

## Newsletter January 2025



Welcome to our newsletter, we hope you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page so please do give us a [Like](#).

You can access FREE and impartial advice from us on any aspect of SEN/disability in relation to education, health and social care for children and young people 0-25 years – just contact us with your questions.

Please note that if we are not able to answer your call please do leave a voice message with your name, contact number and post code and a member of the team will get in touch with you as soon as possible within 3 working days.



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### Walsall SENDIASS New Website:

Walsall SENDIASS have a new and improved website, scan the QR code to view.



[family-action.org.uk](https://family-action.org.uk)



We would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated the toys, to all of the providers that volunteered at the event and also to all our service users who came along and attended the event we are very grateful and hope you had a lovely time!



## Update on our service:

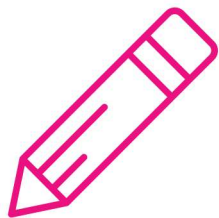


Sadly Claire will be leaving us on the 9th of January, we are grateful for the hard work she has put into the service and the compassion that she has shown our service users. Claire will be greatly missed and we wish her luck on her next chapter!

As a result of this we will be running on a smaller team and we would really appreciate your patience during this time.







## Our Workshops

At Walsall SENDIAS we will be running parent carer workshops every month where you can learn more about how children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities (SEND) can be supported.

Please join us and improve your knowledge of the law around SEND so you feel more confident in discussions and understanding decisions.

## Our upcoming session:

Making an EHC Needs Assessment Request

🕒 Wednesday the 14 January  
11 am–12:30pm

📍 Manor Farm Community Centre,  
Rushall, WS41EU (Room 3)

You can book a place via Eventbrite.  
If you would like to attend scan below:



## Our Drop-in Sessions

Do you have any questions or want to speak to us face to face? Come along to our next drop in session ...

🕒 Tuesday 6 January  
6pm–7pm

📍 Virtual on Teams

## Walsall SENDIASS Feedback

At Walsall SENDIAS we would love to hear your feedback on our service.

Please scan the QR code below to access our survey.



# February Half Term Activities



## The New Walsall Art Gallery Arts and Craft Activities:

### Galloping Horses

**Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 February**

Horse half-term fun with galloping horses and ponies.

This is a free event all ages welcome.

 Drop-in from 10am – 4pm.

### Power Ponies & Fire Horses

**Wednesday the 18 February**

Celebrate the year of the Fire Horse with your own fiery filly made of recycled materials.

This is a free event, ages 4+.

 Drop-in from 11am–3pm.

### The Walsall Light Cinema

The Light cinema offers 'relaxed screening' viewings which are designed for people with sensory sensitivity.

For further information on this and to view showings please [click here!](#)



### February Half Term Short breaks

Short breaks allows families of children and young people with SEND to take a break in their caring responsibilities while encouraging independence and promoting new experiences and friendships for their children.

Short breaks will be going live early in January 2026, please complete and return the expression of interest booklet by 12 noon 9 January for the February half term Short Break offer.

If you are not sure about whether your child or young person is eligible to access short breaks or would like further information then please [click here!](#)

### Sassy Sensory



Sassy Sensory offer sensory play sessions as well as inclusive swim and sports sessions these sessions are tailored for children with special educational needs and disabilities, offering an inclusive and enjoyable experience for the whole family.

If you would like to join any of these sessions or learn more then you can contact Sassy Sensory via email.



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## Positive Outcomes Project (POP)

POP is a health and wellbeing service aimed at supporting young people aged 15–25 at various aspects of life.

POP ups are free drop-in sessions for young people to improve their wellbeing, please see their two new POP up sessions below

Wednesdays 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
Focus: Loneliness, isolation, social skills, and more.

📍 4 Blakenall Heath, Bloxwich,  
Walsall WS3 1HL

Fridays 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Focus: Education, employment, and more.

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No need to book, just drop in!

To view their website and full timetable  
[click here!](#)

## Nova Training Willenhall SEND Open day

Walsall SENDIASS will be in attendance, please see poster below for further information on what the event entails.

**NOVA TRAINING**  
stand out from the CROWD

### Willenhall SEND

(Special educational needs and disability)

*Open Day*

**EMPOWERING Every LEARNER**

**FRIDAY, 23RD JAN 2026**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Join us for a welcoming drop-in breakfast session for referral partners, prospective parents and children as they prepare for their next steps.

**MEET OUR FRIENDLY TEAM, ENJOY BREAKFAST, ASK QUESTIONS AND DISCOVER HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOUR JOURNEY.**

**TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT**

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**NOVA TRAINING - 3 LOWER LICHFIELD STREET, WILLENHALL, WV13 1PX**



### Supported Waiting Parent Network

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?  
Come and join us for support while you wait to be seen.

Forthcoming dates for 2026

January 28th  
February 25th  
March 25th  
April 29th  
May 27th  
June 24th  
July 29th  
August 26th  
September 30th  
October 28th  
November 25th

For further advice or information,  
telephone **01922 656463** or  
email [pals.officer@nhs.net](mailto:pals.officer@nhs.net)



🕒 9.30am-11.30am

📍 Manor Farm Community Association  
King George Crescent, Rushall, Walsall, WS4 1EU

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## The Walsall Local Offer

The Local Offer website has recently been updated. The Local Offer provides information about help available for children and young people (aged 0–25) with special educational needs and disabilities in Walsall.

Take a look at the Local Offer by scanning the QR code:



## Our Drop-in sessions from January - April 2026

Do you have any questions about:

- What Walsall SENDIASS do?
- Education, Health and Care plans?
- The law on SEND?
- Mediation with the Local Authority?
- Appeals and Tribunals relating to SEND?
- Meetings with school?
- Where to get support?



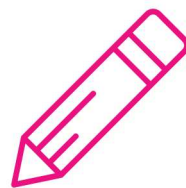
### Ask Walsall SENDIAS!

We are hosting monthly drop-in surgeries for parents, carers and young people. Please come along if you require free and impartial information or advice. For our full list of drop-in dates (up until July) please check our Facebook page.




Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 6 January 2026	6pm-7pm	Virtual (Teams)
Thursday 12 February 2026	10am-11am	North Family Hub, 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ
Tuesday 10 March 2026	1pm-2pm	South and Central Family Hub, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NF
Wednesday 15 April 2026	12pm-1pm	East Family Hub, Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA



# Our Workshops for the beginning of 2026



Please see below our workshops from January 2026 to April 2026. Please see our Facebook page for all of our workshop dates up until July 2026. If you would like to attend any of these sessions, please book a free space via the QR code.

Date	Time	Session	Venue	QR Code
Wednesday 14 January 2026	11am-12:30pm	Workshop 5 - How to make a request for a Parental lead EHCP	Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall, Walsall, WS41EU (Room 3)	
Tuesday 10 February 2026	10am-11:30am	<b>Workshop 6 -</b> Appealing school placement (Section I)	Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall, Walsall, WS41EU (Room 3)	
Thursday 12 March 2026	10am-11:30am	<b>Workshop 7 -</b> How to make a request for a parent lead EHCP	Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall, Walsall, WS41EU (Room 3)	
Monday 20 April 2026	10am-11:30am	<b>Workshop 8 -</b> How to approach a school meeting and any ongoing problems	Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall, Walsall, WS41EU (Room 3)	