



Offwell C of E Primary School

Our Core Values: **Honesty, Loyalty, Caring, Sharing and Forgiveness**

Our vision: **Be well; Learn well; Live well; Offwell!**

23rd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our **Spring SEND Newsletter**. Thankfully, the rain has stopped for the moment. We struggled through a half term of bleak weather and unremitting rain, but the children coped very well. Fingers crossed we have brighter days to come.

Secondary Places for Sept 2026

There are a couple of updates to share. Children in Year 6 will have had their secondary places confirmed. If your child has additional needs, the SENDCos at our local secondary schools are very experienced in supporting enhanced transition arrangements and will meet with you to discuss needs prior to the transition process. Please do talk to us if you would like to arrange an additional meeting, either here or at your allocated school. For some families, this process will already be underway.

My Plan reviews

Following assessments undertaken before half term, My Plans are due to be reviewed after your parent meetings in the week commencing 2nd March. You should then receive a copy of the plan the following week with any updated targets or provision. This follows our cycle of Assess, Plan, Do, Review and we welcome your contribution to this process.

DCC SEND Education Teams

Many of our advisory teams at County level are currently being reorganised. This means that support is not always offered through the more usual route of referrals for individuals. Instead, advice is now offered through the Ordinarily Available Targeted Support Framework (OATS framework), which forms the basis of the support all schools in Devon will provide. This framework also offers links to advice for parents, which we will share when appropriate and helpful.

Sensory Aids in School

You will all have received a letter updating you on the use of sensory support tools in school. Just as a reminder: these tools are very much part of adjusted provision, as long as they have been discussed and included in your child's IEP (My Plan). Please speak to us if you are unsure. It may be that a sensory need you notice at home does not present in the same way at school, where the environment is different.

Support from our School Allocated EP time

Looking ahead to the Summer Term, we hope to offer some parent drop-in sessions with our allocated Educational Psychologist, Sarah Worrall. Sarah's time with us is limited and primarily focused on problem-solving school-wide SEND challenges. The parent drop-in sessions will be short opportunities to highlight any specific concerns you may have. As soon as we have a confirmed date, we will be in touch.

[Educational Psychology Service - Support for schools and settings](#)

Sarah has also shared information about the **Autism and Us parent programme** for this term. This programme supports parents and carers living within the Devon County Council (DCC) area who have primary or secondary-aged children (5–16) either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Spring Term 2026): [Autism and Us - Children, families and education](#)

Family HUBs

'Family hubs are here to help families across Devon. We support children from birth up to age 19 (or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or care experience) by connecting families to local services that support emotional, physical, social, and financial wellbeing.'

You can book an appointment online via the following link for support across multiple areas of support:

[About family hubs - Children, families and education](#)

Finally, there are so many sources of information and support for children with additional needs and their families –it can be overwhelming. If there are any specific topics, information or areas of support you would like to see covered in future newsletters, please do let me know. This would also help inform possible school visits from professionals to talk to parents. In the past, we have offered talks from the Mental Health Support Team around anxiety, DiAS for advice in navigating the EHCP process, toileting advice for early years and visits from our Secondary SENDCo at HCC.

It would be very valuable to know which topics you, as parents, would find most useful so that we can tailor this support appropriately.

Best wishes for the Spring Term

Many thanks

Helen Sutton

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