087593>

Dereham Church of England Infant and Nursery Academy recently had an Inset day at the start of January where all the staff came together. On this day we completed INDES for all of the children on our SEN register.

Events!

Within this section of the newsletter we will let you know about events happening within our school community and local community.

Parent cafes

At the upcoming writing cafes I will also be present in a separate classroom offering the same activities but in a quieter environment if your child needs it.

At DCINA

SEND Library Bus Session - Friday 23rd January - DCINA - 8:50-9:00

Once every half term we will be holding a session on the bus where you can stay before school and take your child on the bus to look at the wonderful books on board. This bus session will be quieter and at a reduced capacity compared to our regular Thursday after school bus sessions. Your child will go into class at the normal time to be registered. I will then collect them and we can then go back on the bus. Please drop off your child and then make your way to the office so we can close the gates.

SEND Sensory Workshop - Friday 13th February - DCINA - 2-3 - Free

We have found a date to re-schedule our sensory workshop. This will be held on Friday 13th February. It is for children on our SEN register to enjoy a sensory session with their parents/carers. It will be held in the hall and there will be lights, bubbles and sensory equipment to touch, feel and play with.

SEND Parent Coffee Morning - Friday 6th March - DCINA - 11-12 - Free

This event is for adults/carers of children with SEND or emerging needs. Pop along for a tea/coffee and some biscuits where we can sit, talk and share advice with one another.

Local community

Making Sense of SEND - Thursday 21st May 2026 - Dereham Memorial Hall - 10-3 - Free

Making Sense of SEND is a free event for parents/carers who have a child with SEND. It is a free information fair where you can meet the people behind certain SEND services. You'll have the opportunity to go around, find out more and ask questions. Free refreshments are provided.



SEND Cafes - Every Monday - Dereham Library - 1:30-2:30 - Free

A weekly SEND cafe for families with children with special educational needs or disabilities to meet, share ideas and gain professional information, advice and guidance. You do not need to book, just turn up when you can.

Autism Explorers Sensory Saturdays - Every Saturday - The Jubilee Community Centre, NR1 2EX - 9:45-12:00

Every Saturday Autism Explorers hold a Sensory session for children aged from birth to 12. These sessions are themed, sensory, child led play with arts and crafts, movement and more!

Sessions cost £4.50 for a full session or £3.00 for a hour. The price is per child but adults and children under 1 are free.

