



Hello and welcome to your Link Community newsletter.

As we head towards the final half term of the school year, we've got plenty to share! Scroll down for our exciting announcement for nurseries – we can't wait to tell you more. You'll also find the final episode in our *Talkaway* podcast series, now available to listen, and **Link Live tickets are now available – and they're completely free!**

Read on for the latest speech, language and communication news, and what's new in The Link Community.

Best wishes, *The Link Community Team*

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## New for Link Community Members

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If you haven't already signed up to our free speech and language resource hub, now's the time. **To become a member just register below.**

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### Latest Podcast: Episode 6 - Teamwork and collaboration

Boost classroom communication with our specialist speech and language therapists, Alison and Juliet. In the last in the series of their **TalkAways Podcast**, Alison and Juliet discuss ways in which we support children to develop the skills required to work collaboratively.

Missed an episode? All past podcast episodes are available on The Link Community.

### NEW from The Link Live Speech & Language Day 2024

**Samantha Garner:** *SEMH and the links to language and communication difficulties.*

The main learning objectives for her session were:

1 To explore the link between language



difficulties, emotion and behaviour.

2 To identify what the three common issues underpinning mental health affects them.

3 Get tips and strategies on how to help.

Watch today



## The Ultimate Guide to SLCN: JUNE SPOTLIGHT

This essential guide was put together by our specialist speech and language therapists to help you support students with SLCN in the classroom.

Inside, you'll find everything from useful background info to practical tips for making your school a more communication friendly place. It's everything you need to feel more confident supporting speech and language needs day to day!

**This month's spotlight focus is the role of the speech and language therapist.**

## The Link magazine has landed in schools.

Look out for The Link Primary issue 32 and The Link Secondary issue 6 - in your school now!

There are great, practical articles in every magazine so sign up to our Link Community members area to view all the back issues.



View your digital copy

## Speech and Language News

Breakthrough research shows infants are mini supercomputers, analysing speech sounds and building language circuits from day one—science that may predict later cognitive and linguistic abilities.

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Growing evidence links excessive screen time in toddlers to speech delays—experts urge parents to replace silent screen exposure with real-life talking and play.

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Researchers report that children with developmental language disorders are significantly more likely to experience emotional problems, highlighting the need for holistic support.

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Experts champion 'parentese'—rich, sing-song baby talk—as a simple yet powerful tool to promote infants' attention and language acquisition.

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Practical strategies—from emotion labelling to visual timetables and speech therapy referrals—are essential to boost socialisation and communication in young children with SEND.

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A UK survey finds 77 % of primary teachers report children's pencil-holding and handwriting skills are declining—raising concerns for early literacy development.

[Read more →](#)

## More from Speech & Language Link

### Ben and Teddy are on their way!

Speech & Language Link has an exciting new package for nurseries – **Little Link**, available from October. Designed by speech and language therapists, Little Link helps Early Years providers to support the best possible speech, language and communication development for preschool children.



### Key Features:

- Story based, super child friendly, yet robust and objective **standardised language assessment**.
- Train your whole workforce with the comprehensive **Toolkit and Learning Log**.
- Universal language enrichment programme, so that **every child can benefit**.

LittleLink 

Find out more and book your free trial

The Speech & Language Link team is out and about!

## Events Calendar

**4th July** - nasen Live 2025, Birmingham

**8th July** - Central Bedford SEND and VS Conference, Bedford

Attending one of these events? Be sure to come and say hello!

## The Link CPD Speech and Language Course



### Module 1: Introduction to Speech and Language

Explore what 'speech', 'language' and 'communication' mean, how children develop these skills, and the impact of SLCN on learning. Learn how to create a communication-friendly classroom to support all pupils.

#### Course Details

**Duration:** 2 hours per week over 8–10 weeks

**Suitable for:** Staff working with primary-aged pupils (4–11 years)

**Start Date:** 8th October 2025

### Module 2: Language Intervention

Learn how to identify and support language difficulties in school, use effective classroom strategies, plan and deliver targeted interventions, and measure progress.

#### Course Details

**Duration:** 2 hours per week over 8–10 weeks

**Suitable for:** Staff working with primary-aged pupils (4–11 years)

**Start Date:** 23rd September 2025

[Find out more here](#)

## The Link Live Speech & Language Day 2025

**Thursday 27th November, online**

Free for Link Community members

***Tickets are live***

Your **FREE TICKET** access code is available on your Link Community homepage.



[Book your ticket](#)

**Join us on Facebook!**

Join our Speech and Language Facebook group — a supportive community of over 3,900 members dedicated to helping school staff support students with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN).

Whether you're looking to ask questions, share advice, or celebrate weekly wins, this is the place for passionate educators who want to make a difference.

The group is proudly managed by speech and language therapists from Speech & Language Link.



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