



SEN Newsletter September 2025

Message from the Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCo)

Welcome back to a new year at Brierley – I hope everyone had a lovely break. For parents who are unfamiliar with who I am, my name is Mrs Cunningham. I have been SENCo at Brierley for a few years now, however this is the first newsletter created for parents.

Having considered the responses from the Summer Term parent SEN survey, I will be sending out a newsletters with the aim of updating parents on key SEN information in addition to signposting for support within our local community.

I hope you find this newsletter helpful.

Warmest Regards,
Mrs Cunningham
hcunningham@brierley.cheshire.sch.uk



SEN at Brierley

Brierley follows the Graduated Approach as outlined in the SEN Code of Practice (2015), to support children with identified Special Educational Needs (SEN). The stages of the Graduated Approach are as follows:

Assess: The class teacher, working with the SENCo, discusses the child's needs and creates a baseline assessment by which progress will be measured.

Plan: A plan of additional support is drawn up for a child via a SEN support plan (SSP). The SSP will detail the targets and provision in place to support the child with SEN. Parents are invited to give their views on how best to support and work with their child.

Do : The child is given extra support, undertaken under the supervision of the class teacher. Any intervention or additional support is documented on the SSP and will be reviewed at the end of each cycle.

Review : At the end of each assessment cycle, the class teacher will review the progress and targets on the child's SSP. These are shared with parents and parents are invited to give feedback.

For more information regarding SEN, please visit our school website:

<https://www.brierley.cheshire.sch.uk/page/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send/119923>

Parent Views

For children who are on the SEN register only

All about me by my parent(s) / carer(s)		
What can they do well?	What do they need help with?	How to support, communicate and work well with them?
What is working well for them?		What is not working well for them?

All about me by my parent(s) / carer(s)		
What do they like and what makes them happy?	What's important for them now?	What are our aspirations for them in the future?

Your child will come home with this document for you to fill in. This is part of their SEN support plan and helps school consider parental viewpoints. After all, as parents, you are the people who know your child best!

Class teachers will be sending this document home this week. Please fill this and return to the class teacher no later than **Friday 12th September 2025**.

SEND Drop ins at Family Hubs

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) hold regular drop-in sessions at Family Hubs to support parents with a variety of SEND related concerns, for example: toileting, sleep, behaviour and development.

Please see the **September** dates below:

Tues 2nd September 10-11.30am Nantwich Children's centre (appts only)
Tues 9th September 1.30-2.30pm Oakenclough Family hub (Little Stars) (drop in)
Fri 12th September 9-11am Congleton Family hub (drop in)
Mon 15th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)
Wed 17th September 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)
Thurs 18th September 9.30-11.30am Monks Coppenhall SEND hub (appts only)

For further information on venues or for the full list of dates for the Autumn term, please visit our website and look at the SEN document titled 'SEND Practitioner Drop In Dates 0-19 Service Autumn 2025'

https://www.brierley.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/39295274

The SEND Local Offer – LIVE!

Cheshire East's SEND Local Offer live events offer a welcoming, face-to-face space for parents and carers to seek initial advice and signposting. The events include a range of services and practitioners from across the SEND landscape and who make up the SEND Local Offer for Cheshire East. These events are free to attend, and no booking is required.

Dates for 2025 /2026

Thursday 25th September 2025 - 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Underwood West Academy
Newcastle Street
Crewe
CW1 3LF

Thursday 27th November 2025 - 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Nantwich Primary Academy
Manor Road
Nantwich
CW5 5LX

Thursday 7th May 2026 - 10.00am to 12.00pm

Monks Coppenhall Family Hub
Remer Street
Crewe
CW1 4LY

Upcoming Events in the Local Area

RELAX, PLAY, LEARN & PERFORM AT

The HANGOUT

£2 **Have fun making & mixing music!**
including refreshments

For children aged 5-11 years with learning & physical disabilities

On the 2nd Thursday of every month
4pm-6pm (Term time only)

Wishing Well, Jubilee House,
St. Paul's Street,
Crewe, CW1 2QA

Cheshire East Council

To book your place and for more information please contact Wishing Well:
01270 256919 or laura.lightfoot@wishingwellproject.net

The young person(s) attending must be accompanied by a caregiver, however, you can relax with a hot drink because the club is run by fully trained and DBS cleared staff and volunteers.

The Hangout is a fun interactive session where children with additional needs can play games, create artwork and enjoy mixing music. Each session is developed to meet the individual needs of each child. It is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month (term time only). Booking is not essential but will guarantee a place.

Whilst children partake in the activity caregivers may have an opportunity to take a short break, which will include a hot drink.

Siblings are also welcome to join in.

Upcoming Events in the Local Area

A vibrant yellow and orange poster for 'Be Creative!'. The title 'Be Creative!' is written in large, stylized green and blue letters with handprints. Surrounding the title are various icons representing different activities: a basketball, a calculator, a computer monitor, a pen, a mask, a violin, a soccer ball, a trumpet, a paint palette, a guitar, a hand juggling, and laboratory flasks. At the top left is the 'wishing well' logo with the tagline 'a healthy living project'. At the top right is the 'Cheshire East Council' logo. The text on the poster reads: 'Come and join us for a fun activity where you can make friends whilst trying something new!'. Below the title, it says 'For children aged 5-11 years with learning and physical disabilities'. The event details are 'On the 4th Thursday of every month 4pm-6pm (Term time only)'. The location is 'Wishing Well, Jubilee House, St. Paul's Street, Crewe, CW1 2QA'. Two red boxes with white text indicate '£2 including refreshments'. At the bottom, it says 'To book your place and for more information please contact Wishing Well: 01270 256919 or laura.lightfoot@wishingwellproject.net'. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states 'The young person(s) attending must be accompanied by a caregiver, however, you can relax with a hot drink because the club is run by fully trained and DBS cleared staff and volunteers.'

Be Creative is a fun activity session where children can take part in a variety of activities, including art, music, cookery and gardening. Each session is unique and allows children to try something new.

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Autism Networks Resource Centre

Its time to wake up to Autism

Get in touch today!

Tel: 01270335033

**Email: admin@autismnetworks.org.uk
[facebook.com/autismnetworks/](https://www.facebook.com/autismnetworks/)**

www.autismnetworks.org.uk

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Monday and Thursday evenings 18:00 - 21:00 we have our social evenings and everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is £1 (carers free) and there is a tuck-shop where the service users can purchase snacks.

Some of our service users require support when using money and our tuck shop staff will encourage people to take their time so to build up their confidence for when they are out in the community.

Friday evening we look forward to our disco evening and we focus on the social aspect of a party atmosphere. It is nothing like a traditional disco, it is controlled and sympathetic to our service user's needs.

Tuesday morning is where anyone can drop in for a chat and collect information about our services or about the condition.

SENSORYROOMS

The new sensory rooms are open for booking and we can book any times to suit your group. We are closed Monday day time but any other day we can arrange your booking. If you need any information regarding bookings please phone 01270 580444 or you can email bookings@autismnetworks.org.uk