

# South Ascot Village School

## SEN newsletter

April 2025

Dear parents

What a busy term we have had, with lots of very special events, showing the talents of our children here at SAVS:



## Young Voices Choir

The choir visited the Ovo at Wembley arena on Monday February 10th to sing in the Young Voices choir. It is the largest choir in the world! The children, representing classes across the school, thoroughly enjoyed the experience, from learning the songs through to the rehearsals on the main stage and the final performance in front of all the parents. It was definitely an experience that they will all treasure. Many thanks to Mrs Parsonage for being the choir master!



## Sublime Science Day

The whole school had the opportunity to take part in this fantastic event. They made their own mini vortex and learnt about 'all things science'.



## Coffee mornings

Due to commitments within school, I will need to take a new look at the dates and times of these events. At a recent PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) meeting, it was felt that these coffee mornings should be more formal, offering parents a structured, informative meeting. With that in mind, we will need to look for an alternative venue to host and welcome any thoughts from parents, along with suggestions of visiting speakers. Please don't hesitate to email me:

[senco@southascotvillageschool.org.uk](mailto:senco@southascotvillageschool.org.uk)

## SEN drop-ins

If anyone would like to meet with me, to discuss your child, please do ask for a meeting as you drop off in the morning's. I am generally at the school gate and will be able to book in a suitable time for you, either face-to-face or online.

## Other events going on around RBWM

### PARALLEL WINDSOR

is a Festival of Inclusivity taking place on Sunday 6th July at Windsor Great Park. Please check out our [Highlights Film](#) to find out more.

We would love to see your students there. We would like to offer your staff, parents & students 15% off challenge event tickets. Please download a **poster** for you to print out and a **digital poster** for you to share via email / newsletter. It would be wonderful if you could please help to spread the word about this unique event. *(Note: the special offer is just for schools in the local area, so please don't share the promo code on websites or social media).*

Our fully **accessible family-friendly festival** offers a huge range of activities & entertainment: animal kingdom, arts & crafts, climbing wall, comedy, cookery, dance, inclusive sport, live music, picnic area, sensory zone, street food, storytelling, quiet space, yoga and wellbeing.

We also have Challenge Events including: 100m, 1K, 5K, 10K plus our innovative SuperSensory. Walk, push or run - there are no cut off times. 'Start Together,

Finish Whenever' is our motto! Everybody who starts gets a medal, t-shirt and goody bag.

Our innovative SuperSensory challenge **supports neurodiversity** and participants with **profound and multiple learning disabilities** to exercise their senses over a series of challenges such as engaging with sound, taste, touch, and smell.

As a **fully accessible** event, Parallel Windsor has on-site parking, accessible toilets (including RevoLOOs), medical support, sensory space and quiet space. All support and assistance animals are welcome.

To find out more, visit [parallellifestyle.com/windsor2025](https://parallellifestyle.com/windsor2025)

### RBWM Inclusion Summit

The sixth Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Inclusion Summit will be held on Tuesday 20 May 2025.

It will be an opportunity for all parents and carers, as well as other key stakeholders, to share information and celebrate developments in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) across the borough.

The event will inform how we are all working together as a positive beacon of inclusion for children and young people (0 to 25 years) with SEND.

More details to follow but for now, please **save the date**



## GEMS

What GEMS provide:

- ✚ Interactive workshops, courses, and animations are available on weekdays and evenings.
- ✚ Home visits and support sessions are available depending on circumstances.
- ✚ Virtual coffee mornings, that provide parents and carers with the opportunity to chat with others that understand and can relate to your experiences.
- ✚ Social activities for children aged 5 to 10 years.
- ✚ Signposting to alternative national and local services.

## Emotional Dysregulation - Meltdowns - Shutdowns

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 11:15am

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:  
Share what dysregulation, meltdowns and shutdowns look like in your home.  
Talk about what helps your child (or doesn't!) when emotions run high.  
Have an open space to share strategies, struggles, and small wins.

20 Spaces available.

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers.

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed).

To reserve your space please email us with the following information;

Your Full Name:

Your Phone number:

Your email address:

Local authority: Slough/RBWM/Bracknell

Childs condition: Autism/ADHD/BOTH

Childs pathway: suspected/waiting assessment/diagnosed.

## Girls & Autism Hosted by The Autism Group:

A look at the behaviours & challenges that may be experienced by autistic girls.

For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children

Online:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025. 10am - 12pm

Booking link :

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1036678442127?aff=oddtcreator>

To view all available workshops and courses please take a look at our website.

<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

Did you know that GEMS has released a selection of articles on our website?

We are creating a wide range of articles that have all been designed to provide understanding, information and advice for parents and carers who are seeking some additional support and are not sure where to turn.

There are currently eight articles available on our website, please see below for topics;

- Sleep Concerns
- Being an Ally
- Meltdowns
- Eating and Nutrition
- Building Routines - ADHD
- Building Routines - Autism
- Eight Senses and Autism
- Eight Senses and ADHD

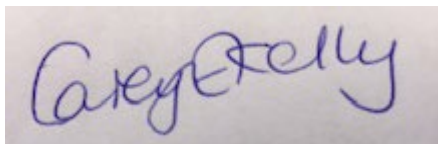
To view our articles please click on the following link.

If after reading them you feel you need additional support please take a look at our workshops and courses or animations.

Animations - <https://www.gems4health.com/learn-more/>

Workshops and courses - <https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

A very happy Easter to everyone and I hope that you all have a lovely break. There is a lot of information within this newsletter, so I encourage you to have a good look, to see if there is anything of interest.



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