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# SEND and Inclusion Newsletter

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# Inclusion Network for Education

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Thank you to those of you attended the summer Inclusion Network. It was a jam-packed, informative day including talks about the **CAAS** transition project, **PINS2** updates and transition at **William Byrd Primary School**.

## Next year's networks will be on:

Tuesday 3 November 2026

Tuesday 9 March 2027

Tuesday 8 June 2027



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## Learning Disability Week

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15 - 21 June 2026 marks **Learning Disability** week. This year's theme is "Do you see me?" which is all about people with a learning disability being seen, heard and valued. To celebrate the voices of children with learning differences, students at **Harlyn Primary School** shared their views about their 'superpowers'.

### How I feel about my superpower:

**Lili:** I feel different.

**Jaimin:** Like I can express myself with it.

**Amelie:** 😊 (happy)



### I am proud of myself because:

**Lili:** I completed SATs.

**Jaimin:** I have gotten on despite issues I have.

**Amelie:** I can open up about my autism.



### What I would like my teachers to know about me:

**Lili:** I am a really picky eater. (and I mean picky)

**Jaimin:** I don't like being last outside of my bubble.

**Amelie:** I struggle to do some pieces of work.

Find out more about Learning Disability Week here: [Mencap](#).

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# No Pens Day

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Speech and Language UK's **No Pens Day** is a national initiative that encourages schools to put down pens and pencils and focus on alternative ways of learning and communicating. The day is designed to highlight the importance of communication skills, by creating opportunities for discussion, listening, and interaction.

Speech, language and communication is also at the heart of **oracy**. By investing in these skills early and consistently, schools can help improve long-term outcomes for children and young people - equipping them not just for the classroom, but for life beyond education.

## HILLSIDE JUNIORS

The school used the day to focus on communication-rich learning, alongside introducing British Sign Language. Pupils took part in activities including debates, "Just a Minute" challenges, conscience alley and problem-solving discussions. Pupils were highly articulate and enthusiastic, with many quieter children showing increased confidence.

## LADY BANKES PRIMARY

Pupils enjoyed a variety of hands-on, talk-rich experiences. Year 4 baked, Year 5 explored Anglo-Saxon crime and punishment through role play, and Year 6 took part in a photography lesson focusing on perspective. Across the school, there was a strong emphasis on collaboration and discussion, with children actively sharing ideas.

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## Speech and Language Network 2026 – 2027

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A huge thank you to everyone who engaged with and contributed to the SLCN Network this year. The collaboration, shared practice and commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs across Hillingdon has been fantastic to see.

The network continues to grow through shared ideas, reflection and collaboration, helping us shape how we make a difference together across the borough.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

Friday 2 October 2026 – 9.30am-12 noon

Tuesday 12 January 2026 – 9.30am - 12 noon

Thursday 9 April 2027 – 9.30am - 12 noon



***Sign up here to join  
the network:***

**[Network Sign Up](#)**

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# New Annual Review Paperwork

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## We have refreshed our annual review paperwork!

Following a number of co-production workshops with settings, professionals and young people and trial sessions in select settings, our new annual review paperwork is ready! This will be **mandatory to use from September** but is available to start using now if you wish.

The new paperwork includes:

- a SENCO guide
- a parent guide
- a young people's guide (easy read version with symbols is also available).

Parent and young people's guides should be shared with the pre-review paperwork to allow parents and young people to prepare ahead of time. It also includes a wider range of views forms to help us capture the voices of our children and young people more effectively.

Paperwork is available on LEAP and using the below link and we look forward to seeing it in use in September: [New Annual Review Paperwork](#)

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## Meet the EHCP Team

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Hillingdon EHCP Team welcome nurseries, schools and colleges for an opportunity to meet Education Health Care Co-Ordinators, Senior Education Health Care Co-Ordinators, and SEND Team Managers face-to-face and discuss any cases. We look forward to meeting you then!

**Location:** Civic Centre, Uxbridge

**Time:** 9:30 – 12.00

**Dates and Times:**

Thursday 2 July 2026

Tuesday 6 October 2026

Tuesday 24 November 2026

Tuesday 13 January 2027



# Speech and Language Therapy

## RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: LANGUAGE FOR THINKING

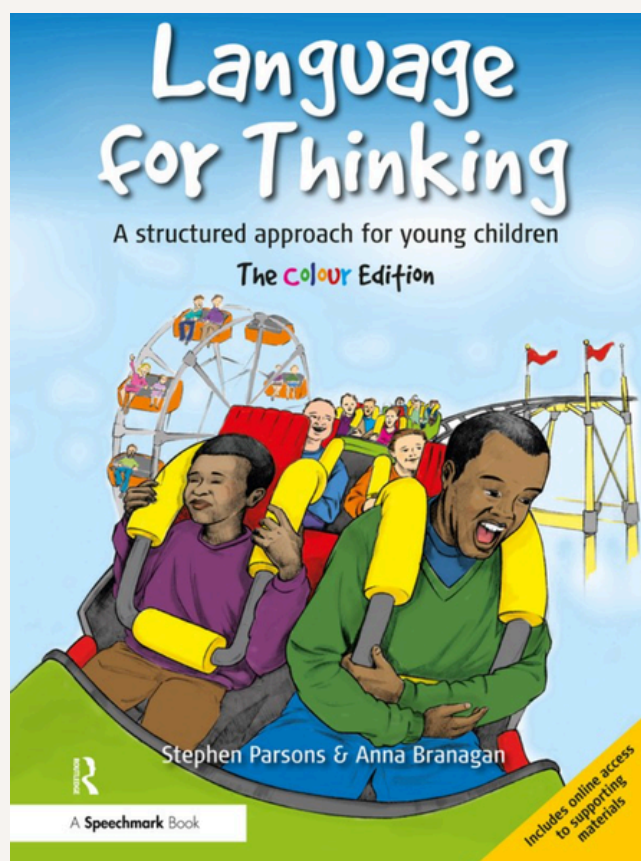
Many Hillingdon schools successfully use **Language for Thinking** with children in Year 2 and above, who may not meet the criteria for Speech and Language Therapy. The resource supports both spoken comprehension and reading comprehension and is easy to use. The book costs £45-£50 and is photocopiable.

Click on the links below for further information.

[Language for Thinking handout](#)

[Language for Thinking - How to \(video\)](#)

[Language for Thinking strategies \(video\)](#)



## Physiotherapy Gross Motor Groups

We're excited to introduce Gross Motor Groups in schools from September 2026. These groups provide an early, school-based intervention for pupils with gross motor delays, before referral to our service, offering structured support in a familiar environment.

Co-produced with schools across the borough, the programme is practical, inclusive and easy to deliver. All resources will be provided from September to support implementation.

We look forward to the positive impact this programme will have in your schools.



# Educational Psychology Service

If you have used the Educational Psychology Traded Service this year, please take a few minutes to complete our **evaluation form** accessed via the QR Code (right). Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve and develop the service. Thank you for your support.

Educational Psychology Traded  
Service Evaluation 2025-2026



Schools can sign up for support through the Educational Psychology Service Traded Offer by completing the purchase form, which can be accessed via the QR code on the right.

Traded Offer Purchase Form 2026-  
2027



Full details of our 2026/27 offer can be found here:

- [Hillingdon EPS Traded Offer 2026/27](#)
- [Training and Intervention Offer 2026/27](#)

## Hillingdon Parent Carer Forum



Hillingdon Parent Carers Forum exist to represent the families of SEND children in Hillingdon.

We can help signpost families to the support they need while offering support from our own lived experiences.

We also sit on many strategic meetings with the local authority and use the parent carer's voice to guide or feedback.

We are always hoping to find more ways to engage with more families to capture a fuller picture of the lives of SEND families in Hillingdon.

### SEND family drop-ins

Term time only

**South Ruislip  
Children  
Centre**  
1:00PM - 2:00PM  
7th July



**Colham Manor  
Children  
Centre**  
10:00AM - 11:00AM  
17th June  
23rd July



Hillingdon PCF

### In person visits to your schools and settings.



We can attend or facilitate coffee mornings within your school, setting or community.

We also have a workshop for families around OAP and what they means for their children.



**Please contact us for more details.**



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