

# SEND Newsletter

November 2024

## Latest News

In October 2024, NE Lincs Education Leadership team and representatives from Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust attended evening engagement sessions with residents, prospective parents and potential staff for the two new schools set to open in our local area in September 2025. The new primaries are being built on Scartho Top and near Sunningdale in Waltham. Both settings will have a SEND Resources Base, increasing the number of special school places available locally for Primary age pupils.



## SEND Focus

The training room was buzzing in October 2024 as Jacob Lawton from Wellspring Academy Trust began his series of Positive Regard sessions for teaching professionals. This training forms part of NE Lincs commitment to developing a truly graduated response and a relational approach to supporting children and young people who are finding their education journey difficult. Booking has opened for this pilot project and all the 10 schools who were offered a place have signed up.



## Building for the Future

Coming soon; the High Needs Capital Grant small awards scheme. The funding is to support inclusion in mainstream settings by making improvements to spaces.

Any education setting who has not yet received, or due to receive, High Needs Capital Grant can apply for a one off amount up to £10,000





# SETTING OF THE MONTH

## Lisle Marsden Church of England Primary Academy

Lisle Marsden has been running a successful Makaton Club enjoyed by both staff and pupils. 8 staff and 15 pupils regularly participate in the activity that is led by two members of the SEND Team as an activity during the school day and as an after-school club. As well as being a fun activity for everyone to participate in, the skills they learn are used within the classroom.

For more info on Makaton training take a look at <https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk/events>

The school also have three staff members who are trained as Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSAs). Pupils learn to understand their emotions, cope with transitions and changes, the benefits of mindfulness and more. These social and emotional skills are delivered in a practical way to help students navigate situations within, and out of school, with confidence. Staff say that the benefits of the support has been noticeable as the soft skills students learn strengthens their emotional wellbeing and act as a foundation for wider learning, forming social connections, and being confident in their ability to learn.

## YPAG



It was a beautiful sunny October morning in Cleethorpes for our SEND Young People's Advisory group (YPAG) meeting where we all shared thoughts and ideas for refining plans for the Pier Gardens Project. The Seaway fish and chips were delicious and our young people brilliant as always as we chatted about their experiences of SEND in NE Lincs.

The YPAG group next reports into the SENAP Partnership board on 12th Nov 2024.



# Key Date

**STARTING SCHOOL**  
for the **FIRST TIME**

If your child was born between  
**1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020**  
You should apply **NOW** for a primary school  
place to start in September 2024

Apply online at [www.nelincs.gov.uk](http://www.nelincs.gov.uk)

Closing Date  
**15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

## SEND SHOUT OUTS

It was a busy October for lots of children and young people with SEND in North East Lincolnshire. A huge thank you to all the clubs, charities and providers for their continued commitment to SEND.

30 children from Sunflower Action Group made chocolate pumpkins with Tracey Clay from The Chocolate Story.



For children with SEND Halloween can be overwhelming, however, with a little creativity and planning, Bounceback AP made Halloween fun, safe, and inclusive for everyone,

The Trin SEND Sports Youth Group continued with their Tuesday Club.



The NSPCC Pantosaurus visited the SEND 'Shake, Rattle and Read' group at Cleethorpes library to deliver the message about keeping our children safe. The group meets weekly and is run by LINCS INSPIRE LIMITED in partnership with NELC's Education Team for Hearing and Vision (ETHV).

## HEALTH SPOTLIGHT



The Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) is responsible for planning and overseeing how NHS money is spent, we oversee most of the health services used by people who live in Humber and North Yorkshire.

We work to join up health and care services, improve health and wellbeing of local people, reduce health inequalities and ensure that health care is high quality and that people get access to the services they need. For more information

visit: [www.humberandnorthyorkshire.org.uk](http://www.humberandnorthyorkshire.org.uk)

People with a learning disability who are 14 or older are eligible for a free annual health check  
<https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk/annual-health-check/>

# SENCO SPOTLIGHT

This month we hear from Kate @ Littlecoates Academy

Being a SENDCo at Littlecoates is incredibly rewarding, especially with our Launchpad provision, which supports children on their journey to reintegrate into mainstream education. Every day, I have the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of students with special educational needs, helping them to thrive both academically and socially. At Littlecoates, we believe that every child has unique strengths, and as SENDCo, I work closely with teachers, parents, and external agencies to tailor our support to each student's individual needs. Building meaningful relationships with students and seeing their progress is truly fulfilling. Whether it's a small breakthrough in learning or a step towards greater independence, each achievement is celebrated. The collaborative and supportive environment at Littlecoates allows us to innovate and adapt to best serve our students. It's inspiring to be part of a team that values inclusivity and believes that every child deserves the chance to succeed.

Kate Cowdroy



## Events and Training

- Bereavement training - 18th Nov
- 2 day ARC Training - 20th Nov
- Makaton Level 3 - 22th Nov
- ECT Introduction to Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) - 26th Nov
- Makaton Level 4 - 29th Nov
- Makaton Level 1 - 6th Dec
- ECT Introduction to Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) - 10th Dec
- Speech and Language training - 21st Nov/18th Dec



**Book your Events & Training place**  
**NE Lincs SEND Local Offer**



# SEND Early Years

This month the Early Years (EY) team ran the New/Refresher to Early Years SENDCo training welcoming professionals from nurseries & schools to learn about best practice in their vital role. The EY team were also delighted to present at the NE Lincs Parent Carer Conference at Grimsby Town Hall, updating the community on our Portage and EY support offers.

Portage continues to offer their social communication groups from Queensway, Reynolds and Immingham Family Hubs.



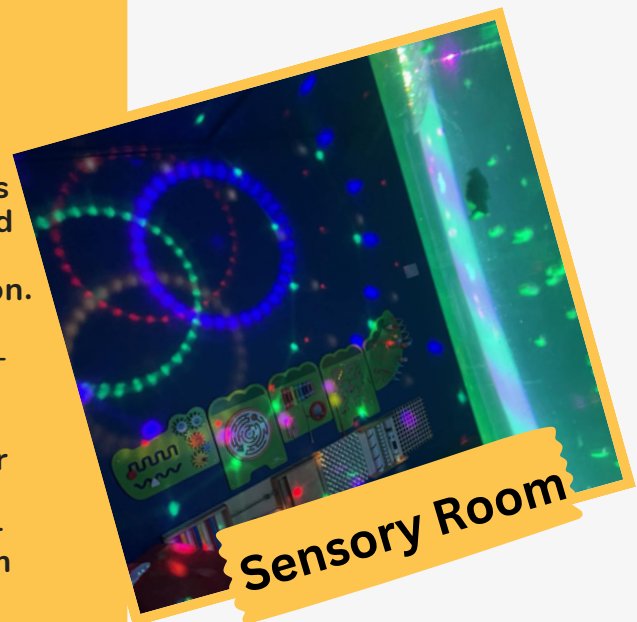
## Supporting Neurodiversity

It was great to see our dedicated EYFS professionals wanting to learn top tips and strategies in ensuring children with emerging neurodiverse behaviours get the best start in education with our Supporting Neurodiversity in the EY training. The Curiosity Programme aims at supporting those children who are preverbal learn how to explore and take an interest in the world around them.

## Family Hubs

Come along to our Family hubs, welcoming spaces for all families. All 7 Hubs have sensory rooms and Central Family hub has a soft play area in the conservatory which are all bookable from reception. Specific groups for SEND are as follows

- Parents Supporting Parents– Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30am at Central Family Hub
- SEND peer support – 2nd Tuesday of every month, next group on Tuesday 12th November 13:00 – 15:00 at Immingham Family Hub - bookable through Elaine Norton at One voice - 07513612964/ [chair@onevoicecommunity.com](mailto:chair@onevoicecommunity.com)



Sensory Room

# OUR FAMILY

November is Road Safety month. Children are taught basic road safety skills from an early age and typically learn the skills required to keep them safe from harm relatively quickly. However, children with additional needs can face greater challenges when it comes to learning about road safety; for example, children with autism may lack awareness of danger or become easily distracted. ROSPA have produced a helpful guide for parents and carers for children with a range of additional needs. Teaching road safety skills to children with additional needs



## What's On?

**INCLUSIVE SPORTS AFTERNOON**

THURSDAYS 1-3PM

£3 PER SESSION

BOCCIA  
TABLE CRICKET  
BOWLING  
GENTLE EXERCISE  
& MORE

THE TRIN CENTRE  
TRINITY ROAD, GUNTHORPE  
01472 23230

**SEND PARENT SUPPORT**

CLIMB 4 BRIDGE Programme

Join us for a comprehensive 12-week programme focused on understanding and supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Each session is designed to equip you with essential knowledge, practical strategies, and awards from NCA and a supportive network.

- 1. UNDERSTANDING THE PROGRAMME**
  - Introduction to the 12 weeks
  - Personal goals for your participation
- 2. UNDERSTANDING SEND**
  - Learn key concepts and understand the range of SEND
  - Explore your own and your child's strengths
- 3. NAVIGATING EDUCATION & LEGAL FRAMEWORKS**
  - Understand the SEND Code of Practice and what your rights and the school's responsibilities are
- 4. COMMUNICATION & RELATIONSHIPS**
  - Develop effective communication skills
  - Explore the importance of relationships
- 5. SUPPORTING LEARNING**
  - Discover strategies to support your child's learning
  - Explore the importance of self-management
- 6. BEHAVIOURAL CHALLENGES**
  - Identify and manage challenging behaviours
  - Explore the importance of positive reinforcement
- 7. PROMOTING EMOTIONAL WELLBEING**
  - Understand the importance of emotional well-being
  - Explore the importance of self-care
- 8. SELF-CARE FOR PARENTS & CARERS**
  - Explore your own needs
  - Find out how to access support and resources

For more information or to book your Spot, Contact: Tracy Fisher Email: tracy.fisher@nca.org.uk Let's Climb & Support Forces Together!

**Upcoming Events**

- OCT 29 TUESDAY** 10 AM - 3 PM  
"Woodland Walk" at Corby Hills, Corby  
@ Corby Hills, Corby  
@ Corby Hills, Corby
- OCT 30 WEDNESDAY** 10 AM - 3 PM  
The Corby Community Hub Open Day  
@ Corby Hills, Corby
- OCT 31 THURSDAY** 10 AM - 5 PM  
Halloween Party  
@ Newmarket St, Corby
- NOV 01 FRIDAY** 10 AM - 3 PM  
"Nightlight Car Talent" @ Newmarket St, Corby
- NOV 25-29 MONDAY UNTIL FRIDAY** 10 AM - 3 PM  
"Heritage Walk" @ Newmarket St, Corby
- NOV 30 SATURDAY** 10 AM - 3 PM  
"Scotch Christmas Fair" @ Newmarket St, Corby
- DEC 13 FRIDAY** 6 PM - 9 PM  
Christmas Extravaganza  
@ Newmarket St, Corby

Check out "Events" on the Facebook page or call our reception on 01472 242277

**FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY**  
back by popular demand

**ELVIS PRESLEY**

Following on from a sell out event last time, we are delighted to announce for one night only an evening with award winning Elvis impersonator **Kennie J.**

Ticket price includes a sumptuous Indian buffet meal and live entertainment.

To reserve your place or for more information please call Paul Macgregor on 01753 53072 email paul@macgregorconcerts.com

Presented by **Sunflowers** Children's Choir

Friday 15th Nov | 7:00 pm to late  
Mumbai Lounge, Old Courts Road, Brigg DN20 8TD & Dress Code Smart Casual



**Featured Event**

**Farmer Christmas Weekend**

14/12/2024 | 15/12/2024 | 10am - 3pm

Find out more

Hunny's Farm

**connect NEL**

**Warm Spaces**

To support residents of North East Lincolnshire, the local council has worked with partners to create a network of Warm Spaces, a number of places where local residents can come together to stay warm and perhaps enjoy light refreshments.

The following groups are participating in the Warm Spaces scheme, please contact them for more information:

**CARERS RIGHTS DAY**

Department for Work & Pensions

Focus Centre

Friday 22nd November 2024  
10am - 1pm

Grimsby Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Grimsby DN51 1HX

Booking is essential for this event, please call 01472 242277

WWW.CARERSUPPORTCENTRE.COM  
01472 242277

# Preparation for Adulthood



## ASK ANNIE

### INDEPENDENT TRAVEL TRAINING

Independent Travel Training (ITT) is a free scheme for young people aged 14 years with an EHCP and over who are currently in full-time education and are in receipt of local authority transport support. It helps them to travel independently between college/school and home.

ITT encourages children and young people with special educational needs to reach their potential.

The ITT team work with young people through referrals from schools, colleges, and parent/carers.

We have two Travel Trainers, John and Malcolm who are both really experienced in helping young people gain the skills needed for independence and would be happy to have a chat to discuss a referral.

Please contact [SEN@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:SEN@nelincs.gov.uk)

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## PfA News

Supported Internship is a study programme that includes extensive on-the-job training and works well for people with learning disabilities and/or Autism.

The Supported Internships are for youngsters in full time education that have an Education, Health and Care Plan. The internships help young people achieve their aspirations and offer them a pathway to paid employment.

Our programmes are at Diana Princess of Wales Hospital Grimsby with Linkage providing the education and our latest programme is joint between Humberside Police and North East Lincolnshire Council with Learning4Life-GY as the education provider.

For more information on about these programmes please contact [askannie@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:askannie@nelincs.gov.uk)



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[SENDlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk](http://SENDlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk)



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# SENDIASS

Since April 2022, SENDIASS has doubled the number of enquiries coming to our service. We continue to remain at arm's length to the local authority and integrated care board, ensuring that we provide accurate, impartial information, advice and guidance for families, on a variety of subjects relating to SEND.  
Jayne Parrish (SENDIASS Manager)

**SENDIASS**   
North East Lincolnshire  
Call- 01472 326363  
Email- [ask@nelsendiass.org.uk](mailto:ask@nelsendiass.org.uk)

## PARENT CARER FORUM

NELPCF have been working hard to make sure there are a range of opportunities for families of children with SEND to get involved and catch up in person with members of the PCF.

There are dates for coffee mornings at Learning4Life Cafe Aspire, Centre4, schools and settings all across NE Lincs, and Family Hubs in your local area.

Find out more about the forum and where you can find them by visiting their Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/NELPCF>

### NELPCF website



### SEND Data

Total number of EHCPs held by NE Lincs LA	1884	↑
Number of EHCAR requests last month	33	↑
% of EHCPs issued last month within 20 weeks	38.8%	↑
Number of SEND transport routes	179	↑
Number of CYP with SEND aged 0-25 receiving transport	596	↑
Attendance of pupils aged 5-16 with an EHCP	89.4%	*
Attendance of pupils aged 5-16 receiving SEN Support	90.2%	*

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