



# Donnington Wood C of E Junior School

## SEND Newsletter Spring Term 2025



The purpose of our newsletters is to give you information about SEND at Donnington Wood C of E Junior School and provide up to date information about support in the Telford and Wrekin area.



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Mrs Jenks is Donnington Wood Junior school's SENDCo (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator). If you have any concerns regarding your child, and would like to speak to Mrs Jenks, please do not hesitate to contact me at: [a3035@taw.org.uk](mailto:a3035@taw.org.uk)

Alternatively, you may find further information on our SEND page of the school website:



[dwj-information-report-25-26.pdf](https://www.dwj-information-report-25-26.pdf)

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### SEND local offer

For further information about the Telford and Wrekin SEND offer, please see the link below:

<https://www.telfordsend.org.uk/site/index.php>



Special educational needs, often referred to as 'SEN' or 'SEND' (Special educational needs and disabilities), is a term used to describe learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for a child to learn compared to children of the same age. All children may experience challenges with their learning at some point and for most children, these difficulties overcome with support from teachers and home. However, children with SEND are likely to need extra or different help to be able to learn.

## **Parent Drop-ins**

### **Starting Monday 31st March 2025**

### **8:30am-9:15am (weekly)**

Parent drop-ins are a great way for parents or carers to unwind and chat with others. Come along and share any concerns you have about your child or children. These sessions are perfect for building a community network and having a say in upcoming events. Plus, you can swap ideas and experiences with staff and other parents. connect and engage with school.

Whether you need advice,  
support, or just a friendly chat, parent drop-ins  
are a fantastic way to connect and engage with  
school so come along and join us!





## Teaching Assistants



The Spotlight this term is on our wonderful Teaching Assistants and Higher-Level Teaching Assistants that go above and beyond every day.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the exceptional teaching assistants who dedicate themselves to supporting pupils navigating challenges in communicating big emotions. Their unwavering perseverance, patience, and belief in these children—even when the path is difficult—are a testament to their strength and compassion.

They stand by them on both their brightest days and their most trying ones, offering stability and care regardless of what may be happening in their own lives. The profound impact of their support is immeasurable, and we deeply appreciate the love and commitment they show every single day. Thank you for being there for us and for them!



My name is Miss Henley. Outside of work, I enjoy chasing adrenaline! My family consists of just myself, mom and my grandma. My favourite thing about my role is being involved and included in children's own worlds in school that may only make sense to them.

Hello, my name is Mrs Rutherford, I have been married for 21 years and have three beautiful children. Last year, we welcomed our gorgeous granddaughter who we love so much! I like to go on holiday with my family in our caravan. My hobbies are walking and reading non-fiction books. I have a dog called Cooper, who is a little bit crazy! My favorite thing about being a TA and ELSA is supporting children with their education, watching them grow as a person and building a connection.



Hi, my name is Miss Brennan, I have 2 children fabulous children aged 2 and 6. I enjoy running and taking my black Labrador, Bella, on long walks. I love my role as I get to support children to believe in themselves and become more confident with their work. Watching them grow and forming special friendships really is incredible.



Hi I'm Mrs Reynolds mum of 3 aged 20, 17 and 14 and we have a dog called Daphne. In my own time I love to read and enjoy spending time with my children. I would say the main thing I love about my job is the bonds we develop and seeing how the children grow and expand their knowledge. It makes me really happy they are when they have finally master that skill they have been struggling with and how proud they are.



I am Mrs Scott and have served the people of Donnington for the majority of my working life. Thirty of those years as a Local Police Officer, and the remaining years working in Donnington Pharmacy, the Covid Vaccinations Centre, First Responder and now as a Teaching Assistant at our School. I am now seeing my third generation of Donnington parents, how amazing is that!

My role at school is as the title suggests, to assist the teacher. I cherish this role, mostly working on a one-to-one basis or in small groups with children I can really get to know and support and influence them in learning and pastoral care. I run afterschool clubs like reading and sewing, these are loved by all and have given me new life skills! A real chance to unwind with the children. To see a child develop skills that will see them flourish and grow as young people fills me with pride.

Finally, I love Musical Theatre, and spending quality time with my husband, who tells me he is almost retired, but as for me...not quite yet.

I do love my role within our school.

My name is Ms Jones, I have 3 children & a pet parrot called Frank. In my spare time I make cakes, love going on holidays - and spending time with my children- I love my job, it's incredibly rewarding, it's been a huge change for me, but I enjoying the challenge helping children to reach their goals and being there every step of the way, I enjoy sharing the joy and satisfaction of their accomplishments it makes every effort worthwhile.





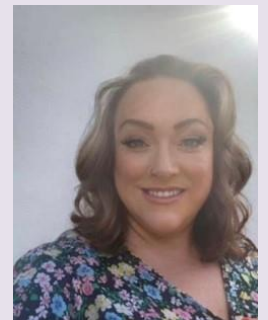
My name is Mrs McTegart and I have worked at the school for many years. I enjoy reading, travelling and visiting new places. I also enjoy Disney and you may have seen me around school wearing a Disney jumper! In my role at school I work with children in all year groups, giving extra help and support to both groups and individuals. I am excited and proud when I see our children persevere and succeed.

Hi I'm Mrs Palmer, I am a mum to a beautiful little boy who is 14 months old. I enjoy football, Disney and Harry Potter. In my spare time I am a football coach for an U15 girls team. I love my role because I get to watch children flourish and thrive everyday as well as watching and supporting them even through the difficult times. I also love my role as I get the opportunity to build unique relationships with children.



Hi my name is Mrs Harrison, I am a mum to three children 11, 14 and 18. My eldest son was diagnosed with chromosomal condition Prader Willi Syndrome at birth. I volunteer at a local youth club and love to run and walk. I love my job supporting the amazing children in school.

Hi! My name is Mrs Hughes, I have two children who are 8 and 10. I also have two kittens called Ruby And Lemmy. In my own time I also teach dance and performing arts to children and young adults. I enjoy knitting and reading. I love working at Donnington Wood Junior School, seeing the children thriving and guiding them through skills that will stay with them.



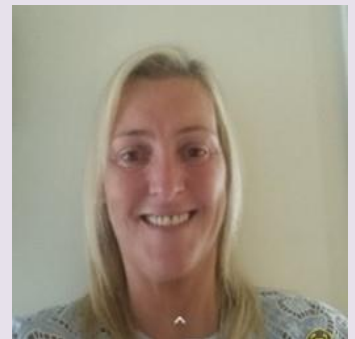
Hi, My name is Mrs Billingham, I have 2 grown up children, 2 grandchildren and one on the way which I am very excited for. I love travelling and spending time with my family. I have worked at DWJ for a 28 years with a 2 year break where I spent time in Portugal with my husband and little dog. My background is in pastoral support which I love supporting children with their social and emotional needs.

Hi, my name is Mrs Thompson. I love working at Donnington Juniors so I can see children succeeding and flourishing everyday. Supporting them to hit their goals and shining like the stars they are. When I get home, I love walking my dogs and spending time on my horse. I'm always listening to music and enjoy the outdoors whenever I can.



My name is Mrs Minor and I have worked at DWJS for 34 years. I also came to this school as a pupil myself. I have 2 sons (aged 41 & 39) & 3 grandchildren (aged 19, 17 & 10) who I love spending time with. In my spare time I love travelling, reading & listening to music. I have worked in year 6 for many years and what makes me happy is watching the children achieve great things and make progress so that they leave our school with the skills & knowledge to face the next big chapter in their lives. I would like to think that my empathy and sense of humour help me to form good relationships with the children.

Hi my name is Ms Willetts and i have 3 grown up children and 2 step children of 1 who is Autistic and non-verbal, who I've had since he was 10 years old and now a happy 22 year old, and I also have 3 grandchildren who I love to spend time with and watching them grow. I've recently joined the school and I'm enjoying learning all different needs for our children and watching them shine in all different years . I enjoy football (watching and also learning the rules to others ) and spending time with my family and friends .



Hi, My name is Ms Morgan. I have been in the teaching world for over 12 years and have a teaching degree from South Africa. I love working with children and watching them flourish day to day and succeed. I enjoy being out in nature, reading and walking my dog.



# Plan Do Reviews

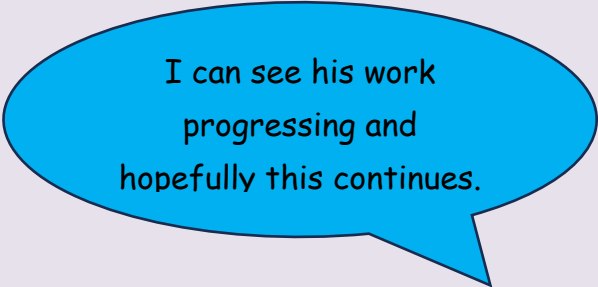
Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of your child's Plan Do Review (PDR).

This summarises the achievements that your child has shown towards their individual targets. We have also enclosed a copy of their new Summer Term

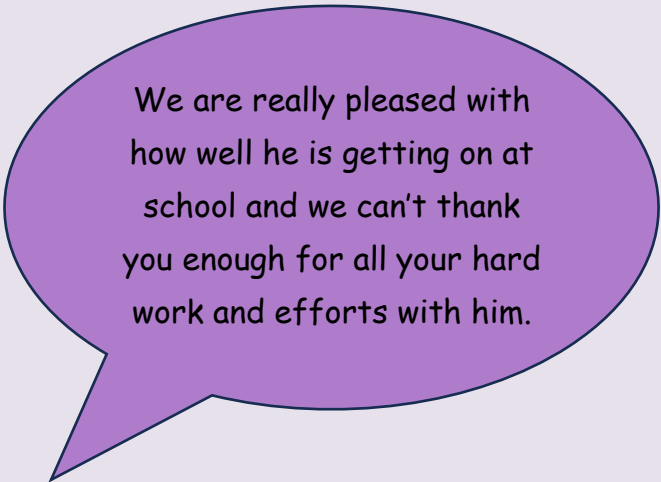
PDR showing the targets they will be working on during the summer term.

We would be grateful if could you add any comments you have regarding your child's strengths, needs, targets or outcomes in the 'Parent Views' section of the Plan Do Review and return it to school.


Here are some of the previous comments we have received celebrating the successful provision of SEND currently in place at Donnington Wood Junior School.



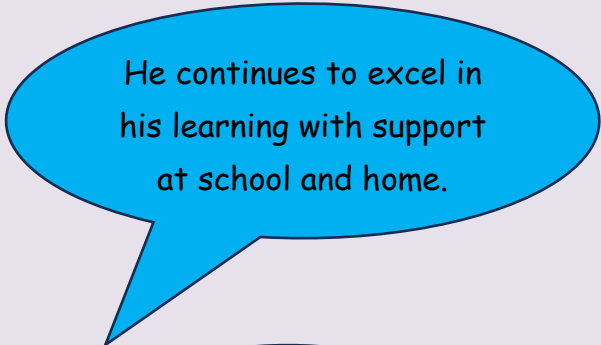
I can see his work progressing and hopefully this continues.



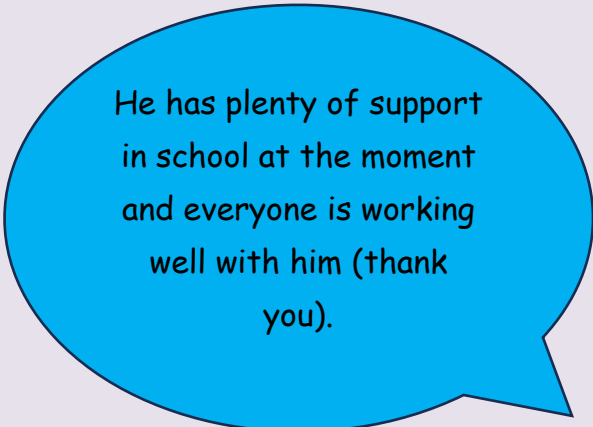
We are really pleased with how well he is getting on at school and we can't thank you enough for all your hard work and efforts with him.



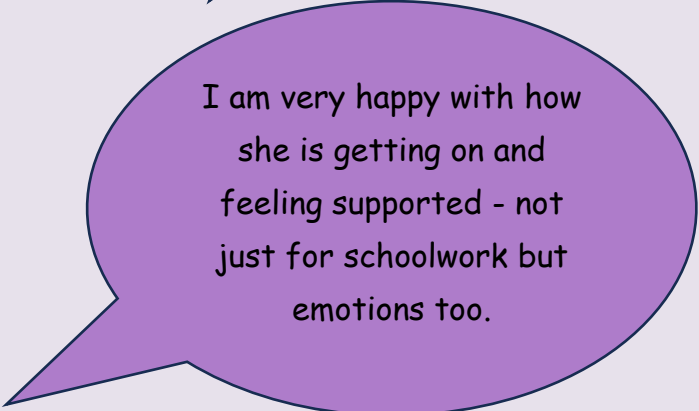
Very happy here. She loves coming to school.



He continues to excel in his learning with support at school and home.



He has plenty of support in school at the moment and everyone is working well with him (thank you).



I am very happy with how she is getting on and feeling supported - not just for schoolwork but emotions too.

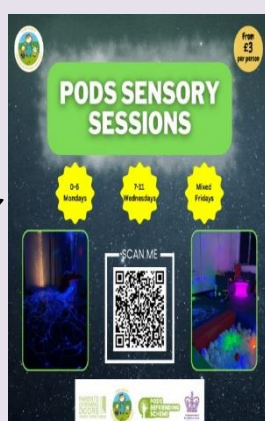
# What's on in Telford?

PODS is a parent carer/peer led charity with staff and volunteers who have the relevant 'real life' experience to support families who have a child with a disability or additional need (aged 0 - 25 year

For further information, support and advice see: [www.podstelford.org](http://www.podstelford.org)



For further details you can contact PODS on 01952 458047



At least once a month, [ODEON](#), [Cineworld](#), [Vue](#), [Showcase](#), [Picturehouse](#) and [Everyman](#) cinemas show popular films in an autism-friendly environment, and independent cinemas can use our free training to host their own.

We hope these screenings will help more people with sensory sensitivity enjoy the cinema and for many, provide a transition into regular screenings.

Anyone who feels they can benefit from the adjustments is welcome and no proof of diagnosis is needed. Your loved ones or support staff are welcome too.

Click here for more info:

[National Autism Friendly Cinema Screenings | Dimensions \(dimensions-uk.org\)](#)



**Genius FOR ICAN2 MEMBERS** £5 PER SESSION

**SATURDAY SPORTS & LEISURE CLUB**

**A WEEKLY SPORTS & LEISURE PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

**WHERE: SOUTHALL SCHOOL, TELFORD, TF43PX**

**WHEN: 10AM TO 1PM DATES: COMING SOON**

**AGES: 5 TO 17 YEAR OLDS**

**REGISTER NOW**

**VISIT: [WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/ican2](http://WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/ican2)**

**EMAIL: [SUPPORT@GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK](mailto:SUPPORT@GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK)**

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Telford & Wrekin COUNCIL



Jungleland soft play centre offers an exclusive family session for children of any age with special educational needs/disabilities. Siblings are welcome to join as well.

Saturday mornings 8-9:30am with reduced admission £3.45 per child and £2 per adult

<https://www.junglelandtelford.com/disabilities-special-needs/>



## PAN-DISABILITY FOOTBALL GROUP LAUNCHED IN TELFORD

AFC Telford United Foundation has launched a pan-disability football group for players of all ages to develop their football and social skills. The group meets for training sessions and games every Sunday morning (11am) at the AFC Telford United Goalzone pitches in Wellington.

Club bosses are looking to create teams for players in the Under-12, Under-16 and senior age groups, with games against similar teams in the region. The aim is to give disabled players an opportunity to play football in a supportive environment, where participation and enjoyment of the game is most important.



Area 51 are offering weekly SEND sessions at the popular trampoline park. Music will be lowered, and lights dimmed to ensure children are not over stimulated. Tuesday/Wednesday 6pm - 7pm, 1hr session only £7.50 1 carer free entrance (must be over 18 years old)

<https://airea51.co.uk/activities-classes/sen-sessions/>



Telford and Wrekin offer an inclusive leisure program for all pupils with SEND and their families. Activities include swimming, Ice skating, Snowboarding and skiing sessions and family fun sessions.

## Inclusive leisure SEND programme

### Telford & Wrekin Council

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Abraham Darby Sports and Leisure Centre						
3.30pm / 5.30pm / 6pm	4pm	3.30pm		3.30pm	11am	10am
SEND Swim4Life Lessons	SEND Swim4Life Lessons	SEND Swim4Life Lessons		SEND Swim4Life Lessons	SEND Swim4Life Lessons	SEND Swim4Life Lessons
					6pm-7pm	12.15-1.15pm
					Icon2 swim session	Family Disability Swim
Oakengates Leisure Centre						
6pm-6.30pm						
SEND Swim4Life Lessons						
Telford Ice Rink						
				5pm-6pm		
				SEND Skate		
Telford Soft Play @ Telford Ice Rink						
4pm-5.30pm		5pm-6.30pm		10am-11.30am		10am-11.30am
Junior SEND Session		SEND Session		SEND Session		SEND Session
6pm-8pm						
Senior SEND Session						
Telford Snowboard and Ski Centre						
		4.30pm-5.30pm				
		My Options Ski and Tubing session				
Wellington Civic and Leisure Centre						
					12noon	5pm
					SEND Swim4Life Lessons	Wrekin Special Swimming Club SEND Session





## Holiday Activities and Food for Telford and Wrekin Families.

Happy Healthy Active Holidays runs holiday clubs during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. There are funded spaces available to children in reception through to year 11 who receive benefit-related free school meals.

It won't cost anything to attend. Each club will have a range of fun activities such as sports, cooking, dance, music, arts and crafts, and a nutritious meal each day.

If you've previously registered for Happy Healthy Active Holidays, you won't need to register again - but if this is your first time taking part you can sign up through the website, register your child(s) details and book onto a whole variety of different sessions through the website. Don't miss out on your chance to book on! [Happy Healthy Active Holidays \(telford.gov.uk\)](http://HappyHealthyActiveHolidays(telford.gov.uk)) Once you have registered you will be notified when your eligibility has been confirmed, and you will be able to go ahead and book activities.

**PODS HAPPY HEALTHY & ACTIVE HOLIDAY SCHEME**

OPEN TO ALL AGED 0-25, INCLUDING SIBLINGS.  
EACH ATTENDING CHILD WILL RECEIVE A FREE LUNCH.  
ADULTS MUST ACCOMPANY THROUGHOUT.  
FAMILIES WILL ONLY BE OFFERED ONE SESSION.  
TO REQUEST A DATE PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE.

Monday 14th April 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm	Join us at the PODS hub for an easter craft session making bunnets and easter egg hunt. £3 per child.
Wednesday 16th April 11am-2pm	Meet us at Attingham Park Country house and estate, with beautiful scenery and estate house to explore. £4 per person.
Wednesday 23rd April 8:30am-4:45pm	Crick Tramway Village coach trip, with parks, trails and tram rides. £8 per person.
Friday 25th April 10am-1pm	Visit to Blith Hill Victorian museum, lunch included for children/ young person. £4 per person.

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