

SEND Newsletter

Welcome to our Spring term newsletter for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. We hope you find this useful for information and to keep you up to date with all the SEND news and updates that take place here at Simpson's Lane. If you have any suggestions for what you would like in future SEND newsletters, please let the school office know.

SENCo

The SENCo at Simpson's Lane Academy is Lisa Holmes

Lisa can be contacted via info@simpsonslane.org.uk

Books featuring characters with SEND

Here are some great books which feature children with SEN or disabilities in them. If you have any further recommendations, please let us know.



Useful links for support and information

Simpson's Lane Academy – our SEN policies and information:

[SEND- Simpson's Lane Academy \(simpsonslane.org.uk\)](https://simpsonslane.org.uk)

Wakefield Local Offer

The Wakefield Local Offer is a way of providing information to families with children with special educational needs and disabilities in the Wakefield area.

[Information and Guidance | Wakefield SEND Local Offer \(mylocaloffer.org\)](#)

Wakefield Early Support, Advice, Information and Liaison (WESAIL)

The service provides a free, confidential and impartial support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their parents and carers

[Wakefield WESAIL SENDIAS- Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](https://family-action.org.uk)

WASP

The service is open to those facing challenges related to social interactions, communication, and other neuro-developmental disorders – even if there's no official diagnosis. It's all about providing the right kind of support.

[Wakefield Awareness Support Project- Kids](#)

Wakefield Parent Carer Forum

Wakefield Parent Carer Forum is an independent parent led forum who work with families of children with special educational needs and/or disability, aged 0-25 years old, living in the Wakefield area.

[Wakefield Parent Carer Forum | Wakefield Parent Carer Forum | Wakefield SEND Local Offer \(mylocaloffer.org\)](#)

What CPD do staff receive to support pupils in school?

Staff regularly receive CPD on understanding different needs and how to support children. This can be linked to a specific child or a general course which supports all children or raises awareness of different types of need.

Training staff received last term:

Sensory circuits.

Training staff will receive this term:

Deaf awareness & Speech and Language (refresher).

Upcoming dates for your diary

Spring term SEND coffee morning: 12th March, Large Sprots Hall (9am – 10am).

Parents evening: 13th March.

Local Support Groups

POUCH Knottingley

The Parents of Unique Children (POUCH) is a parent led group, offering support and sessions for children with special needs of any kind. Siblings are also welcome to attend. There are arts and craft activities plus access to both sensory rooms.

Fridays 4pm - 6pm

Sensory Planet, A1 Business Park, Knottingley, WF11 0BU

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/679336299749430>

Email: pouch01@outlook.com



Run Riot at The Old Quarry Adventure Playground (The Addy)

Free specialised adventure play session for children aged 5 – 25 with additional needs and their families.

Thursdays 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Sycamore Avenue, Knottingley, West Yorkshire, WF11 0PJ

Phone: **01977 670 953**

Website: <https://www.theaddy.org>



Offer available locally for children with SEND

Max Cards

wakefieldcouncil
working for you

Have you got a Max Card? It can help you go on days out for free or with a discount. A discount is when you get money off the usual price. A Max Card lasts for 2 years. A Max Card is free if you join the Information Network. This is also called the IN. You can join the IN by visiting <https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/information-network/how-can-i-join>.



For places you can visit, go to <https://mymaxcard.co.uk>

If you have lost your card, or it has expired (this means the date has run out) then contact the IN. They will help you get a new one. You can email them at informationnetwork@wakefield.gov.uk. You can also ring them on **01924 302 471**.

