



**Hello and welcome to your August newsletter.**

While we hope your summer was wonderful, many school staff have likely been waiting anxiously for their learners' GCSE results.

Did you know that typically, just 15% of pupils with ongoing communication difficulties achieve five GCSE grades 4-9 compared to 57% of all young people? That's why it's so important that your pupils with SLCN get the support they deserve.

As you prepare to jump back into school life, why not explore our newsletter? We hope it provides inspiration for supporting your children with SLCN this coming year.

This newsletter features our latest blog on school readiness, new dates for The Link Speech & Language CPD modules, the latest UK and international SLCN news—PLUS 2 exciting announcements!

Best wishes, *The Link Community Team*

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## News from Speech & Language Link

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### NEW School Entry Assessment from Infant Language Link

**SCREEN LANGUAGE IN JUST 10 MINUTES?  
THAT'S CHILD'S PLAY.  
YOU SPOKE. WE LISTENED. THEN MADE  
ASSESSING FASTER.**

**NEW!** Introducing the NEW School Entry Assessment – a smarter, faster way to assess language understanding at school entry.

**What's changed?** After two years of development

- **Faster screening**  
We know that screening every child in Year R/P1 can be tough. Now, 2 out of 3 children complete the test in just 10 minutes.
- **Progress tracking made easy**  
You asked for more ways to assess progress. Our new second screener allows you to compare performance at the start and end of the year with confidence.

and feedback from professionals like you, we've radically evolved our standardised assessment to meet the real challenges of school entry language screening.

- **Support that stays with you**  
Expert comprehensive User Guides, training webinars and access to our specialist Help Desk throughout the year.

THE FASTEST, MOST ACCURATE, STANDARDISED ASSESSMENT FOR UNDERSTANDING OF LANGUAGE ON SCHOOL ENTRY.

Find out more and take a free TRIAL here



## Little Link - 3-5 year olds

### A Complete Language Learning Adventure

Our much-anticipated nursery and pre-school language package is here!

Little Link has been designed by the speech and language therapists at Speech & Language Link to help Early Years providers to support the best possible language and communication development for pre-school children.

Your children will love joining *Ben* and *Teddy* on their exciting adventures, brought to life through beautifully illustrated books and engaging whole-class language activities.



Find out more and book your free trial here!



## Speech and language CPD course - new dates released

Developed by our specialist team of speech and language therapists, these innovative online courses offer practical, in-depth training for primary school staff to better support speech, language, and communication in the classroom.

*Language Intervention module*  
Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Flexible and fully accredited by CPD UK, each course includes 15–20 hours of learning over 8–10 weeks, with personalised feedback and guidance. Learn at your own pace, whenever it suits you.

**Boost confidence. Deepen understanding.  
Make a lasting impact.**

*Introduction to Speech and Language module*  
Wednesday 8th October 2025

*Language Intervention module*  
Tuesday 13th January 2026

**Cost £225+VAT per module**

[Find out more](#)

## The SLCN Blog

### School Readiness: Personal Reflections from a Speech and Language Therapist.

This month, specialist speech and language therapist Lou Emerson shares her top tips for school readiness, as she embarks on this journey for the first time with her own son.

[Read it here](#)



## Have you joined The Link Community yet?



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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## Speech and Language News

The University of Reading celebrates 50 years of speech and language therapy.

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In a study across five Youth Justice Services, 60 per cent of young people were found to have (previously undiagnosed) developmental language disorder (DLD).

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A nationally representative external survey of primary and secondary classroom teachers, middle leaders, school leaders, and headteachers working in schools across England.

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Duggee teaches children how to listen with their eyes and ears.

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Darlington libraries offer new resources to help support emotional, sensory and development needs.

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NSPCC helps to keep children safer by making their Talk PANTS campaign available in Makaton.

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Increase in the attainment gap, between children in more and less affluent groups - call for SEND training in different areas of SEND a priority.

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Funding opportunities for young people with SEND to access The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

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The importance of building the foundation skills needed for oracy.

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## International News

The challenges of obtaining an ASD diagnosis in India.

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California invests \$200M into teaching foundational reading skills including phonological awareness, phonics and oral language development.

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Centre in UAE launching national awareness campaign on learning difficulties and ADHD.

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# Join 4K educators, passionate about supporting SLCN on the Facebook group!

Join **The Speech and Language Support for Schools** Facebook group.

Get together with a supportive community of thousands, dedicated to supporting pupils with 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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