SEND Newsletter

Spring Term,
Friday 27th March 2026

We Grow, Learn and Achieve by Following Christ

Yet again, another term has sped past bringing us up to the Easter Break. If your child is on the SEND register and has additional support, you should have received a Provision Map to show the progress they have made. Where possible, we have also included targets for next term, to help you to support your child.

If your child is not on the SEND register, but you have concerns about their progress, please make sure you talk to your child's class teacher. The earlier we can put additional support in place, the more likely they are to catch up.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter break and that your children all have a well deserved rest!

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Useful Contacts

Our school SENCO is
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Ealing Special Educational Needs and Disability Information and Advice Support Service (SENDIASS) www.ealingsendiass.org.uk
020 3886 2062 info@ealingsendiass.org.uk

Useful Links

Click the links below for more information

St Vincent's SEND Information Report

St Vincent's SEND Policy

St Vincent's Inclusion Website

Ealing Local Offer

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Glossary

Cognition & Learning Needs (C&L)

Communication & Interaction Needs (C&I)

Sensory & Physical Needs (S&P)

Social, Emotional & Mental Health Needs (SEMH)

Celebrating Neurodiversity

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

We recently took part in Neurodiversity Celebration Week at St. Vincent's, focusing on awareness and inclusion. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to explore the idea that there is no such thing as a "normal" brain. Just as we all have different heights, eye colours, and personalities, our brains are all wired in unique and wonderful ways.

In our assembly, we spoke about how boring the world would be if we were all exactly the same! We reflected on the fact that no two people are alike. Some of us are amazing at spotting patterns, some have a gift for storytelling, others are brilliant at building things, and some of us see the world through a lens of deep empathy and kindness.

These differences aren't "errors" to be fixed; they are strengths to be celebrated. Whether a child is autistic, has ADHD, dyslexia, or any other neurodivergent profile, they bring a perspective to our school community that no one else can.

As a school community, we made a beautiful link between our unique minds and our faith. We discussed how every single one of us is made in God's image. We believe that because we are all made by design, we are each destined to do something different. God didn't make a mistake when He made us unique; He gave us specific tools to help change the world in our own special way.

Our main message to the children has been one of belonging- everyone is welcome under our big umbrella!



Continuing the Conversation at Home

Talking about neurodiversity doesn't have to be a "big" formal chat. It's often best explored through everyday moments and curious questions.

- ***Celebrate the 'how':*** *When your child finishes a task or solves a problem, ask them how they did it. Emphasise that there are many different paths to the same destination.*
- ***Focus on Strengths:*** *If your child is struggling with a specific task, remind them of their "God-given" strengths. For example: "Spelling might be tricky today, but your imagination is a wonderful gift that helps you tell amazing stories."*
- ***Model Acceptance:*** *When you encounter someone who thinks or acts differently than you do, discuss the positives. "Isn't it great how they saw that problem from a different angle? I never would have thought of that!"*
- ***Normalise Needs****: Talk about how everyone needs different things to do their best work. Some people need quiet, some need to fidget, and some need to see things written down. This helps remove the "stigma" from support tools used in school.*



Are you an adult with Autism or ADHD?

adhdandautism.org/services/adults/ offers a range of support including workshops and social groups in North West London. Here are just a few examples of what's on offer.



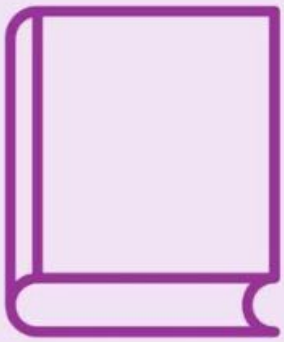
Adult Film Group

For: ADHD and autistic residents of North-West London aged 22+
When: 3rd Friday of the month, 6-9pm
What: Our film group combines socialising and meeting new people in a safe and supportive environment whilst enjoying a takeaway at our CAAS centre or heading out to a local cinema. You choose the films and take part in discussion afterwards. Places must be booked in advance.



Adult ADHD Group

For: ADHD residents of North-West London.
When: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00-9:00 pm; 4th Tuesday of the month, 3:00-5:00 pm.
What: The adult ADHD group provides a safe and non-judgemental environment for adults to come and explore what it means to have a diagnosis of ADHD, and to get help and support with issues arising in their everyday lives.



Lending Library

For: Members of CAAS.
When: Access during drop-in sessions or by arrangement.
What: Our well-stocked library has books on all aspects of ADHD, autism and other related conditions. Our books are updated on a regular basis. We also stock books that support parenting as well as literature on siblings and family dynamics. Books are also available to help children or adults with a diagnosis of ADHD or autism to understand their condition.
Cost: £10 deposit to be retained if books are not returned within six months. Two books may be borrowed at any one time.



Incompatible Cartridges

For: ADHD and autistic residents of North-West London.
When: Last Friday of the month, 6.30pm – 9pm
What: For gamers, by gamers. We meet once a month to play video games together. We provide access to a Switch and PS5, and you are welcome to bring your own handheld devices. Show us your Smash skills, discover new games, or just come along to game in a space of like-minded people.

Ealing Inclusive Sports Easter Activity







30th March and 2nd, 7th & 10th April
2 pm - 4 pm

Dormer Wells Leisure Centre, Dormers Wells Lane, Southall, UB1 3JB

Free activity, accessible for all abilities, disabled young people and their families, aged 5-25.

Registration below or Scan QR code:

https://tinyurl.com/EalingInclusiveActivity

Delivered by the Ealing Inclusive Sport and Physical Activity Network.

SEND- Friendly things to do



Ealing Inclusive Sports Festival



Saturday 28 March
Dormers Wells High School
UB1 3HZ

Ages 5-18: 11 - 1 pm
Ages 18+: 2 - 4 pm

Free sports festival for disabled children, young people, adults and their families. All abilities welcome!

Sign Up here or scan the QR code!
bit.ly/EalingInclusiveFestival

Sign Up Now!

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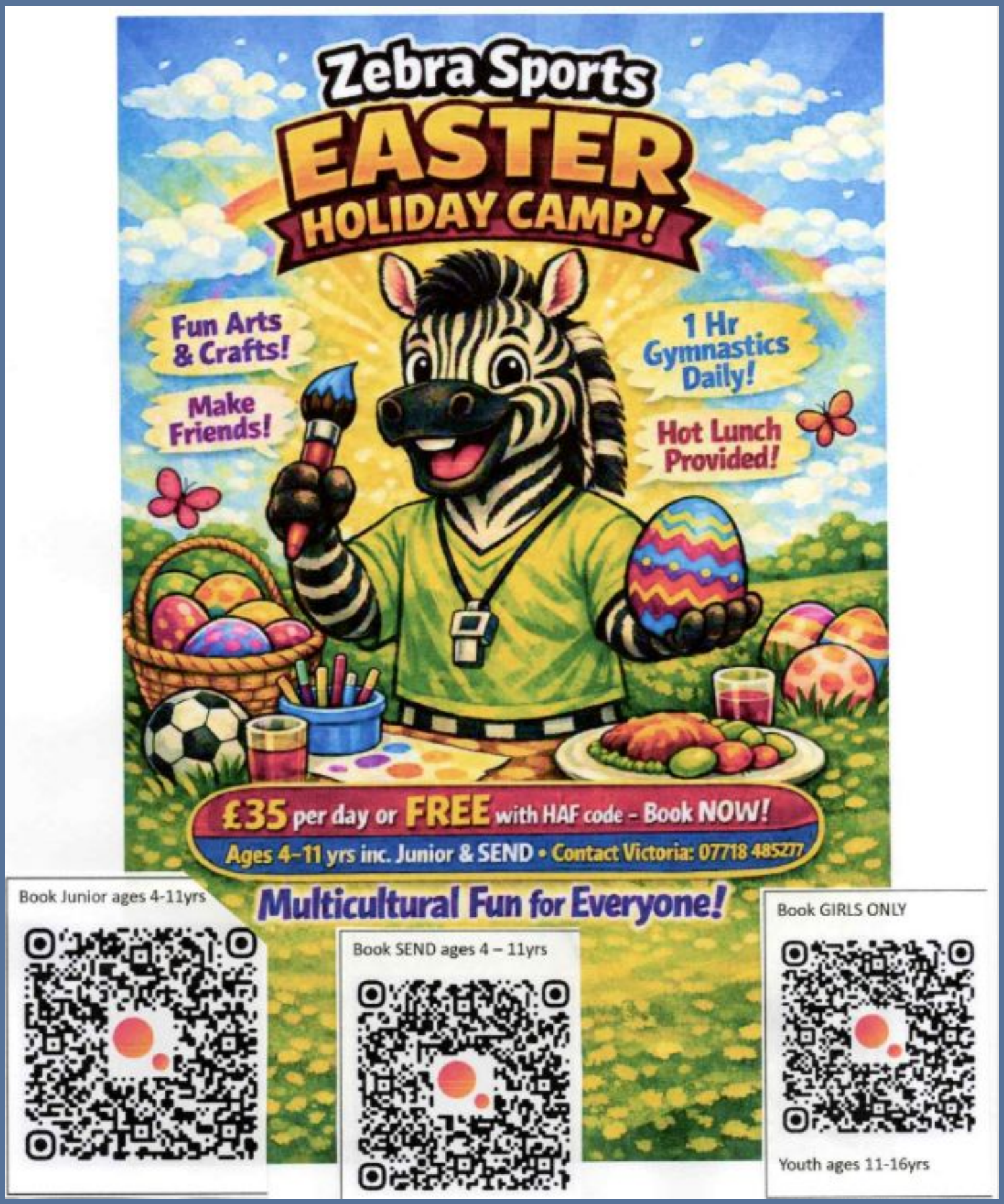
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Upcoming support for parents/carers

NHS West London NHS Trust

Workshops for parents of St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

Grab a hot drink and join us!





Does your child seem anxious? Do they worry about different things?
Has your child been feeling sad for a long time?
Struggle with Screen time?

If your answer is 'YES' then please come to our workshop to see how you and your child can access support



Thursday 21st May 2026
9:00-10:30 am

Technology and Screen Time

Who?

Cherelle Bovell-Phillips and Eliana Michaels will be speaking about the Ealing MHST which supports the wellbeing of children and young people in schools.

Where?

The workshops will take place at St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

You will be given the opportunity to ask Cherelle and Eliana questions about the support on offer.





Promoting hope & wellbeing **together**

ELP Ealing Learning Partnership

Upcoming support for parents/carers

Hammersmith, Fulham, Ealing and Hounslow

SEND Connect

Ealing Parent Carer Forum

Parents Circle x Ealing Parent Carer Forum

Informal coffee mornings, guided workshops and trips

All events listed here are free of charge, and children are welcome

Mon 23rd March

Sleep & Wellbeing

The Circle, 46 South Ealing Road, W5 4QA
10:00-12:00pm.

With the clocks changing soon, join us for a practical workshop on supporting your child's sleep routine. We'll share simple tips to help children settle, sleep better, and adjust to the time change.

Mon 30th March

Sensory Tools

The Circle, 46 South Ealing Road, W5 4QA
10:00-12:00pm.

Sensory workshop led by an NHS sensory specialist. The session will explore sensory regulation strategies using toys and practical activities to support children's sensory needs.

Mon 20th April

Talking About Mental Health With your Child

The Circle, 46 South Ealing Road, W5 4QA
10:00-12:00pm.

Opening up conversations about feelings, how to respond if your child shares something difficult, and the importance of modelling healthy ways to talk about and manage emotions.

Mon 11th May

Parental Anxiety and Low Mood

The Circle, 46 South Ealing Road, W5 4QA
10:00-12:00pm.

Learn how to recognise when anxiety or low mood is affecting you, where to seek support, and practical ways to look after your wellbeing—because caring for yourself helps your whole family.

Mon 8th June

SEND Connect Coffee Morning

The Circle, 46 South Ealing Road, W5 4QA
10:00-12:00pm.

Join us for an informal catch-up—share a thought, listen to others, and connect with people who just get it.

Fri 3rd Jul

EPCF, SEND Connect & Partners Summer Party

St Andrew's Church Centre, Mount Park Rd, London W5 2RS
10:30-12:30pm

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and celebration! Connect with local parents, celebrate achievements, and enjoy time together as a community.

Transport costs should not be a barrier to accessing support.

We can cover the cost of your journey. Email us or speak to staff on the day.

outreach@hfehmind.org.uk

Upcoming support for parents/carers

ADHD EALING

COFFEE & CHAT!

Parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD:
Come and ioin us for coffee! We will be ioined bv:

Centre for ADHD & Autism Support

Friday 17th April 2026
10.00 - 11.30am



Supported by Ealing Parent Carer Forum

Upcoming support for parents/carers

FREE

online parenting workshop

SEN SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS AND EHCPS

Find out more about who is entitled to an EHCP, and how the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator can support children in school, and have your questions around what is available for children with additional needs answered

- what can be included in a plan?
- how can you apply for an EHCP?
- what are the main responsibilities of a SENCO?
- how can schools support your child?

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ealing contact *For families with disabled children*

Tuesday 9th June 2026
10am-12pm
via MS Teams

email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to register or for more info

Ealing www.ealing.gov.uk
SUPPORTIVE ACTION FOR FAMILIES IN EALING

EALING PARENTING SERVICE

Free online course for parents/carers



Raising a neurodiverse child can be joyful, but also complex and overwhelming. This course is designed to support you with compassionate, practical strategies that meet your and your child's unique needs.

In this online course, you will explore responsive and low demand parenting strategies, managing change and transitions, communication, distressed behaviours, sensory issues, carer burnout, looking after yourself and more. This course is aimed at parents and carers of neurodivergent children, teens and young adults whether there is a diagnosis or not.