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DSPL 9 Weekly Newsletter 6

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Autumn Term HFL SEND Briefing and Slides

The recording and slides from the autumn term HFL SEND briefing can be accessed via the [website](#) or clicking on the link below:

[Autumn Term SEND Briefing Slides](#)

[SEND briefing autumn 2025 - Recording for DSPL 1-9 on Vimeo](#)

HFL SEND Briefing: Spring and Summer Term

All bookings for the HFL SEND briefings will now be taken centrally by HFL. This will mean that you are able to book onto both the spring and summer via the link below.

[DSPL Briefings Booking Form](#)

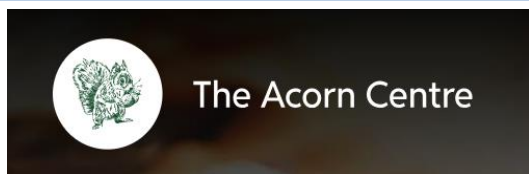
Please see below for venues:

Term	Date and Time	Venue
Spring	Wednesday 18 th March 1.30-3.30pm	Parmiter's School, High Elms Ln, Watford WD25 0UU
Summer	Wednesday 24 th June 1.30-3.30pm	Rickmansworth School Scots Hill, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth WD3 3AQ

Please ensure once you have booked the date goes into your diary.

Any amendments to booking would need to be done via:

training@hfleducation.org



The Acorn Centre Website is now live!!

For all information including tier 2 and 4 support, criteria and referral processes please use the link below:

<https://www.theacorncentre.co.uk/>

DSPL 9 SENCo Drop in sessions

Weekly drop in sessions with Mandy Brandon and Gemma Hall are available to all SENCOs across the DSPL 9 area. Starting from **Tuesday 23rd September** and running every week for the entire academic year.

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 3.45-4.30pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Please use the link below for any of the Tuesday sessions:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 340 101 177 553 9

Passcode: FD789nR7

Primary SpLD Online Pupil Focus Surgeries Academic Year 2025-26

Laura Bloomberg will continue to provide primary SpLD Online Pupil Focus Surgeries during the spring term.

The purpose of these sessions is to help schools support pupils of concern (SpLD in nature), by giving advice on how to best support their presenting needs and advise on next steps, suitable resources, interventions, quality first teaching strategies, inclusive classroom practice...etc

Bookings for the spring term are now available (9-9.30am or 9.30-10am):

Monday 12 th January	Monday 23 rd February
Monday 19 th January	Monday 2 nd March
Monday 26 th January	Monday 9 th March
Monday 26 th January	Monday 16 th March
Monday 2 nd February	Monday 23 rd March
Monday 9 th February	

To book a slot please click on the link below:

<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1920332>

Please note:

This service is purely available to enable the schools to best support individual pupils. The information provided by Laura cannot be used as evidence for any referrals or applications.

SENCOs are also reminded of the SpLD drop box for DSPL 9 which contains a range of assessment materials and resources:

Please note that is only available for DSPL 9 schools/SENCOs to access and it is NOT to be shared.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/l0o7wadt1mz1p7tzponin/ABHdgqzyj7WxnpPrDVEDEq8?rlkey=npvmefjqexl6qz8pvf5o88grs&e=1&dl=0>



EEF Metacognition and Self-Regulating Learning

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/metacognition?utm_source=email&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=evidence-edit-20-nov-2025&utm_content=link-1&mc_cid=da952c8bc2&mc_eid=6c0acdc01d



EBSNA Training Session

Following the successful delivery of the second TA Academy training session this term, please find below links to the recording and slides:

Recording:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18EajA3IJErwJISDlxfQWdKcgP3T7VtGP/view?usp=sharing>

Slides:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19aZgiy_LlyqVC9dBHP0HgQ8NPwLBwS3Y/view?usp=sharing

The following information was also shared during the session:

[understanding-autism-a-brief-guide-for-parents-carers-and-professionals](#)

[autism-what-does-that-mean-to-me-a-guide-for-young-people](#)

[Welcome to Barriers to Education](#)

[School Wellbeing Cards Videos](#)



Spring Term Support

After a highly successful autumn term, the TA Academy is excited to continue supporting our community with new training opportunities, online drop-ins, and collaborative solution circles this spring.

Please share the information below with your TAs and support them in accessing this support:

SPRING TERM 2026:

Training Opportunities

Wednesday 28th January - Cognition and Learning support in the classroom

[Cognition and Learning Booking Link](#)

Tuesday 17th March - Positive Behaviour Support strategies

[Positive behaviour support Booking Link](#)

Online Drop In Session

Thursday 22nd January 1-2pm

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Face to Face Solution Circle

Thursday 5th March 1-2.30pm

[Booking Link](#)

Feedback from the solution circle:

My LAs have come back buzzing from the experience. They felt that they had learnt such a lot in such a short time and that their ideas had been listened to and valued. They felt that the process used on the large sheet was one they felt would be useful to try and do ourselves. They felt that it had been clearly delivered. They did say they felt it was a shame there weren't other schools there as they felt they might have picked up some good ideas from other LAs.



Reduced Timetables

Please be reminded that all CYP who are currently on a reduced timetable **MUST** be registered with Hertfordshire via the reduced timetable portal found on Solero. All information including how to use this reporting system can be found using the link below.

[Part-time/reduced timetables - Hertfordshire Grid for Learning](#)

In addition to the information regarding the portal, the website also contains the Herts guidance documentation and proformas to support you.



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EHCP Auditing Sessions for SENCOs in DSPL 6, 7, 8 and 9.

These sessions offer SENCOs the opportunity to audit the quality of an EHCP together with Hertfordshire County Council's SEND Quality Assurance Team, using the Invision360 auditing software, during the spring and summer terms.

DSPL 8 Venue: Thursday 12th March 2026 10:30 – 12:30

Gade Family Support Room, Oakleaf Primary School, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2JU

[BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE](#)

DSPL 7 Venue: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 10:30 – 12:30

The Hub, Fleetville Junior School, St Albans, AL1 4LW

[BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE](#)

Please note: SENCOs across all 4 DSPLs can attend either of the dates and venues above regardless of the DSPL they are from.

Spaces are limited so please confirm your space through the respective booking links above.



HSCP/HSAB Learning and Development Programme October 2025

The HSCCP (Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership) and HSAB (Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board) have developed a learning and development programme with a wealth of training opportunities around safeguarding practice.

Please [click here](#) to see the programme which contains a range of courses SENCOs, SLT and DSL may find useful.

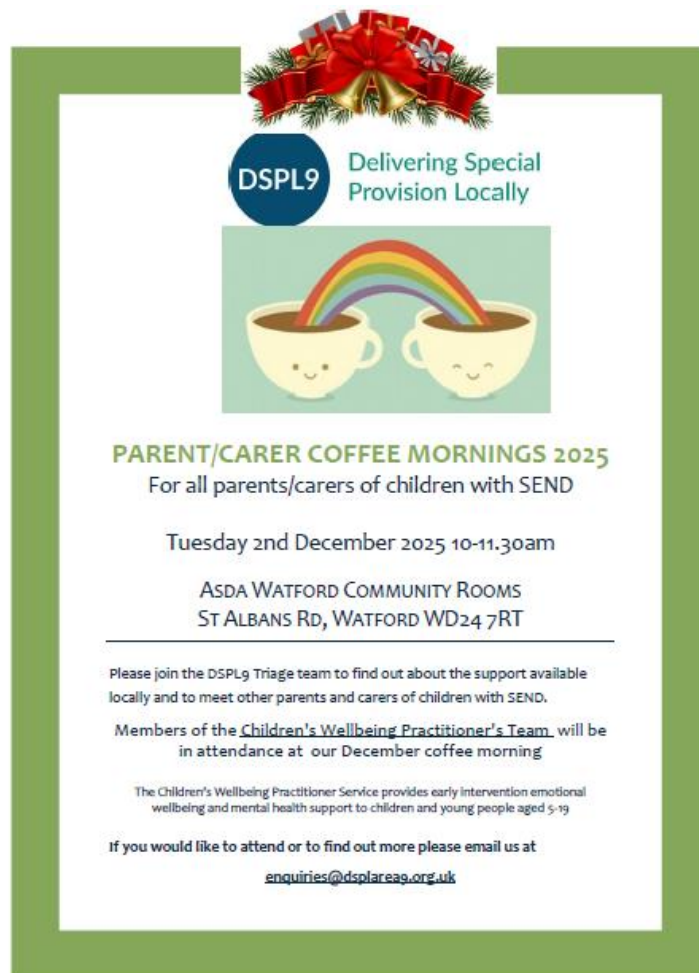


CYPMHS November 2025 Newsletter

There is a range of information in this month's issue including:

- Just Talk Week 17-21 November
- Anna Freud newsletter

To access the newsletter please click [here](#).



Please share the attached flyer with your school community.



Looking for FREE healthy lifestyle support for families and young people in Hertfordshire?

Our Beezee Families, Beezee Youth and HENRY programmes are here to help!

Previously known as BeeZee Bodies, Beezee is now the name given to healthy lifestyle programmes delivered by Maximus, and we continue to partner with HENRY. All our programmes are funded by Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health team.

- **HENRY** programmes support babies and young children to have a healthy start for a brighter future. Parents and carers of children under 5 years gain the confidence and skills to adopt healthier lifestyles, long-term. A free creche is available throughout the 8-week programme!
- **Beezee Families** is an award-winning 12-week programme for 5 – 15 year olds and their families. Our team of nutritionists focus on making small, sustainable changes around food and physical activity – and have fun while doing so! Families can also learn at their own pace for six months over on our Academy. Alternatively, they can access our 1:1 support throughout the year.
- **Beezee Youth** is aimed at young people aged 13-17. This 8-week programme is co-produced by participants and helps them discover practical strategies to improve their physical, mental and social wellbeing in a non-judgemental environment ONLINE. Young people can also learn at their own pace over on the Academy for six months, accessing content specially designed for them.

SIGN UPS for our Spring Term 2026 programmes are now OPEN!

Support is available in-person and online. [Professionals](#) can refer families and young people to these programmes, or [families and young people](#) can sign up directly.

Please see attached flyers attached for further information.



Just Talk Music Campaign Social Media Toolkit

“Music can support your mental health - it helps you connect, express, and cope. We all have mental health, and it’s okay to not be okay. Support is available and talking helps. Just Talk resources can guide young people, parents, carers and organisations to talk about mental health.”

Just talk Herts is launching a new campaign on 17th November 2025 called The Power of Music on Mental Health focusing on how music can positively impact mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people in Hertfordshire.

About the campaign:

The power of music encourages students to explore how music can support their emotional wellbeing through listening, creating and sharing music. The campaign includes:

A song and lyric writing competition for young people to express themselves creatively with £50 vouchers for the key stage winners.

Online sessions with Ollie and Electric umbrella

Daily resources and tips shared via our social media channels

How your organisation can get involved:

We’d love your support in promoting this campaign to your students. Our social media partners, Redmoor, have created a comprehensive resource pack to make this as easy as possible for you.

Attached, you’ll find:

Campaign poster and graphics for noticeboards and digital screens.

Social media assets (images and suggested hashtags)

Information about the song/lyric writing competition

Details of online sessions

Web content that can be added to your school website or newsletters

Ways to support:

Display campaign materials

Share information about the competition and online sessions with students

Include campaign content in your newsletters

Post about the campaign on your social media channels

Encourage students and parents/carers to follow us

on Facebook: [JustTalkHerts](#) Instagram: [@JustTalkHerts](#) Twitter: [@JustTalkHerts](#)

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Music is a powerful tool for emotional wellbeing and this campaign provides an opportunity to engage students in positive conversations about mental health. We hope that your organisation will join us in empowering young people to discover how music can support their mental health.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please don’t hesitate to get in touch at justTalk@Hertfordshire.gov.uk

Please see attached documents for further information.

