



IAS Newsletter January 2025

A Belated Happy New year from us to you.

A quick round up in this month's newsletter of what's occurring in the coming weeks. We have our Parents' Share next week in Windsor - please do pop in and say hello, as well as finding out what additional help and support is available to you from the Early Help team and Family Hub.

We also have lots of coffee morning in schools this coming month - if you see notification that we are attending one at your school - pop in and say hello. If you'd like us to approach your school about holding one - drop us a line ias@rbwm.gov.uk

Best wishes, Jean, Donna, Kate and Millie

Parents Share Events

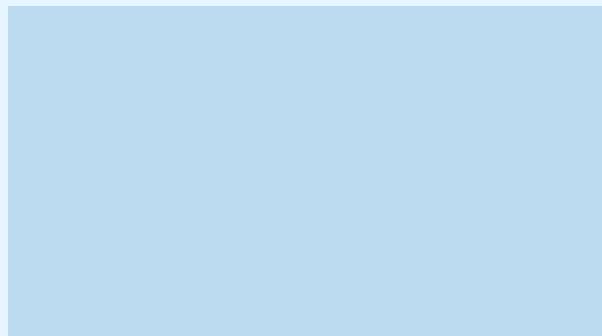
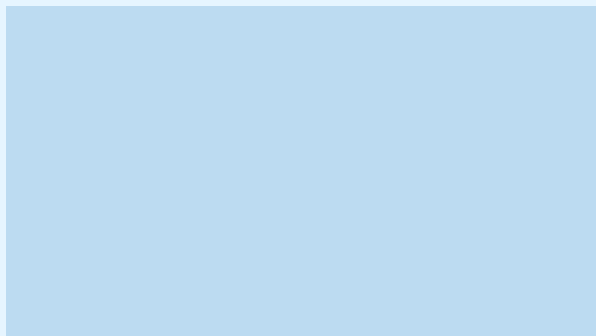


We have been holding our monthly Parents' Share meetings around the borough this term.

Our next session is at The Windsor Family hub and is an informal session to understand what the Family Hub and Early Help do and can offer you. We have another online session at the end of February regarding the application process for an Education Healthcare needs Assessment (EHCNA) .

More information and the full program below

[Read More](#)





Find out about Early Help & Family Hub.

Find out about the services available to you and your family at this informal coffee morning. IAS advisers will be present to answer your SEND questions and representatives from Early Help and the Family hub will be present for Q&A sessions.



4th February
Drop in between 9.30-11.30

The Windsor Family Hub, 65 Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HD



You're invited to attend our upcoming

ONLINE GUIDE TO APPLYING FOR AN EHC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

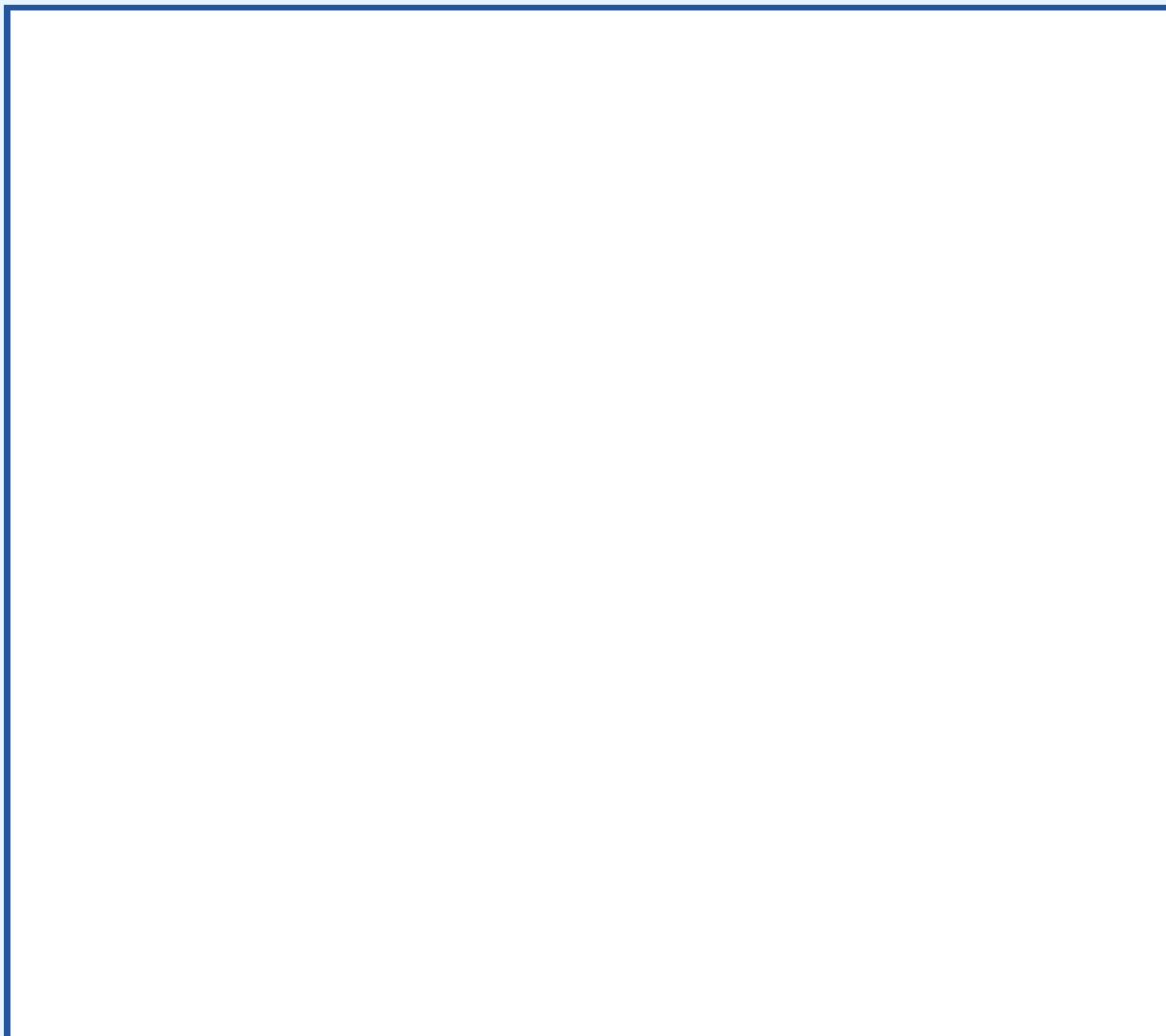


Join us for this online session which will take you through the Education Healthcare Needs assessment Process in this lunchtime online session. Register your interest via ias@rbwm.gov.uk

Weds 26th February 1230-1345

Latest AfC Area Newsletter

Lots of information from the Local Offer team in this months Local Area Newsletter - which can be found on [the local offer page](#)





Girls'

Empowerment Day!

'The Women Who Will Come After Us'

**Advocating for changes for
young people with disabilities**

8th March 2025

14:00 to 17:00

**The Old Court, Windsor,
SL4 3BL**

Activities include guest
speakers, discussion forums
and creative workshops!

Scan the QR code to book
tickets



for more info, email:
girlsforum@achievingforchildren.org.uk

The RBWM Girls' Forum's 2nd 'Girls Empowerment Day'

Saturday, 8th March, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in The Old Court, Windsor, SL4 3BL.

Girls Forum is a youth voice group for girls aged 12-19 in RBWM. We are dedicated to empowering young women to have their voices heard but we strive to represent all young people in RBWM. Our event is for 12+ year olds.

The theme of the day is "The Women Who Will Come After Us" with the aim of discussing and addressing the experiences of young people who have disabilities, with a particular focus on neurodiversity, in our borough. We want to hear from young people about their experiences and then advocate for change for those who will come after us. We will write a report on our findings which will go to senior management at RBWM and Achieving for Children.

Please see the attached poster for more information about our very exciting event. This is the link where young people can book onto our event

[Book Free tickets Via](#)

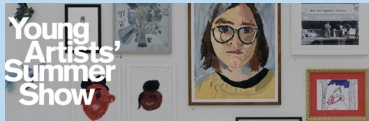
Inclusion Summit

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 to details to follow but for now, please save the date.



Got an arty young person?

Ready, set go! It's time to exercise your imagination, with a chance of having your work exhibited at the Royal Academy of Arts. Aged 4 - 18? Enter your work into the Young Artists' Summer Show by 5th March 2025. It's free to enter, so get involved

[Find out more here](#)



Oral Health virtual coffee morning

Friday 31st January from 10am to 11.15am

GEMS invites parent and carers to attend to discuss any difficulties their child may be experiencing with their oral hygiene.

The coffee morning will be hosted by Matt Golightly a registered dentist with over 25 years experience in dentistry.

Criteria:

- Children who live in, or have a GP in, East Berkshire
- And are likely to have, are waiting for an assessment, or have been diagnosed with Autism and or ADHD.



email
Gems.4Health@nhs.net



Virtual Coffee Morning
Friday 7th February
10am to 11.15am

25 spaces available!

Join our virtual coffee morning discussing topics such as cover puberty, adulthood transition, exam stress, social, friendships and relationships.

Celebrate your success with other parents/carers, share your experience and gain support during our coffee morning



Sign Up Today!

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 book your place contact GEMS:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net

0800 999 1342



GEMS
East Berkshire Health Services
East Berkshire

Virtual Coffee Morning

**Friday 21st February and
28th March**

10am to 11.15am

**25 spaces
available!**

Join our virtual coffee morning for an open discussion, providing parents and carers with the opportunity to meet and chat freely with others who understand and relate to their experiences.

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Free Webinar from Mencap

Mencap are running a series of free webinars on Money and Energy - Learn how to save energy and money and maximise your income at the Mencap Energy and Money Information Webinar!

Book via: [Mencap Webinars](#)



Centre for Autism Wellbeing Monthly talk

Book your free place [HERE](#)



University of Reading

Wellbeing Hub Monthly Talks

February 2025

Olive Kayongo
Love, grief, acceptance - an autistic parent's perspective. Journeying with an autistic young person through their mental health crisis





Trampolining SEN Sessions

The Jump In trampolining centres in Slough and Camberley run regular relaxed SEN sessions for people aged 4+ who have additional and sensory needs, including autism.

Siblings are welcome to attend.

The sessions at both centres take place on Monday evenings between 6pm and 7pm. Please note that tickets for the relaxed sessions must be booked in advance online, priced £12 per person. A carer will be admitted free of charge.

[Visit the JumpIn Website](#)



Coral Reef SEN Sessions

Coral Reef Waterworld in Bracknell runs Accessible for Everyone sessions tailored for disabled people of all ages and their families and carers.

There is a regular session from 3.30pm to 8.45pm on Wednesday, February 12, and an early-morning session during the school half-term holiday on Wednesday, February 19, from 8am to 9.30am.

Please note that all places must be booked in advance online. Carers' tickets are free of charge.

[Click here for Website](#)

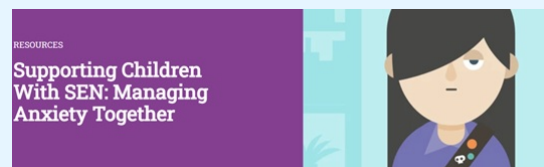
Free Witherslack Webinars



Autism & Girls

Looking to learn more about how to support autistic girls? Join us for our free webinar on Tuesday 25th February, with Anne-Marie Harrison, Education Director from Ideas Afresh, to discover the manifestations, supportive strategies and top tips.

Date: Tuesday 25 February



Supporting Children with SEN: Managing Anxiety Together

Is your child struggling with managing their anxiety and mental health challenges? Join us alongside expert speaker Tony Lloyd, CEO of The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity, on Wednesday 5th February, for a free webinar for parents and

Time: 10am - 11am

Book via: **Autism & Girls - Witherslack Group**

carers, exploring how to support your child

Date: Wednesday 5 February

Time: 10am - 11am

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Register to receive yours: witherslackgroup.co.uk/childrens-mental-health

Children's Mental Health Support Pack

Witherslack have put together a Support Pack filled with advice and guidance so you can empower your child on their mental health and well-being journey.

Children's Mental Health Support Pack - Witherslack Group

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