



SEND Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Alongside being Head of School and Acorn Class teacher, I am SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) for Heptonstall Junior and Infant School.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's educational needs please speak to their class teacher in the first instance or make an appointment at the school office to speak with them and/or myself.

Miss Dodd



Local SEND Activity Spotlight: Saturday Sports Zone 🏆

Looking for inclusive sports activities for your child?

Calderdale's Saturday Sports Zone offers weekly sports, games and sensory activities for children and young people aged 5–19 with special educational needs and disabilities. Led by trained coaches, the sessions provide opportunities to get active, develop confidence and enjoy activities alongside others in a welcoming environment.

📍 **Where:** St Jude's Church Hall, Free School Lane, Halifax, HX1 2XE

📅 **When:** Saturdays, 9 am–10:30 am

☎ **Contact:** 01422 392088

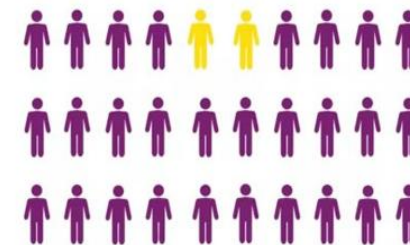
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At Heptonstall, we support DLD.
♥♥ DLD Awareness Day – Friday
16 October ♥♥

Did you know that Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects around 1 in 14 people? DLD can make it difficult to understand language, follow instructions or find the right words to express thoughts and feelings. As these difficulties are not always visible, it's important that we raise awareness and help every child feel understood and included. This year's theme is **"Together for DLD"**, reminding us that families, schools and communities can all make a difference. Together, we can help every child's voice be heard!

To find out more, visit <https://radld.org/>



DLD IS A HIDDEN DISABILITY THAT AFFECTS APPROXIMATELY TWO CHILDREN IN EVERY CLASSROOM, AFFECTING LITERACY, LEARNING, FRIENDSHIPS AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING.

Please click on the link below to find out more about the amount of support available to children, young people and their families with special educational needs and/or disabilities in Calderdale.

<https://calderdalelocaloffer.org.uk/>

