



# STOUR VALLEY SEND BULLETIN



What the SEND support team have been up to over the last fortnight + useful information  
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- **Reading Interventions:** All rapid reader groups have been completing Progress Assessments and Mrs Johnston is very impressed with all their effort and progress.
- **Spelling and handwriting Intervention:** Miss Jones has started a new spelling intervention which will run over the next 6 weeks, Miss Rimmer has begun some handwriting and typing intervention for some who are struggling to write their notes or exams.
- **Support Staff training:** Many members of our team have completed several Autism specialists courses to help adapt our teaching and learning opportunities to be neurodivergent friendly. Miss Pearson has also begun her ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) training which she will be able to offer to our students at the end of the course!
- **Outdoor lessons in the summer:** Outdoor education sessions for different groups of students are being planned for the rest of the summer term to make use of the positive effect outdoor learning has on wellbeing and understanding.
- **SEND Conference:** The SEND Conference 2024 was part of the Schools and Academies Show at the Excel Centre, London. Hundreds of delegates listened to keynote speakers such as Dr Anita Devi and Gary Aubin discuss key issues in SEND. Miss Woods (Our SENDCo maternity cover) attended and was able to discuss the role of the SENDCo with other attendees, as well as hear about the future of SEND provision in schools and how to maximise the school experience for students.
- **Support for parents:** If you feel you need support being the parent of a child with additional needs, please be aware there are many support avenues for specific and general support in Suffolk and Essex. A few of these are:
  - [Support for parent carers - Suffolk SEND Local Offer \(suffolklocaloffer.org.uk\)](https://suffolklocaloffer.org.uk)
  - [Home - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
  - [PACT | Parents And Carers Together | About](#)
- [The MAZE Group | SEND Parenting Support Group in Essex \(Essex only\)](#)
- **Support for parents going through the EHC needs assessment process:** Going through the needs assessment process can be daunting, confusing and frustrating with all the paperwork and wait times. If you and your child are currently undergoing this process with the school, or considering applying for needs assessment- please check out the useful parent's guide attached to the bulletin email that breaks it down step by step

