

The Buzz

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Hello everyone, welcome to the second edition of the Buzz. Hopefully you are well-organised and on the countdown to Christmas and ready for a well-earned rest to spend time with family and friends. The SEND team at the Bolsover School would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We do hope everyone has a wonderful 2025!

It is with a sense of sadness that we will be saying farewell to the assistant SENDCO, Mrs Bell Pickersgill. She will be leaving at Christmas to take up a new position in the new year at the Derbyshire Virtual School.

Having joined the school in November 2021, in just over 3 years, Mrs Bell-Pickersgill has had a positive impact on the lives of so many of our students and their families. I am sure you join me in wishing her the very best of luck and thanking her for everything she has done for The Bolsover School and our young people.



The Bolsover School SEND information report and SEND policy contain information about how the school aims to support all young people with additional needs and ensure that their educational journey is not affected by any conditions they may have. For more information visit:

<https://www.thebolsoverschool.org/page/?title=SEND&pid=35>

SEN Register

The SEN register is a school record that lists students who have special educational needs (SEN). The register helps us ensure that students receive the right support that may be additional to or different from other children who are not on the register.

Often, a child may be put on the SEN register in primary school if they have a need that requires special educational provision. This could be due to a range of needs. However, a child with a diagnosis doesn't necessarily need to be on the SEN register if their needs can be met without additional provision. Children who are not on the SEN register receive learning support through the school's educational provision.

A child may be removed from the SEN register if they make progress in response to the school's special educational provision but remain on the "SEN aware" list, where they are checked on periodically.

If you feel that your child no longer needs to be on the full SEN register and may be better suited on the "SEN aware" list, please email Mr Topley for a discussion around next steps (r.topley@thebolsoverschool.org.uk)



DERBYSHIRE LOCAL OFFER

The Derbyshire local offer is a service which helps and supports children and young people with special educational needs to be more confident in their communities and live independently. For more information, visit: <https://www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk/home.aspx>

A spotlight on Dyspraxia:



Every Wednesday, we have our homework club, where the children can come along and be supported in the completion of their homework with teaching assistants offering support and guidance.

Every Thursday, we also have our board games and lego club which is a fantastically fun and well-attended session. For further details, please contact Mr Topley or see the co-curriculum booklet.

If over the festive period, if you find that your child has gained any extra board games and Lego sets meaning others have become redundant, they will be gratefully received in the hive.

AND Finally...

After Christmas, we will be looking to renovate the school allotment area to create a sensory garden for our children with additional needs. If you have any unwanted gardening equipment, seeds, cuttings etc. or are even able to loan a rotavator, please email Mr Topley (r.topley@thebolsoverschool.org.uk).