



HEARING IMPAIRMENT TEAM SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

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We hope all our wonderful families have enjoyed the Christmas holidays and wish you all the very best for 2025. Here are some of your achievements and reasons to celebrate...read on.

Best Wishes, Claire Edginton-Boutle Head of VI/Hi



Our Team

The Hearing Impairment Team in Rotherham consists of Teachers of the Deaf, specialist support workers, a deaf instructor and other agencies that are all involved in providing care for the children and young people within the borough.

Meet the team- Head of Service

My name is Claire Edginton-Boutle and I have worked for Rotherham for 3 years managing the Vision Impairment Team. I have also been acting as Hearing Impairment Team Manager since May 2024. During this time, I have had a steep learning curve, learning about all things HI and have had the pleasure of working with the HI team, the Resource bases and meeting a number of the children. I am also currently undertaking BSL level 1 qualification. A little bit about me; I live in Wakefield with my family (there's 7 of us when the older ones are back from uni!), I enjoy going out for walks with the family and I also enjoy Salsa dancing.

Contact Details

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For more information about the HI Team visit Rotherham SEND Local offer website

Edie, at Kiveton Park, made a whopping £200 on her craft stall in aid of The National Children's Deaf Society (NDCS) and still counting. Her mum's employer kindly matched the funds raised by Edie during the school's Christmas fayre. Well done Edie!

Peri children





Moose -loose about town.

Moose has been out and about all term. He recently visited Aston Hall with his human, Andrea Wilson, and to see his friends at Bramley Resource.

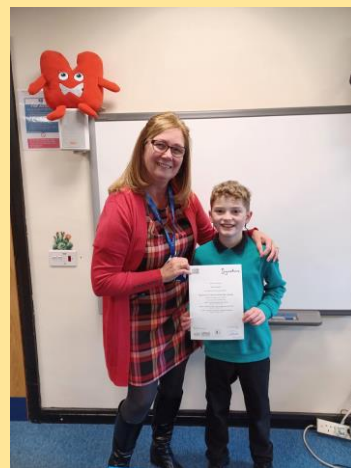


Here Moose was showing Finlay words to explain emotions. Look how much Moose has grown!



And they all posed for a team photo!

BSL



Well done Jacob on gaining BSL level 1.
Mrs Lawton was very proud of your determination and resilience.

Rotherham Deaf Connections

Rotherham Deaf Connections have enjoyed an amazing first term and have been busy, busy, busy. Please look at their calendar of events for the upcoming year and contact the team if you would like to join in their activities.



Event Dates for 2025

11th January -	New Year celebrations
8th February -	Trip- Skating or bowling
8th March -	Eid Celebrations
12th April -	Easter
10th May -	Springtime
7th June -	Summer party
12th July -	Summer Trip/ Seaside
8th August -	Hooton Lodge
13th September -	End of Summer party
11th October -	Heroes light party
8th November -	Remember in November
6th December -	Christmas Party

*All events subject to change if required.

Any suggestions for events are greatly received. Please email or pop them in our suggestions box at an event.

Email- rotherhamdc@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support, Team RDC xx

Bramley Resource



HI pupils at the Bramley HI primary resource base have been having lots of fun in their PUD sessions. (Personal Understanding of Deafness). They have been learning about 'how the ear works' in lots of exciting ways, using different things to represent the parts of the ear. They then used this to help them explain to each other.



Wickersley Resource

Sam Nadin, a Communication Support Worker has been teaching members of the Wickersley School staff some basic early signs. Sam reports:

"Since September I have been teaching an "Introduction to BSL" class to school staff at Wickersley. Staff have really enjoyed the lessons, with eight staff now continuing to do their BSL level 1 and exam. It's been great to see staff from all different departments of school learning about deafness and BSL, with many of them now using BSL with our hearing-impaired students.



Hafzah made a successful transition from Clifton to Wickersley School. She recently completed her GCSE mock exams. She has settled in well and has made a not so small group of friends!

We are always looking for feedback and ways in which our children and parents can play a part in developing and improving our service. If you or your child would like to be involved in working with the service in this way or have any good news stories to share, please get in touch by emailing hearingimpairmentteam@Rotherham.gov.uk