



Merstone Family Support Newsletter

February 2026

Welcome to the February edition of the Merstone Family Support Newsletter. This will provide useful information for families.



**Our school hairdresser
is in school on
Wednesday 25th February 2026
If you would like your child
to have their haircut contact
Becky on 07747 220246**



Weston Super Mare



Merstone Family support team are exploring the possibility of organising a day trip to Weston Super Mare in August 2026 and would like to gauge interest from families before making any arrangements.

The proposed trip would offer families to enjoy a day at the seaside, including time for the beach, promenade and local attractions. At this stage, no dates or costs have been confirmed, as these will depend on the level of interest shown.





Solihull Parent
Carer Voice

COFFEE AND CHAT



SOLIHULL PARENT CARER VOICE – COFFEE & CHAT

COME ALONG TO OUR FRIENDLY COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION!

WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENT CARERS, SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES, OR GET ADVICE AND SUPPORT — YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.

WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN. SOLIHULL PARENT CARER VOICE REPRESENTS YOUR VIEWS, SO COME AND TELL US WHAT MATTERS TO YOU.

LET'S SUPPORT EACH OTHER BECAUSE YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

JANUARY 15TH

10 - 11:30
THE GREVILLE ARMS,
SOLIHULL,
B91 2RB

FEBRUARY 3RD

9:30 - 11
HATCHFORD BROOK FAMILY HUB,
OLD LODE LANE, SOLIHULL,
B92 8JE

MARCH 9TH

10-11:30
SHARMANS CROSS PUB,
PROSPECT LANE ,
B91 1HT

MARCH 19TH

10-11:30
MERIDEN C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL, FILLONGLEY
ROAD, MERIDEN
COVENTRY CV7 7LW

APRIL 14TH

9:30 - 11
RIVERSIDE FAMILY HUB,
BOSWORTH DR,
FORDBRIDGE,
BIRMINGHAM, B37 5DP



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Merstone School Council are collecting plastic chocolate or sweet tubs bvb to help raise money for Macmillan cancer support. Please send into school by February 12th 2026.

Thank you for your continued support.

Merstone School Council



Solihull SENDIASS

Offering a free confidential & impartial advice service for children, young people and families who have, or care for someone, with additional needs aged 0-25 years.

We are a team of passionate, diverse professionals with backgrounds in education, social care and care, who have all undertaken SEND legal training.

Contact us today on:

✉ solihullsendias@family-action.org.uk

☎ 0121 516 5173

📍 11-13 Land Ln, Marston Green,
Birmingham B37 7DE

If you can't get through, do leave us a voicemail or drop us an email. We will always respond within 2 - 5 working days.

We offer telephone, email, on-line or in-person support on a range of topics such as:

- SEN Support in schools
- EHC Needs Assessments
- EHC Plans
- Annual reviews
- Support at meetings
- School exclusions
- Workshops in person and online
- Tribunal Support and advice
- Complaints procedures
- Signposting to other services



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Animal man meet & greet

- ◇ Meet some reptiles & small mammals with our animal man Steve
- ◇ All at our own pace. Dip in & out of meeting and hearing facts about the animals
- ◇ Animal themed sensory play trays
- ◇ Our sensory tent & equipment will be out to enjoy
- ◇ **Only 15 spaces available**



Where?

Reynolds Cross School,
Olton, Solihull, B92 7ER

When?

Saturday 7th February 2026

10am til 12pm

How much?

£9.50 per child/ young person, under 12s

Under 2s & adults FREE

How to Book? **(Booking essential)**

Please head to our website, senzzone.co.uk



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Solihull SENDIASS



Workshops 2026

Solihull Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Information, Advice and Support service (SENDIASS) have a number of workshops this year. If there is one that you think might be useful to you, come along.

No need to book, just turn up.

Please note, if you require support in relation to EHCP applications or appeals, please contact the service separately as these sessions are not suitable.

Elmwood Family Hub
Burtons Way, B36 OUG
10:00 - 11:30

Thursday 22nd January
SENDIASS - Who we are and what we do.

Thursday 26th February
SEN Support in Schools.

Thursday 26th March
EHC Needs Assessment

Thursday 23rd April
Appealing to the SEND Tribunal

Thursday 28th May
Annual Review

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 <https://family-action.org.uk/services/solihull-sendias/>

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SEN MUSIC & DANCE *Born2Sing*

Music, movement, and energy **Under 18s Welcome**

Location
Hatchford Brook Family Hub
Old Lode Lane
Solihull
B92 8JE

Sessions

- Saturdays
- Twice a month
- 1.30 - 2.30pm

£ Cost

- £5.50
- CARERS FREE

More Information

- 07859809350
- info@born2sing.co.uk

About the Sessions
Classes created to support the development and socialisation of young people with SEND

🌟 Exciting News!!! 🌟

Born2Sing are taking their wonderful SEN Music and Dance classes to Solihull!!

We are so excited to share that our SEN classes will be held at Hatchford Brook Family Hub. A perfect venue to host these valuable and well loved sessions.

Please simply book onto think link below!
We can't wait to meet you and your children!!

SEN CLASSES *Born2Sing*

2026

Hatchford Brook Family Hub,
Old Lode Lane, Solihull, B92 8JE

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/wEV3rBAatcRFdo12>

TIME - 1.30pm - 2.30pm

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
10th - MUSIC 24th - DANCE 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm	7th - MUSIC 14th - DANCE 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm	7th - MUSIC 21st - DANCE 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
18th - MUSIC AND DANCE COMBO 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm	2nd - MUSIC 16th - DANCE 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm	6th - MUSIC 20th - DANCE 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm

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JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
4th - MUSIC 18th - DANCE 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm	15th - MUSIC AND DANCE COMBO 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm	5th - MUSIC 19th - DANCE 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
3rd - MUSIC 17th - DANCE 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm	7th - MUSIC 21st - DANCE 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm	12th - Christmas Session 🕒 At 1.30-2.30pm

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February Half term bouncy castle activity

- ◊ Jungle theme bouncy castle with slide, play park & didi cars
- ◊ Our sensory equipment will be out to enjoy also
- ◊ **Only 15 spaces available each session**



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10 til 11:30

11:45 til 1:15

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Half term Holidays

Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February



Friday 6th February
More details to follow from your child's class teacher.

Merstone Family support team



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