



Marshland SEND NEWSLETTER

Date: 24/9/25

Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We are hoping that you and your children have had a good start to the term and that they have now settled into the routine. We understand that the start of term can be a tricky time for some, and that they can need more or adjusted support during transition times and as they grow older. If you have any concerns around how your child is doing, or would like to discuss their support plan, please get in touch. We want this new year to be a positive experience for all our students and want to work with you to make sure we do everything we can to make this possible.

SENCO meetings and drop-in slots

We introduced this idea last year and are going to continue it this year. There will be regular drop-in slots each week for you to pop in and talk through any concerns or questions you might have. **These will take place every Monday, starting next week on Monday 29th September between 9.30 - 11.00am.** There will also be the additional option of a second slot most Mondays after school, at 3.15-5.00pm (please note some Mondays after school may not be available due to staff training/meetings. There will be no afternoon slots on Monday 29th).

Just send an email to senco@marshlandhigh.co.uk to book a slot.

If you need a follow-up meeting or are unable to make our Monday slots, we will look to book this with you as soon as possible.

SEND Coffee mornings

We are looking to run several SEND coffee mornings, providing opportunities to meet with other parents, talk about how your child is doing and discuss any concerns - and have a cup of tea or coffee too! Our first coffee morning will be for year 7, and then the rest will be open to other year groups as well. Reminders and invites will be sent out closer to the time, but please see a list of the proposed dates for this year below.

Thursday 23 October Year 7 Coffee Morning - 9.30-11.00am

Thursday 11 December - 9.30-11.00am

Thursday 12 February 9.30-11.00am

Thursday 21 May 9.30-11.00am

Thursday 16 July 9.30-11.00am

Parent Workshops

We are also running several workshops this year through the Schools and Community team, with the first one running on Thursday 25 September. These are free and all are welcome to attend. Each workshop will run from **4.30-6.00pm in the main school hall**. Please see the dates below

Thursday 25 September - Sleep Support Workshop - this workshop is designed to offer advice, strategies and resources around supporting young people with getting to sleep and staying asleep.


Thursday 9 October - Understanding your child's behaviour - supporting you with understanding the reasons behind children's behaviour along with support and advice for managing this.

Thursday 21 January 2026 - Neurodevelopment Workshop part 1 - support around Autism and ADHD. This is a two part course, running over two sessions.

Thursday 29 January 2026 - Neurodevelopment Workshop part 2 - part 2 of the course around supporting and understanding Autism and ADHD

Our SEND team - put a face to the name!

					
Nicki Maddison SEN Governor	Mr S Cozens Chair of Governors	Mr C Jansen Headteacher	Mr O Mackett Deputy Headteacher	Mrs S Pettifar Trust Assistant SENCo	Ms R Bazeley-Smith Trust SENCo

				
Mrs K Boltwood APSA	Mrs M Calvert APSA	Mrs L Compton- Cook - APSA	Mrs C Fisher APSA	Miss E Forrest APSA
				
Mrs E Hanslip APSA	Miss C Hawkins APSA	Mrs L Mallett APSA	Miss A Maryon APSA	Miss S Miller APSA
				
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SEND Team Contacts

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Resources

Norfolk

[Norfolk SENDIASS](#) - Free and impartial information, advice, and support for the families of children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs in Norfolk.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/SEND> - This website is for anyone in the life of a child or young person aged 0-25 who has a special educational need and/or disability (SEND) in Norfolk, and is full of advice, resources and different services that are available.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs> - Supports parents and carers of children and young people from conception until they are 19-years-old in all sorts of ways. They can support families with young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, until they are 25-years-old.

Cambridgeshire

[Cambridgeshire Online | SEND Information, Advice and Support Service \(SENDIASS\)](#) - Free and impartial information, advice, and support for the families of children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs in Cambridgeshire.

[SEND Information Hub \(Local Offer\)](#) - For anyone in the life of a child or young person aged 0-25 who has a special educational need and/or disability (SEND) in Cambridgeshire, and is full of advice, resources and different services that are available.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/parenting-and-family-support/family-hubs> - Family Hubs is a national programme to help ensure that babies, children and families have the support they need, when it is needed

National

<https://www.kids.org.uk/sendias-home/> - Free and impartial information, advice, and support for the families of children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs.

<https://family-action.org.uk/our-work-impact/send/> - Family Action is one of the largest UK providers of SENDIAS services. These free and independent services are designed to help young people and families through the health, social care and education systems and help with getting the right support at the right time.

<https://adhduk.co.uk/> - ADHD UK is by people with ADHD for people with ADHD, full of information and advice, including the referral process, providers and waiting times.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance> - Set up to help autistic people in the UK and their families