

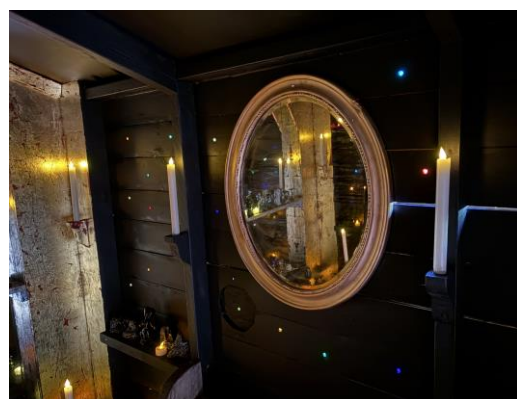


The Gem of Autism goes to Latitude!

For those of you who couldn't make the Summer Festival Fête — here's a glimpse of something truly special.

This term, students from across the school have created an incredible collaborative art installation called The Gem of Autism. Installed in a small shed, this beautiful and reflective space is filled with ceramic figures made by our students. Each one was handcrafted with care, shaped by their hands, and full of stories.

The installation was proudly on show at the Fête, and now it's off on a new adventure — heading to Latitude Festival, where it will be part of the Mind, Body and Zen area.



A Cross-Curricular Celebration

Students explored ideas around:

- Who they are in the world
- The power of objects to tell stories across cultures and time
- How their own hands could shape memory, belonging, and imagination

Each ceramic figure was made from scratch — some inspired by special objects, toys, animals, or imaginary beings. The result is a powerful, quiet display of individual creativity and shared expression.



Made by Hand, Held within the Heart

Inside the shed, the figures surround a soft glowing light. Together, they look gently outward — inviting you to step inside, pause, and reflect. Each one is unique. Each one tells a story.



Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Every student who took part (from KS2 to KS4)
- All the staff who supported sessions and the Festival Fête
- The families who came to celebrate

This is a project that celebrates difference, creativity, and connection — and we are so proud to be sharing it with the wider world at Latitude Festival this July.

The Gem of Autism will be located in the Mind, Body and Zen area at Latitude Festival 2025. Thank you for all your continued support and encouragement. — Mark Haywood