

Barlows Primary School

SEND Newsletter - Autumn 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers,

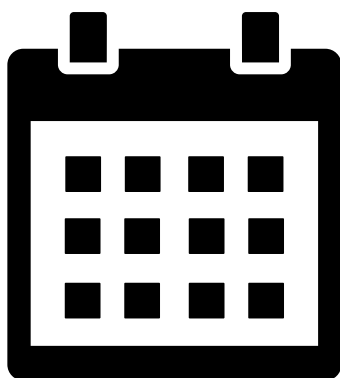
I hope this message finds you well. As the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion, SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) & Equality, as well as Mental Health & Wellbeing, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our first termly SEND Newsletter. We aim to provide valuable information, advice, and important dates that will assist you and your child as we navigate this academic year together.

This newsletter will serve as a platform for sharing upcoming meetings, including opportunities to meet either myself or your child's class teacher, where we can discuss any concerns or topics related to your child's educational journey. Additionally, we will provide dates for training sessions you may wish to participate in, which are designed to equip you with strategies to support your child at home.

I am particularly pleased to share that the Liverpool ASD Training Team will be offering a variety of sessions this term. These sessions are intentionally created to support parents with children who may have a diagnosis of autism or who are on the pathway to a diagnosis. The training provided is practical and filled with supportive strategies that can be readily implemented in your home environment. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to enhance your understanding of your child's needs and to develop strategies that foster their growth and wellbeing.

Mrs Berry

Assistant Headteacher, SENDCO, Inclusion and Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead



The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual Group Q & A sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a group setting and who have questions or concerns about their child.

You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place

October Dates and Times

14th October - 1pm – 2.30pm
15th October - 1pm – 2.30pm
20th October - 10am – 11.30am
20th October - 1pm – 2.30pm
29th October - 1pm – 2.30pm
30th October - 1pm – 2.30pm
31st October - 10am – 11.30am

To book your place please email
asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

With a choice of your date and you will be emailed a zoom link.

For more information about our service please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training.

The Liverpool ASD Training Team Support session for Parents to support their child with ASD concerns

Date: Friday 17th & 24th October 2025

Time: 9.30am – 12 noon

Venue: Virtual Zoom

If you have early concerns about social communication and interaction or your child is awaiting assessment from the ASD pathway, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend the above workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour (Both session dates need to be attended).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops. Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory.

The ASD Trainer is called Tracey Williams and she can also be contacted on asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk



The Liverpool ASD Training Team Support session for Parents to support their child with ASD concerns

Date: 27th & 28th October 2025 (Half Term)

Time: 1pm – 3.30pm

Venue: Virtual Zoom

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Mental Health and Wellbeing



We send a warm welcome to our new Educational Mental Health Care Practitioner, **Felicity Gray**.

Felicity will be holding a **coffee morning** soon in school for you to discuss any concerns or ask any questions.

School have also asked her to hold a **Sleep Workshop** for parents. Dates will be confirmed very soon.

Meetings with Mrs Berry Assistant Headteacher

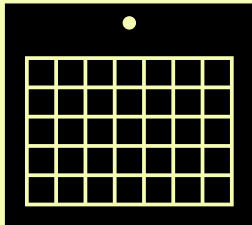
Meetings with Mrs Berry - Special Educational Needs Coordinator

We recognise the importance of addressing any potential special needs promptly and believe that open communication between home and school is crucial in this process. Meeting the SENDCO - Mrs Berry - will provide an excellent opportunity for you to share your observations, as well as to gain valuable insights into the support mechanisms we have in place at school.

Appointments will be scheduled for 15 minutes on the dates below and we will work collaboratively to identify any concerns, discuss any appropriate interventions and outline next steps that can be taken to support your child effectively.

The link to book these meetings will be sent through the Arbor system.

Monday 3rd November 2025
Wednesday 5th November 2025
Thursday 6th November 2025

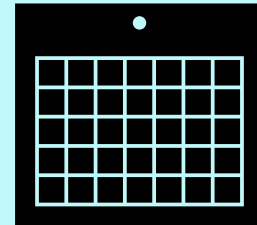


Individual Education Plan Meetings with Mrs Berry (SENDCO) and Class teacher.

Children who are on the SEND register have an Individual Education Plan in place to focus on specific areas of need and the strategies that are implemented to support their progress. Parents/Carers are invited to school to meet the class teacher and SENDCO to review progress and plan next steps. It is vital for both the educational and personal development of the child that we work together and for parents/carers to attend these meetings.

Appointments will last for ten minutes and the booking link will be sent out on Arbor for you to book at time on the correct day for your child.

Monday December 1st - Reception and 1 Kerr
Tuesday December 2nd - 3 Gaudi and 1 Carle
Wednesday December 3rd - Nursery and 3 Monet
Thursday December 4th - 4 Curie and 4 Newton
Monday December 8th - 6 Gandhi and 6 Churchill
Wednesday December 10th - 5 Parks and 5 Wilberforce
Thursday December 11th - 2 Dahl and 2 Potter



Liverpool's SEND Graduated Approach Toolkit

Details of this can be found at:

<https://apps.liverpool.gov.uk/SEND-Graduated-Approach-Toolkit/story.html>



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY - 10TH OCTOBER 2025

NHS England suggest the following five ideas to support good mental health:

1: Connect with other people

For example - you and your child take time each day to spend time together arrange a fixed time to eat dinner together without any distractions.

2. Be physically active.

For example - you and your child go for a walk together or go to the local park.

3. Learn a new skill.

For example - try a new hobby such as cooking or baking (good to do as a family).

4. Give to others.

For example - spend time with wider family members, or offer to help a family member.

5. Pay attention to the present moment.

For example - on a walk pay attention to the sounds and sights around you.

Message from Beautiful New Beginnings CIC

Are you supporting a child or young person who may have additional needs linked to ASD or ADHD? Join Beautiful New Beginnings CIC for a free and friendly SEND Parents Coffee Evening, designed to connect families and provide practical support.

Event: SEND Parents Coffee Evening - Focus on ASD and ADHD.

Date: 28th October 2025

Time - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Register here: [Click to learn more and reserve your space](#)

This relaxed session is open to all parents, carers and even grandparents, whether or not your child is on a diagnostic pathway or has a formal diagnosis. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other families, ask questions and discover support options available in the community.