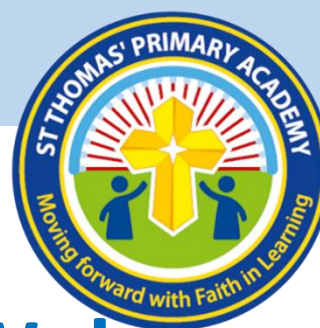




Welcome Back

Welcome back to the second half term and our latest edition of the St Thomas' Kilnhurst Primary Academy SEND newsletter.

My hope for
this newsletter is
that it will be a place

to learn about the different areas of
need, the approach in school, how families can
support their children with additional needs, and a
celebration of achievements and successes.

If you have any suggestions about what you would
like to see in future editions please let me know.



COFFEE
CLUB



A big thank you to all those who attended our first coffee club. We had a good turn out and it was lovely to chat to you all. The feedback from the parents who attended was very positive. With comments about how supportive the group was.

Our next session will be 19th November at 2:30pm. Our specialist inclusion teacher Sarah McAllister will be joining us on that date to chat about the service and answer questions.

If you need to contact Mrs Hall please email enquires@stp.dsat.education marked for the attention of Mrs Hall



Spotlight on: The four basic areas of need

This edition I am highlighting **‘the four basic areas of need’** as outlined in the UK's SEND Code of Practice. We need to remember that children are all unique. It may be that a child's needs cuts across more than one – even all four areas of need. We also need to be mindful that their needs may change over time. In school we consider the strengths and needs of the child when planning the support

Cognition and Learning Difficulties

- Specific Learning Difficulties (SPLD)
- *E.G. Dyslexia, Dyscalculia,*
- Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD)
- Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD)
- Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty (PMLD)

Social, Emotional and/or Mental Needs

- Depression
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Eating Disorders
- Anxiety Disorders
- Mental Health Issues
- Social Disorders

Communication and Interaction Needs

- Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Sensory and/or Physical Needs

- Visual Impairment (VI)
- Hearing Impairment (HI)
- Multi-Sensory Impairment (MSI)
- Physical Disability (PD)

Useful SEND contacts

SENDIASS: Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service www.rotherhamsendiass.org.uk

Rotherham Local Offer website www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk

Autism information and advice service (post-diagnosis)
<https://www.autisminformationservice.org.uk/>

Rotherham Parent and Carers Forum – get linked up with other SEND parents
<https://www.rpcf.co.uk/>

Events this half term

Mental Health Awareness Week
10–14 Nov 2025

Workshops (Children Only):

9th December 2025 – Y1 ‘Worry Monster’ Workshop WMIN (AM)

9th December 2024 – Y5/6 – Anxiety Workshop WMIN (PM)