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DSPL 9 Weekly Newsletter 9

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**DSPL 9 is pleased to invite you to the official launch of the
DSPL 9 Lending Library**

Date: Wednesday 25th February 2026

Times:

12-12.45pm

1-1.45pm

2-2.45pm

Venue: The Green Room, Bournehall Primary

To enable as many of you as possible to attend the event please book a time slot using the link below:

<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/2012587>

Following the launch of the lending library, the website will go live on Thursday 26th February for SENCOs to reserve items.



Focused Intervention Funding (FIF) Training

During the course of the spring term, SENCOs and professionals will have two opportunities to access FIF training. Please see below for dates, times and teams meeting links:

Monday 23rd February: 1.30-3.00pm

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjE5NTQ4NjAtMjU0OC00YzFjLWJhZGUtNTNhMTZiMmI0ZTJk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2253e92c36-6617-4e71-a989-dd739ad32a4d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226ef05683-0828-4968-9d6f-7259b3e81abf%22%7d

Thursday 5th March: 9.30-11.00am

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZjMyZTlmZGMtZTZiOS00NWZlLWFiN2MtYTMyOGVhZmMxNjIz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2253e92c36-6617-4e71-a989-dd739ad32a4d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226ef05683-0828-4968-9d6f-7259b3e81abf%22%7d

DSPL 9 SISOs

In addition to our wonderful DSPL 9 SISO, Mandy Brandon, I am pleased to welcome Danielle Watson to DSPL 9. We are lucky to have them both on board in our area!

"My name is Danielle Watson and I am a new SEND Implementation Support Officer within the Ask SALI Team. I am now working within DSPL9 alongside Mandy Brandon. Please feel free to reach out to me at danielle.watson@hertfordshire.gov.uk, if you wish to discuss holding any PrISMs (Pro-active implementation support meetings) or want to enquire about support for any pupils within your school or setting".



Colnbrook School Outreach Service



Supporting pupils with significant learning needs in a mainstream school

A session focusing on regulation and readiness to learn, communication and interaction, understanding school and early learning.

Date: 4th February or 4th March
Time: 2-3.30pm
Venue: Colnbrook School

To book a space please email Clare:
cslack@colnbrook.herts.sch.uk
(places limited to 2 per school)



Early years Emotional Well-being and behaviour FREE virtual Lite Bite training
(No need to book a place – please just click on the MS Teams link below for the session you wish to attend)



Please find attached the flyer containing all the information regarding the EYs Emotional Well-Being and Behaviour FREE virtual Lite Bite training sessions. These include topic such as:

- We see you 'Boys' Early years
- Biting in the Early Years
- Risk taking play in the Early Years
- Supporting children in the Early Years to build resilience
- Separation and transitions in the Early years.



Spring DROP-IN SESSIONS for Early Years settings in DSPL's 6 and 9 with Emotional Wellbeing and Behaviour Specialist Dominique Johnson:

[Book time with Dominique Johnson: Thursday 22nd Jan EWB Drop in](#)

[Book time with Dominique Johnson: Tuesday 3rd February EWB Drop in](#)

[Book time with Dominique Johnson: Wednesday 18th February EWB Drop in](#) Half term

[Book time with Dominique Johnson: Thursday 5th March 2026 EWB Drop in](#)

[Book time with Dominique Johnson: Monday 16th March 2026 EWB Drop in](#)

If you would like advice around planning for Emotional Wellbeing and Behaviour in the Early Years, please click the preferred date to book a 30-minute MS Teams time slot. Once in the booking system, please access the calendar and click on the relevant date which will then give you available time slots.



At time of booking please send a signed consent single service request to WAT3RIV.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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DSPL 9 LHNH dates: Spring Term

LHNH Panel Dates	Closing Date for Applications
Wednesday 11th February 2026	27th Jan (5pm)
Wednesday 18th March	3rd March (5pm)

As always please ensure all application are sent via schoolfx to dsp19lhnf@bournehall.herts.sch.uk

DSPL 9 SENCo Drop in sessions

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



DSPL 9

Benchmarking and Planning audit completion session

DSPL 9 would like to invite SENCos to attend either of the sessions provided to take time to complete their Benchmarking and Planning Tool and reflect upon their current practice prior to the survey in the summer term.

Purpose of the session:

- Completion of the Benchmarking and Planning Tool
- Dedicated time to consider each of the 5 outcomes and if the school is working at an emerging, expected or exemplary level.
- Celebrate the areas that are working well and consider those areas that need to be developed.
- Network with other local SENCos and discuss aspects of the tool.

Date: Tuesday 17th March

Time: 9.30-11.30 **OR** 1.30-3.30pm

Venue: The Green Room, Bournehall Primary School

To book your place please use the link below

<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/2010430>



CYPMHS January Newsletter

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

- Children's Mental Health Week 2026
- New resources and groups for anxiety from The Sandbox
- New eating and body image difficulties awareness campaign

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



World Autism Acceptance Month

April 2025

World Autism Acceptance Month is an opportunity for everyone to come together and raise awareness, acceptance, and create a society where autistic people are supported and understood. Whether you're at home, at school, or at work, your involvement can make a real difference. It's about how you show up, whether you're supporting your autistic colleagues, students, or family members, your actions can help create an inclusive and accepting world.

Click on the link below to access a range of free resources from the National Autistic Society:

[Get involved at school](#)

***AMENDED* Whizzy Words-2 Training Flyer Spring Term 2026**

Please note that the training session at Peartree Spring School has been rescheduled from the 17th March to 24th March at 9:30am.

**Whizzy's Words-2 Training
Spring Term 2026**

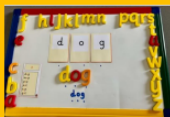


**Whizzy's Words-2
Phase 2 Phonics Intervention**

Training delivered by experienced Cognition and Learning Specialist Advisory Teachers
For SENCOs & Teaching Assistants

Whizzy's Words-2 is a one-to-one early phonics intervention (3 x 20 mins) for pupils who:

- are struggling to learn Phase 2 sounds and are not yet blending or segmenting sounds in consonant-vowel-consonant words.
- have made very limited progress despite implementation of individual catch-up using the school's own systematic synthetic phonics programme.



This training will:

- Share how to accurately assess pupils' needs and identify gaps in phonic knowledge
- Show how to identify appropriate targets for intervention
- Model how to deliver this multisensory, cumulative, highly structured intervention
- Provide opportunities to practise elements of the intervention with colleagues

Following training all attendees will receive a comprehensive set of electronic resources to aid successful delivery of this intervention back in school.

Cost: £60.00 per delegate

To book a place on this training, please see overleaf.

If you have any queries, please contact: cognitionandlearningteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Please note: We are unable to accept cancellations once a place has been booked



SEND Specialist Advice and Support - Hertfordshire County Council

Date & Time	Venue	Other Information
22.01.26 1.15pm-3.15pm	Conference Room Herts County Council Farnham House Six Hills Way Stevenage SG1 2ST	Parking available on site. Walk to Farnham House Reception, sign in and you will be shown location of training room.
Whizzy Words-2 Farnham House Hertfordshire County Council		
18.03.26 9.30am-11.30am	Fleetville Junior School The Hub 228 Hatfield Road St. Albans Herts. AL1 4LW	Parking—please park close to the Hub and avoid the school. If full, Morrisons car park is nearby with free parking for 3 hours.
Whizzy Words-2 Fleetville Hub Hertfordshire County Council		
19.03.26 9.30am-11.30am	St. Mary's High School Lieutenant Ellis Way Cheshunt Herts. EN7 5FB	Enter school via entry buzzer and proceed to main car park (1st entry off roundabout) where there is a visitor and disabled parking. If full, return to roundabout and take left gate. Make your way to Reception to sign in.
Whizzy Words-2 St Marys Hertfordshire County Council		
23.03.26 1.15pm-3.15pm	Northfields Infants The Pod Burley Letchworth Herts. SG6 4PT	Parking available on roads surrounding the school. No restrictions. Enter via the main school gate.
Whizzy Words-2 Northfields Hertfordshire County Council		
24.03.26 9.30am-11.30am	Oak Suite Peartree Spring School Stevenage Herts. SG2 9GG	Enter via the green pedestrian gate, follow the path and the Oak Suite is on the left. Parking available on the roads surrounding the school.
Whizzy Words -2 Peartree Hertfordshire County Council		

Flyer attached to the email.



**Hertfordshire Community
NHS Trust**

The Speech and Language Therapist Education Leads would be really grateful if you could fill out this new service feedback form": [Speech and Language Therapy Service- Feedback form \(Spring/Summer 2026\)](#)

Please click on the image below to find all spring term courses from the Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy Service:





North Hertfordshire College is pleased to announce our November open event at **Springboard Watford** which will be held on **Thursday 12th February 3pm – 5pm** at our prestigious premises. This is an opportunity for professionals, parents, and prospective students to meet the team and find out more about the Springboard programme.

Please note our address for this event will be:

**Springboard
Unit 8 Wilmington Close
Watford
Hertfordshire
WD18 0FQ**

The nearest car park is local Sainsbury's where you can park for free for two hours, or Gade car park in Rosslyn Road and Wilmington Close is off Upton Road:

<https://citipark.co.uk/car-parks/watford/gade-car-park>

If you are not already aware of Springboard, it is a full-time personalised course which provides students with the support, knowledge, skills and confidence to become more independent, make informed decisions and ultimately to progress into mainstream college and work. The course is delivered in self-contained teaching centre in Watford.

Springboard course is for school leavers - young people aged 16 and over who require additional support before progressing to a cross college vocational course or employment. Many of our students have a diagnosis or traits of autism. Many have associated emotional and mental health needs that require specialist and bespoke support before they can move on and make a successful transition to adulthood. We do also consider 15-year-olds but only if they have an EHCP – subject to funding being approved by the county.

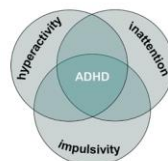
Our students study Employability, Functional Skills Maths and English from Entry 3 to Level 2, Creative Arts (Drama) Therapy, Life Skills, Personal Development and Wellbeing, Vocational tasters in Art, Cooking and First Aid, Enrichment, and complete 34 hours of work experience in their vocational area of interest. We support our students to transition into cross college vocational courses, supported internships or apprenticeships or employment by helping them to discover what they want to do after Springboard, arranging taster sessions and supporting them at interviews.

Students need to meet our assessment criteria in order to access the provision although individual needs are always considered, and decisions are made on a case by case basis and subject to funding being approved by the Local Authority.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Mark Kucper: mkucper@nhc.ac.uk or text / call us on: 07961522708. To help us to manage numbers we would appreciate a confirmation from you as to what time you are planning to attend.



Hertfordshire ADHD Training



**Free Training
For
Early Career Teachers
11th March 2026**

Please see the attached flyer for all details including how to book.



Our **FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes**
start on **w/c 19/01/26 in person 12/01/26 online**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BOREHAMWOOD Aberford Park Community Centre, WD6 1PN 4:30 - 6:30pm	WATFORD Holywell Community Centre Chaffinch Lane, WD18 9QD 5:30 - 7:30pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:30 - 7:30pm	WALTHAM CROSS St Joseph's Church 204 High Street, EN8 7DP 4:30 - 6:30pm
** NO SESSION **	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm	HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 OPS 5:00 - 7:00pm	** NO SESSION **
ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **



Sign up today!

@ BZBInfo@maximusuk.co.uk

01707 248 648



Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

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Our online group sessions start on:



Date: Wednesday 28th Jan 26 & weekly after

Time: Starts at 6pm and ends at 7pm

Ready to make a change?
The first step starts with you

Join our **FREE** 8-week health and wellbeing programme. It's made with the help of young people, for young people. This is a chance for you to talk about topics that matter to you.

Achieving Goals Body Image Communication Exam Stress

Motivation Physical Activity Relationships Self-Love



Sign up for your
FREE PLACE
today



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Our programmes are for 13 to 17-year-olds, see our website for more information.

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Dear Colleagues

Do you have staff that need Protective Behaviours training and want to save money? It's been a while since we increased any of our training fees and we'll be making some changes after April. Before then we have both Protective Behaviours Level 1 and Level 2 courses running in March so please do book on now:

Online Protective Behaviours Level 1

- 5 & 12 March £245 + Vat includes course book and certificate This course is open to anyone wanting to learn about this practical approach for supporting wellbeing and having strategies for feeling safe. - [please click here for the booking form...](#)

Online Protective Behaviours Level 2

- 18, 19 & 26 March £445+ Vat includes course workbook and certificate This course is for those trained at Level 1 wanting to progress, deepen and broaden their Protective Behaviours knowledge, confidence and practice. It is also a requirement for anyone wishing to further progress to train as a Families Feeling Safe parent course facilitator (Level 3). - [please click here for the booking form....](#)

We also deliver inset and team training in person and online (we will hold fees if booked before April). For further details please email admin@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk or Telephone 07850 518216.

Please would you kindly pass on this information to your colleagues and networks.

As always, we look forward to working with you.

With thanks and kind regards

Fiona

The Sandbox

Free online mental health support
for young people

Please find attached a poster for the survey we are currently distributing as part of our health inequalities work. The survey is aimed at children and young people, as well as parents and carers from Asian backgrounds, and focuses on experiences of accessing health and wellbeing support. It would be amazing if you could pass this along to any contacts who may be able to support and distribute it to the targeted cohort.

Additionally, we will be holding a community event in **Watford on February 28th** in support of our Health Inequalities Initiative at the **Queens School**. The purpose of the event is to increase awareness of local mental health support within the Asian community, encourage early intervention, and help reduce stigma. Further details to follow.