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SEND newsletter.**

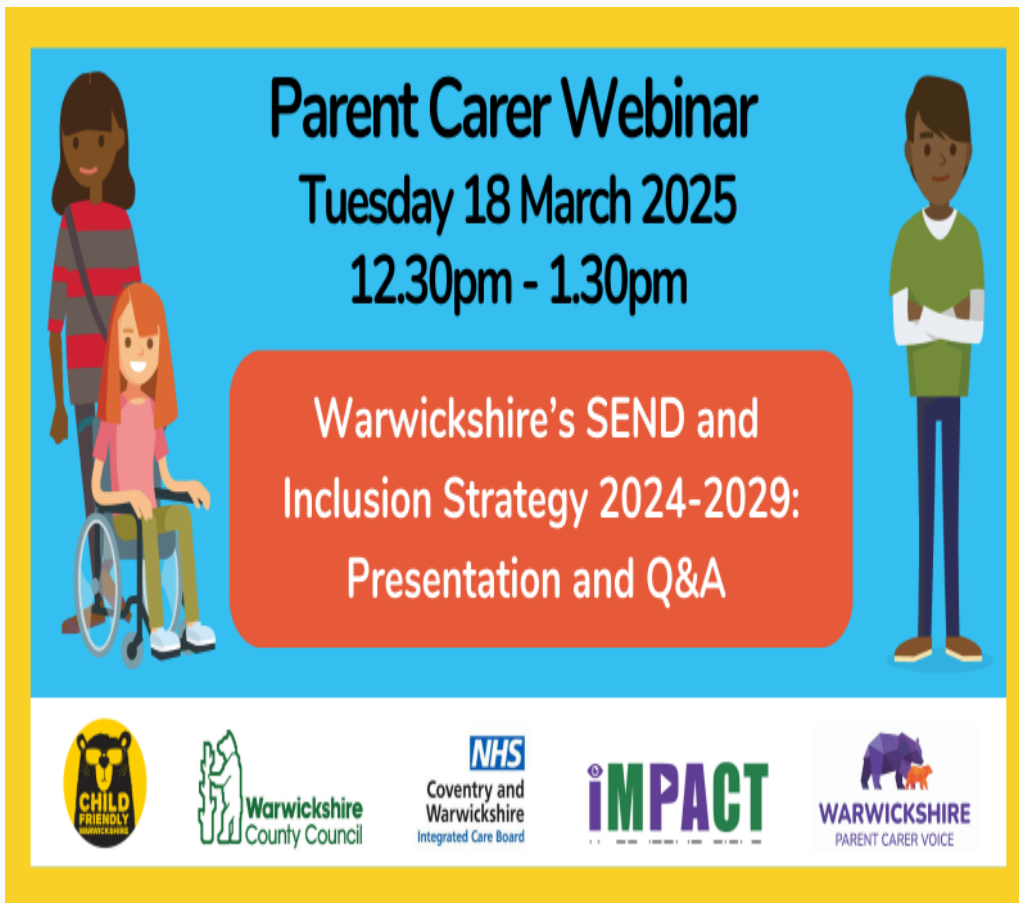
**This newsletter brings you news and information on special
educational needs and disability (SEND) in Warwickshire.**

This month's SEND newsletter includes:

- Special webinar to launch the Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029
- Parent Carer Voice: SEND Coffee and Chat for parent carers
- Bookings now open for Easter HAF programme
- SENDIAS: Free SEND consultations available for parents and carers
- Explore Market Hall Museum with sensory backpacks
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025
- Free Act for Autism webinar
- Share your experiences of SEND

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**To stay up-to-date with all the latest news and developments on
SEND in Warwickshire, follow the [SEND Local offer Facebook page
here.](#)**



Special webinar to launch the Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029

The new [Warwickshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029](#) has been published and is now live on the County Council website.

This comprehensive five-year plan aims to address the key challenges in services for children and young people with SEND.

The strategy has been shaped through the collaborative efforts of the Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Partnership Board, drawing on a wide range of expertise and experiences. Significant engagement with key stakeholders has ensured that the voices of those who use and deliver SEND services have been central to its creation.

Parents, carers, and others with an interest in SEND, are invited to sign up to a special webinar on **Tuesday 18 March, from 12.30pm to 1.30pm**, to learn more. The first part of the webinar will consist of a presentation outlining the main aims and six priorities included within the strategy and the actions identified to deliver these over the next five years. This will be followed by a live Q&A, providing an opportunity for attendees to ask questions about the strategy.

To sign up to the webinar please [complete this short form](#).

For those unable to attend on the day, the presentation element of the session will be recorded and made available after the event on [Warwickshire's Local Offer pages](#).

[Sign up to the SEND and Inclusion Strategy webinar](#)

[Read more about the SEND Strategy here](#)



SEND Coffee and Chat for parent carers

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice are holding a number of drop-in sessions over the next few weeks for parent carers to attend.

It's a great opportunity for you to meet with members of the group and share your feedback. You don't need to book and you don't have to stay for the whole

session.

Thursday 20 March, 9.30am - 11.30pm at Westgate Children's Centre,
Bowling Green Street, Warwick, CV34 4DD

Thursday 27 March, 11am - 1pm at Nuneaton Library, Church Street,
Nuneaton, CV11 4DR

Friday 4 April, 10.30am - 12.30pm at Stratford Children's Centre, Drayton
Avenue, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9PB

Thursday 10 April, 10am - 12pm - online - please contact WPCV for the link
(see email below)

Friday 11 April, 11am - 1pm at Atherstone Library, Long Street, Atherstone,
CV9 1AX

If you have any questions or would like any further information please
email hannah@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org

Find out more about Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice



Bookings now open for the Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Eligible families across Warwickshire can now book Easter holiday activities offered through the HAF Programme.

Please contact the HAF providers directly to book a place.

Visit the [HAF Spring Activities webpage](#) to view frequently asked questions including HAF codes, activity listings and booking queries.

[View the HAF Spring activities here](#)



Warwickshire **SENDIAS** SERVICE

Free SEND consultations available for parents and carers

Do you need to speak to a SEND advisor?

Warwickshire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS) offers free impartial and confidential advice to young people aged 16-25 and parents/carers of children living with SEND across the county.

If you are looking for advice, you can now book an appointment to meet with a SEND advisor for a free 45-minute consultation. Appointment dates and times will be released at the start of each month.

You can choose your preferred way to book. Either visit the [SENDIAS Eventbrite page](#) or complete a [Consultation Request Form](#). Alternatively, you can get in touch with SENDIAS to request a call back by phoning **01788 593159** or emailing warwickshiresendias@barnardos.org.uk

You can also [follow Warwickshire SENDIAS on Facebook](#) for regular updates and events.

Visit the SENDIAS website for more information



Explore Market Hall Museum with sensory backpacks

Did you know that Market Hall Museum in Warwick has sensory backpacks for children and young people to use when visiting the Museum?

The backpacks include a story book, animal popper and sensory toys to play with whilst you look around the Museum and enjoy the exhibition which includes, the Museum Bear, Oisin, a Giant Irish Deer skeleton, an observation beehive, cared for by local beekeepers (on occasion the beehive is taken off display for bee-care), a real Warwickshire dinosaur from Cross Hands Quarry and much more.

So, if you're looking for something to do at the weekend or over the Easter holidays, why not pop along and enjoy the fun!

[Find out more about Market Hall Museum](#)



Free online events for families to mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025

Neurodiversity Celebration Week (NCW) 2025 is just around the corner, taking place from March 17th to 23rd.

Founded in 2018, NCW is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported. The week is an opportunity for schools, universities, organisations, and individuals to celebrate the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent and the strengths of a neurodiverse community.

Local events for NCW 2025

To celebrate NCW 2025, Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice (WPCV) will be hosting a series of webinars covering topics, including:

- Regulating emotions
- Being a neuroaffirming parent
- Creating a holistic needs-led profile

To book onto one of these events, please visit the [WPCV Eventbrite page](#).

[Register for Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice events](#)

National events for NCW 2025

The NCW 2025 national events schedule is packed with engaging panel discussions, inspirational speakers, and interactive sessions, all aimed at educating and inspiring conversations about neurodiversity.

Here are some highlights:

- **Parents and carers: Supporting children through times of transition**
- **Neurodiversity and nutrition: Food for thought**
- **Neurodiversity and mental health: Acquired Neurodivergence**
- **Perspective of young people on neurodiversity**

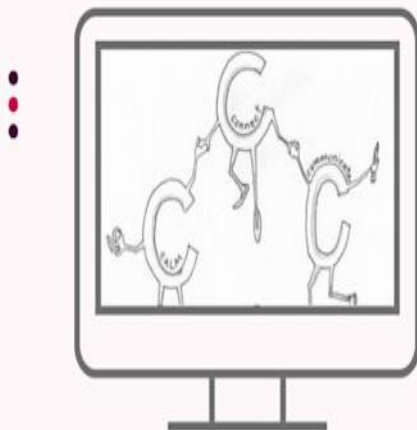
All events are free and open to everyone. Recordings will be available post-event to ensure accessibility for all. Don't miss this opportunity to join thousands in celebrating neurodiversity!

Register for Neurodiversity Celebration Week events

WEBINAR 

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autism**

HOSTED BY:



Discover the Most Effective Way to Connect with your Autistic Child

Discover the 3C Pathway—a powerful guide designed to support your child's self-awareness and self-advocacy

FREE TO ATTEND

24th March 2025

8-9 GMT



www.actforautism.co.uk



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Free Act for Autism webinar

The most effective way to connect with your autistic child
Monday 24 March, 8pm - 9pm

Tools for building more positive connections with your child and for your child using the 3C Pathway.

- ☆ Do you want to understand and connect with your child better?
- ☆ Do you want to understand why your child is so often confused and overwhelmed?
- ☆ Do you want to know what your child is feeling so you can meet their needs?
- ☆ Do you want your child to feel they are connecting with you and others?

[Find out more and register here](#)

About Act for Autism

Act for Autism is a social enterprise that provides unique insights about autism via specialist workshops and coaching for parents, carers and teachers, autistic children and young adults. Find out more at actforautism.co.uk/

Live Feedback Form for SEND



Progress starts with **listening**,
which aids **understanding** and
enables **better solutions**.



Share your experiences here...

Did you know that you can share your experiences of SEND services in Warwickshire at any time by using our live feedback form?

We want you to tell us about what works well to ensure this is not lost, as well as what needs to improve. What you tell us will be anonymous.

Listening to and understanding your experiences of SEND services is very important, so that we can work together to create better services.

To provide feedback click on the link below.

[Share your feedback on SEND services here](#)

Stay up to date with SEND information through our [Local Offer webpages](#) and [Local Offer Facebook page](#).

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