



# Early Years News 2023

Terms 5 & 6



## Foundation Years

Check out the free training offered by the DFE under the Early Years Education Recovery Programme.

[LINK HERE.](#)

## Children's Centres

You are encouraged to give your feedback on the Consultation. The proposal is to close some of the Children's Centres but not to reduce the service offered.

They have a Facebook page and every nursery should have a link worker who sends out the marketing for all the programmes & what's on offer. If you don't have a link worker/are not getting the information, please let one of the CC Delivery Managers know.

Level 1 & 2 Family and additional support can be accessed by a District Conversation via telephone: 03000 416222 or email: [canterburyearlyhelp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:canterburyearlyhelp@kent.gov.uk)

Families can self-refer or nurseries can refer with parent's permission. Please give the team focus for the family support. The intervention will usually last for 4-6 weeks.

Level 3 support (safeguarding/intensive support) is accessed via the Front Door/Portal on [KELSI HERE.](#)

## The Sensational Thinking Project

The Sensational Thinking project works in different settings to support innovative improvements to meet the needs of children with sensory differences.

Access the website [HERE.](#)

## Earlybird

Please make sure that parents complete the self-referral document given on diagnosis. The new protocol is that if they do not attend the information meeting or send back an expression of interest/apologies they may be taken off the waiting list.

## Meet the Portage Manager

[Early Years Q&A with Tracy Harvey—Portage Manager—10th May 2023 3.30-5.00pm](#) (Click link to go to the website)



## Kent Autistic Trust

Wendy Boorman, Family Support Information Advisor (Children) has set up:

- ◆ A phone clinic where you can make a 20-minute telephone appointment with Wendy via the link on their website. The phone clinic is on Wednesdays 10am – 2pm.
- ◆ Regular information sessions/workshops on various topics, such as autism awareness, autism and anxiety, autism and behaviour, autism and schools/education, autism and sensory processing and DLA. You will be able to book a place on their website using the Eventbrite links.

In addition new information has been added to their FAQ page. With a useful links page where you will find information about many topics.

Virtual parent/carer support groups will continue to run at the end of every month. Dates are on their website. Please email Wendy if a parent would like to attend and she will send them the Zoom link the day before.

You can use the links below:

[Website.](#)

[Phone Clinic.](#)

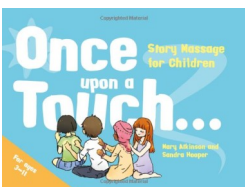
[Information Sessions.](#)

[FAQs](#)

[Useful Links](#)

If none of these are applicable to your enquiry, please email Wendy Boorman (children) for all enquiries regarding children and young people under 18 - wendy@kentakautistic.com

## Sue's Book Corner.



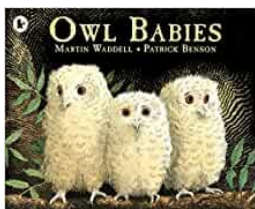
### **Once Upon A Touch by Mary Atkinson & Sandra Hooper.**

A fun and creative way to increase general well-being, improve concentration and communication, and encourage relaxation for all ages and abilities, this book offers a hands-on guide to the Story Massage Programme.



### **Autism With Lola by Josie Isitt.**

Find the book and other titles on the Autism With Love website [HERE](#)



### **Owl babies by Martin Waddell.**

A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home.

## Early Years Transition Event 2023!

When? - Wednesday 17th May

Where? - Riverside Church, Whitstable, CT5 3JQ

What Time? - 10am—2pm

This year, Coastal & City schools & Settings will be attending at the same time.

Contact: Sue - [s.fisher@stns.org.uk](mailto:s.fisher@stns.org.uk) or Ali - [a.goodsell@stns.org.uk](mailto:a.goodsell@stns.org.uk) if you have any queries.



## Training

### **SOCIAL STORIES WORKSHOP**

Thursday 29th June 2023

10am-12pm

St Nicholas School Training Centre

Cost: EY Settings - £18

Schools - £35

Queries & completed booking form to: [STLS@STNS.ORG.UK](mailto:STLS@STNS.ORG.UK)

## SEN Network Meeting

When? - Tuesday 27th June 2023

Where? - Canterbury Academy (TBC)

What Time? - 9.30am

Focus - Analysing Sensory Checklist & Come & meet Caterpillars new Nursery Manager, Charlotte Wiffen.

Any areas of interest that you'd like covered in 2023/2024, please let us know.

