



# Merstone Family Support Newsletter

March 2026



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



Our school hairdresser Alex  
is in school on  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
If you would like your child  
to have their haircut contact  
Becky on 07747 220246





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# MARCH 2026

**CUPPA & DROP IN**  
**TUESDAY 9:30-11:30AM**  
 3RD **RIVERSIDE FAMILY HUB**  
 B37 5DP  
 10TH **HATCHFORD FAMILY HUB**  
 B92 8JE WITH **SENDIAS**  
**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 5-7:30PM**  
**RIVERSIDE FAMILY HUB**  
**MAKATON WORKSHOP -FULL**

**SUPER SEN DEN**  
**SEN FAMILY YOUTH GROUP**  
**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
 5-7PM   
**RIVERSIDE FAMILY HUB**  
 B37 5DP



**SUPER SENSORY SEEKERS**  
**STAY AND PLAY (0-5)**   
**TUESDAY 3RD**  
 12:30PM-2PM  
**RIVERSIDE FAMILY HUB B37 5DP**

**MOTHERS DAY LUNCH**  
**MON 16<sup>TH</sup> 12-3PM -FULL**  
  
**Neurodiversity Celebration Event**  
**SUN 22<sup>ND</sup> 12-3PM**



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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 15<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

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

**MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**

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



The Uplift Initiative CIC

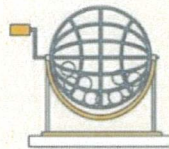
# THE COMMUNITY WARDROBE EXCHANGE



ADULTS AND KIDS CLOTHES



TOYS & A SMALL PLAY AREA



TOMBOLA



TEA/ COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



A CLOTHING REPAIR WORKSHOP



FIND US ON FACEBOOK



FEBRUARY 3RD

MARCH 3RD

APRIL 7TH

MONTHLY THROUGHOUT 2026

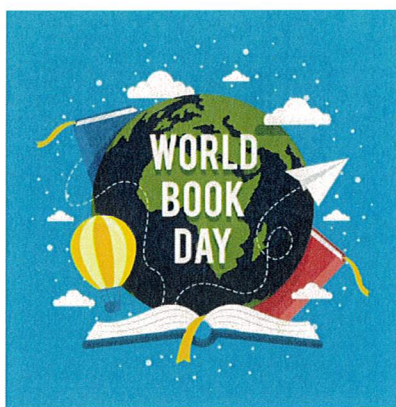


9AM-12.30PM



ELMWOOD PLACE,  
THE FAMILY HUB,  
37 BURTONS WAY, SMITH'S  
WOOD, SOLIHULL, B36 0UG  
LIMITED PARKING AVAILABLE  
3 HOUR MAX STAY

This a community event and no pre-booking is required.  
All items are FREE, please bring a BAG. Please feel free to bring donations along on the day if you wish, this is not a requirement.  
We will also be holding a tombola please bring some change if you wish to play as we do NOT take card payments. Thank you



World Book Day 2026  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

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Our school theme this year is "My favourite phonic". So whether you want to be an "A is for apple," "S is for Spotty," "P is for Princess", or "F is for footballer", all pupils and staff are invited to come into school dressed up to celebrate the day.

We will also be holding a second hand book sale on that day (all donations of pre-loved books greatly received) with all monies raised supporting the purchase of new literacy resources for school.



**Inset Day**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

School holidays Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday  
10<sup>th</sup> April

# SEN ZONE'S EASTER EVENT



Hop on over for some Easter fun for Families who  
have children with SEND.  
All ages welcome!

Meet the  
Easter bunny  
&  
receive a  
chocolate egg

Meet some  
animals  
with our  
animal man

Themed sensory  
play trays &  
activities

Bouncy castle  
&  
our sensory tent

£5 Per child  
UNDER 2'S free (no chocolate egg given)  
Adults - Free

REYNOLDS CROSS SCHOOL, SOLIHULL,  
B92 7ER

Saturday 28th March 2026

Sessions

10:30 til 12

12 til 1:30

1:45 til 3:15



This event has been subsidized by the  
National Lottery Community Grant

Book early to avoid disappointment



# Sensory Sport

## North Solihull

A session designed for disabled people with complex needs. Come and have a go at all your favourite sports such as football, tennis and badminton in an accessible and person-centred way.

### Ages

5 – 11 years

### Day

Saturdays

(starts Saturday 21st February)

### Time

10.30am – 11.30am

### Location

Auckland Hall, 25 Sunbeam Close,  
Birmingham, B36 9JR

### Contact

[matthew.rickard@sense.org.uk](mailto:matthew.rickard@sense.org.uk)

07884 494831

£2

per participant per  
session



Scan the QR code  
to book

Charity number  
289868





## Coffee morning



I'm Sally Payne, and I've been an occupational therapist for more years than I care to remember! I visit Merstone School one day a month. My role is to help staff support students whose sensory-motor needs make it difficult for them to take part in the activities and routines they need or want to do. I might recommend doing something physical after arriving at school so students can settle, ready to learn. Or approaching a task in a different way so they know what is expected. Sometimes I suggest changing the equipment they are using - like trying different cutlery. I look forward to meeting you to explain more about occupational therapy and how we can help children and young people at school!

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

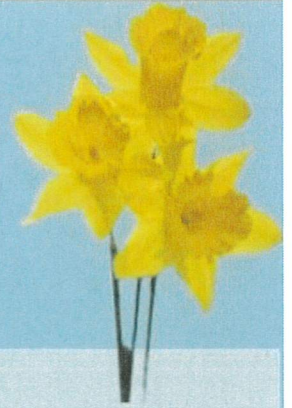
**9.30am to 11.30am**



**Super Sen CIC**

'Successfully Embracing  
Neurodivergence'

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9:30-12pm

- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Riverside Family Hub B37 5DP**
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Hatchford Family Hub (SENDIAS) B92 8JE**
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Elmwood Family Hub B36 0UJ**

Family holiday session: Pancakes, cuppa and Chinese new year arts & crafts

5:30-7:30pm

- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Riverside Family Hub B37 5DP**  
Makaton workshop (10 spaces) prebook only

- SEN support
- EHCP
- Benefits
- Understanding diagnosis
- **ALL** things  
SEN/neurodivergence  
related



Decorate  
candle holder



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