



Hello and welcome to your January SLCN newsletter from The Link Community.

We hope the new term has started smoothly and that both you and your pupils have settled back into school life after the holidays. As always, we're excited to share resources, tips and ideas to help you support speech, language and communication across your school.

This month, we're keeping an eye on the long-awaited **Schools White Paper**, and we'll bring you updates as soon as it's published. In the meantime, we'd love to hear how your school and pupils are getting on this term and celebrate the great work already happening in classrooms to support communication and learning. Get in touch at : marketing@speechlink.co.uk

Wishing you a positive start to 2026 and a term focused on inclusive learning for all.

Best wishes, *The Link Community Team*

Important news for primary schools

Keep receiving The Link Primary magazine!

Since 2013, we've sent **The Link Primary** magazine to every UK SENCo. This summer, we're updating how printed copies are distributed.

From then on, your school will receive printed editions if you:

- Subscribe to **Little Link, Speech Link, or Language Link**, or
- Have at least **one staff member in The Link Community**

To make sure your school **continues to get this valuable speech and language resource**, sign up to **The Link Community today**. Don't miss an issue that could support your pupils and your practice!

(If your school is **already in The Link Community**, we'll be in touch soon to confirm your address.)

[Sign up to The Link Community](#)

Little Link in action: join the growing community

We're delighted that so many settings are choosing **Little Link** to support early communication development. From standalone nurseries to whole local authority roll-outs (for example, East Sussex County Council has purchased Little Link for all its Early Years settings) schools and settings are embracing this speech, language and communication programme designed by our specialist speech and language therapists.

If you haven't tried it yet, why not take a free trial? It's a great way to explore the Little Link engaging screening tools, language-rich activities and training resources.

Free Trial



Here's what one of our settings said about Little Link:

"We have really enjoyed working with the Little Link assessment and intervention. It has had a positive impact on our children who really enjoyed the stories and activities... Little Link was easy to use and implement, especially with the lesson plans and guides.

The use of resources, that had been designed around what we already have in the nursery, made things easy to put together and use."

KELLY, NURSERY SUPERVISOR, KENT

We're Gold Sponsors of Nursery World's Big Day Out 2026!

We're thrilled to announce that **Speech & Language Link** is a **Gold sponsor of Nursery World's Big Day Out 2026!** Even better, our very own **Kate Freeman**, Consultant – Speech and Language in Education, will be sharing her expertise during the event.

Come and meet Ben and Teddy from Little Link, our universal language enrichment programme, and follow their journey to helping children become confident communicators and school-ready. Don't miss the chance to explore our resources, ask questions and see Little Link in action on stand E10.

Get Tickets

The Link Speech & Language CPD



Have you already completed The Link Speech & Language CPD - Module 1 Introduction to Speech and Language training or are part way through the course?

Get ready for the next step.

Our **Interventions Module** builds on your knowledge and strengthens your practical skills. You'll discover how to:

- Choose the right strategies for each child
- Plan and deliver effective language interventions
- Measure progress clearly and confidently

✓ Accredited by CPD UK

We are running **two courses**, starting on:

- **3 March 2026**
- **21 April 2026**

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Speech and Language News

£200M SEND training for all teachers

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10-year plan aims to cut waiting lists for 300,000 children

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Boost your words with every slice—Susie Dent joins 1.5 million Malt Loaf packs

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National Lottery funds Skipton project for SEN under-5s and families

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Bradford libraries promote language development with a 4-week 'Rhyme Challenge'

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International News

International Education Strategy (IES) updated - UK Education Strategy gets long-awaited update

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Speech & Language Link subscribing school hosts Early Years conference

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Thursday 30th April 2026, online

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