

Service Children's Champions Newsletter



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Welcome to our monthly newsletter!

In these newsletters we will share information about upcoming events, local news and support available for Service children and their families.

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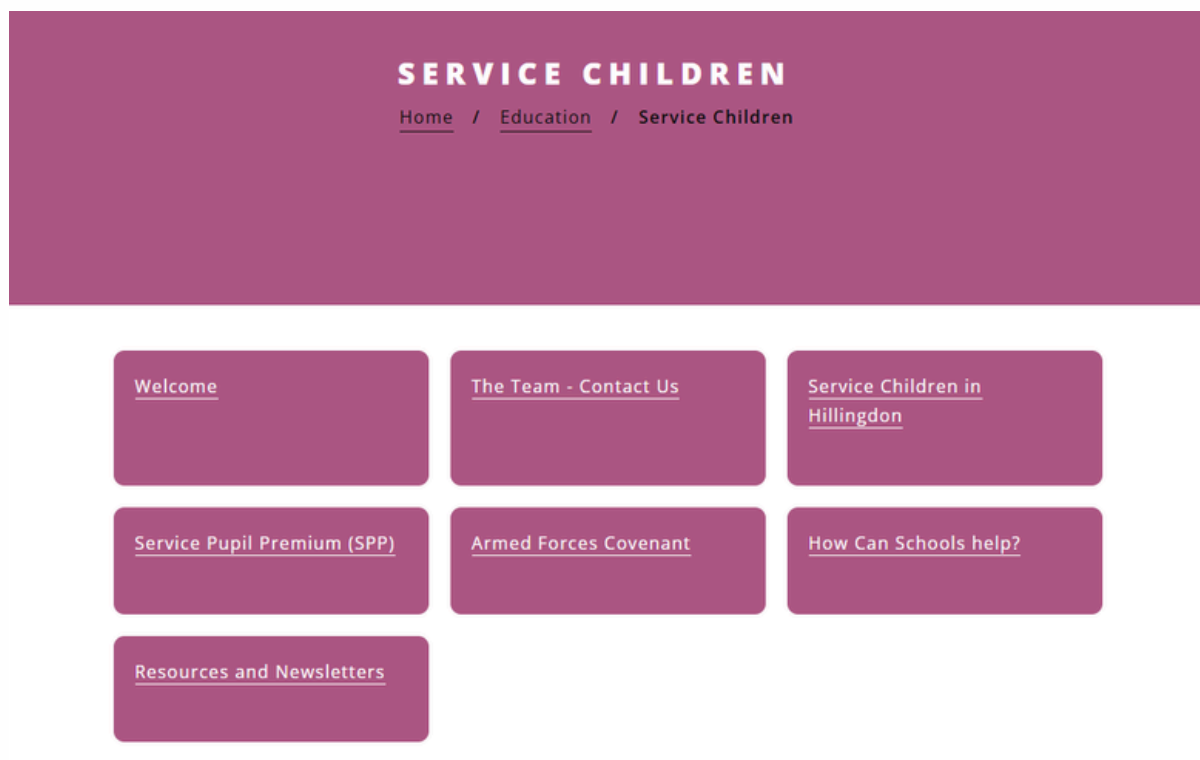
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Service Children's LEAP Page

We have recently created a LEAP page specifically for schools to access information and resources for supporting service pupils.

You can access our newsletters, resource toolkit and guidance all in one place, making everything easier to access. The page will be updated regularly.

<https://leap.hillingdon.gov.uk/service-children>



Blurb for Parent Newsletters

Below is a blurb that can be added to your parent newsletters to provide information about our roles and contact details for parents to speak with us directly.

Service Children's Champions

Hillingdon Council has two dedicated Stronger Schools Officers for Service Children within the Access to Education Team. They support and advocate for children and young people from Armed Forces families and work with schools across the borough to ensure they receive appropriate and consistent support.

The officers help schools understand and respond to the unique experiences of service children, particularly during periods of mobility, parental deployment, family separation, and transition between schools.

If you are part of an Armed Forces family and would like advice, information, or support regarding your child's education, please contact the Stronger Schools Officers at Servicechildren@hillingdon.gov.uk

A dedicated page for Armed Forces Families on your websites

Just before the summer holidays, you will have received an email from The Hive Officers at RAF Northolt, who have put together an extensive list of support and contacts ready to put directly on your websites.

Having a dedicated page on your website allows parents to access information more easily and shows your schools commitment to supporting the Armed Forces Community. If you would like this information again please contact us.

Remembrance Resources

With Remembrance next month, here are some resources that can be used for teaching pupils about remembrance, including videos and assembly resources.

[Remembrance Day - BBC Teach](#)

Contains a video which serves as an introduction to the acts of remembrance on Remembrance Day (11 November) and Remembrance Sunday (second Sunday of November). There is also a free assembly plan.

[Teaching Remembrance](#) | [Learning Resources](#) | [Royal British Legion](#)

The RBL's Remembrance Learning Programme offers a diverse range of free resources for different age groups - Early Years, KS1, KS2 and KS3.

[Watch a live online Remembrance Assembly](#)

The Royal British Legion are inviting young people aged 9-14 (Years 5,6,7,8 and 9) to be part of the Remembrance community this year by watching their special online assembly programme on 11th November from 10:25 - 11:05.

The Remembrance Assembly is a free online learning event which brings children together from across the UK on Armistice Day. With music, poetry, voices from the Armed Forces community, inspiring locations and plenty of creative ways to remember, it's the ideal way to help young students aged 9-14 connect with Remembrance.

This event is created by the Royal British Legion in partnership with the National Literacy Trust.

Register for the assembly here:
<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/teaching-remembrance/remembrance-live-assembly>

Here is more information about the assembly:
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/events/remembrance-assembly/>



Service Children's Workshop Day

Thank you so much to all the schools who have registered to attend our remembrance-themed Workshop Day at the Battle of Britain Bunker on Wednesday 4th November.

All spaces are now filled and we look forward to welcoming you all to what promises to be a memorable and meaningful day of creativity, learning and reflection in a fantastic historical location.

More information about the day will be sent to participating schools.



CARERS TRUST

Hillingdon & Ealing

Did you know that there could be two or three young carers in every classroom? Young carers are children and young people who help care for a family member who may be ill, disabled, experiencing mental health difficulties, have SEND, or be affected by substance misuse. Many young carers remain hidden, often balancing significant responsibilities at home alongside their education and social lives.

While not all service children are young carers, some may take on caring responsibilities during periods of parental deployment, injury, illness, recovery from service-related conditions, or when supporting a sibling or other family member. These additional responsibilities can impact attendance, wellbeing, social opportunities and educational outcomes, making early identification and support particularly important.

Carers Trust Hillingdon and Ealing works closely with schools to help identify and support young carers, ensuring they have access to the help they need to thrive both in and out of school. The charity offers staff training, parent coffee mornings, one-to-one and group support sessions for young carers, transition support, and guidance for schools working towards the Young Carers in Schools Award. Their experienced team understands the challenges young carers face and provides ongoing support to school staff and families.

The charity is keen to develop partnerships with more schools across the borough and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how they can support your pupils and staff, including identifying and supporting young carers within service families.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Amanda Hampton, Schools Outreach Manager at Carers Trust Hillingdon and Ealing.

a.hampton@carerstrusthillington.org

Service Children's Community Choir

Are you interested in or do you know anyone who might be interested in setting up a Service Children's Community Choir?

Founder Angela Campbell (North Yorkshire's Service Children's Champion) is continuing to grow the choir's network.

The Service Children's Community Choir is more than just a choir. It is a community where children from Armed Forces families can connect, belong and thrive through music. They understand the unique experiences of Service life, from frequent moves and school changes to periods of separation from loved ones. Through weekly rehearsals, performances and special projects, they provide a supportive environment where young people can build friendships, grow in confidence, develop musical skills and create lasting memories. What began as a small choir in Catterick Garrison has grown into an award-winning organisation that gives Service children a voice, celebrates their achievements and showcases the strength, resilience and talent of military-connected young people across the UK.

There is now a second group in Gosport, Hampshire and Angela is hoping to expand the choir's impact further.

You can contact us or Angela directly to express your interest.
angela.campbell@northyorks.gov.uk

Welcome To Service Children's Community Choir

Our weekly choir sessions are led by specialist music teachers who understand both the needs of developing young singers and the unique experiences of military children. Each session is structured, supportive, and designed to help every child...

 [servicechildrenscommunitychoir.co.uk](https://twitter.com/servicechildrenscommunitychoir.co.uk)



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