



Welcome to your September issue of The Link Community News.

Dear Link Community member,

A warm welcome back to the new academic year. Whether you're in an early years setting, school or specialist service, we hope the first few weeks have gone smoothly.

We've gathered together some of the latest news, insights and updates from across the SLCN community. So take a few minutes, grab a cuppa, and enjoy the read!

Best wishes, *The Link Community Team*

Putting speech, language and communication at the heart of your inclusion strategy

FREE WEBINAR: implementing speech, language and communication in your inclusion strategy



Kate Freeman, consultant – speech and language in education, will be talking about establishing good practice in speech, language and communication as a firm foundation for your inclusion strategy. Join our free webinar on Wednesday 30th September at 4pm.

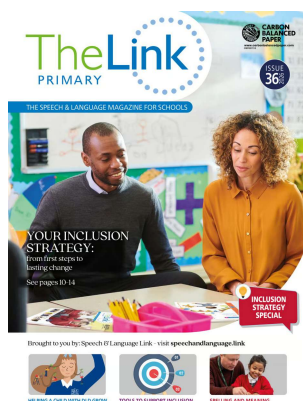
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We know many of our Link Community members will be turning their thoughts to preparing their **Inclusion Strategy** statement and we're here to help. Find out all the ways we can help with implementing speech & language support within your strategy.

New for Link Community members

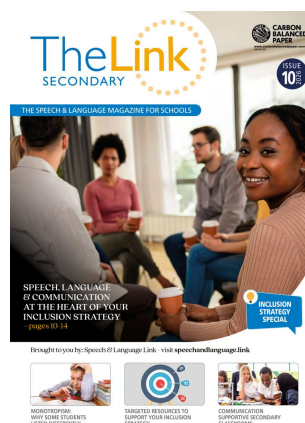
The latest issues of **The Link** magazines will be landing in your setting this week. Our new Primary and Secondary editions are both **Inclusion Strategy Specials**, packed with practical advice, expert insights and ideas to help put speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) at the heart of your inclusion strategy. Keep an eye out for your copy and discover how small changes can make a big difference to outcomes for children and young people.

The Link Primary



Read issue 36

The Link Secondary



Read issue 10

The DLD Collection

What is DLD? DLD stands for developmental language disorder, a lifelong condition that affects a person's ability to understand and use language. It can impact speaking, listening, learning, social interaction and literacy, and affects around 2 children in every classroom.

Whether you're looking to build your knowledge or develop practical strategies, our **DLD collection** area brings together DLD focussed information from **The Link magazine**, the **SLCN Blog** and presentations from **The Link Live Speech & Language Day**.

To mark **DLD Awareness Day on 16 October**, we're opening up the full DLD resource collection for everyone to access until the end of October. After that, a free Link Community membership

#DLDday

Together
we can help people
with DLD to thrive



Come **TOGETHER FOR DLD** on Friday 16th October 2026.

RADLD RAISING AWARENESS OF DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER

RADLD.ORG

Explore the collection

will be required to continue enjoying the collection and future updates.



Save the date for 2027

We know you will be planning the year ahead and we want to make sure you have the date for the next **Link Live Speech & Language Day** firmly in your diary.

Join us, online on Thursday 11th March 2027.

Missed The Link Live 2026?

Head to our page, login to The Link Community and catch the **on-demand presentations** available exclusively to Link Community members.



[Watch Ann Marie's session](#)

North East Schools partner

Speech & Language Link is delighted to have joined forces with Schools North East as a commercial partner. We look forward to working together to support schools across the region and will be sharing more updates and opportunities soon. Watch this space!

The needs you can't see



Kate Freeman from Speech & Language Link joins SEND Network's Georgie Green to explore how schools and early years settings can recognise communication difficulties, support children through transitions and create classrooms where asking for help feels safe.

[Watch and listen](#)

Speech and Language News

Encourage your pupils to get creative in the Youth Voice Matters 2027 art competition

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New DfE guidance on **inclusion bases**

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RCSLT urges government to prioritise speech and language therapy funding

[Read →](#)

Guidance helps providers navigate screen use for under-5s

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Free family learning sessions this October

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Specialist centre in Kent to help neurodivergent kids realise their potential

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Can you spare a minute?

We're proud to support thousands of schools and early years settings and your feedback helps us reach even more children and young people who could benefit from early identification and support.

If you've found Speech Link, Little Link or Language Link valuable, we'd love to hear about your experience on **EdTech Impact**. Your review helps fellow educators choose effective solutions with confidence and enables us to continue developing our packages to meet the needs of schools and settings.

Thank you for your support. Please leave your review here.

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Be a member of Speech and Language Support for Schools

Join our friendly Facebook group for those working with children with speech and language needs in school, pre-school and nursery settings. Here, you can share advice, pick up ideas, celebrate successes and feel supported.



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