

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Assistant
Headteacher
Update



Issue 66

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week this week! It began with the lovely Nursery Sing-a-long. The children were very brave and sang beautifully on stage. Later that day, the children from Reception to Year 6, enjoyed getting festive and creative during our Winter Craft Afternoon. Thank you to the adults who came and supported their child or children with their activity - they all really loved having you there in their classroom!



Our Reception and Key Stage 1 'Christmas Around the Concert' proved a success this week. Well done to all the children - they all sang beautifully and did very well remembering the moves that accompanied the songs. A special well done to the Year 2 children who were brave and read the script. We hope you enjoyed the performance!

In Key Stage 2, the children have been busy practising their songs, ready for the concerts at the start of next week and are looking forward to welcoming you at the church!



The whole school enjoyed visiting Santa in his grotto to discuss their Christmas wishes, sing him a Christmas song and receive Christmas gifts for the class. They also enjoyed eating a treat on their way home!

To finish the week, Year 6 held their Community Party. They had a huge turnout and the visitors enjoyed playing bingo, taking part in a raffle and eating lots of food and drink! The cute factor went to Reception who sang their Christmas songs to entertain the guests!

Finally, thank you PSA who have worked really hard this week, preparing the Christmas Fete. I hope to see lots of you come by to join in the festive fun!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Scarborough





PSA UPDATES



Bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com



Saturday 13th December

Christmas Fete

We still need helpers.

Can you help

11:45-1:30

1:30-3

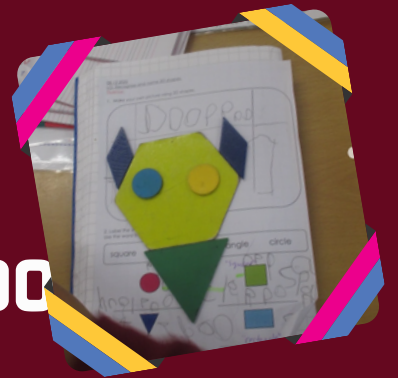
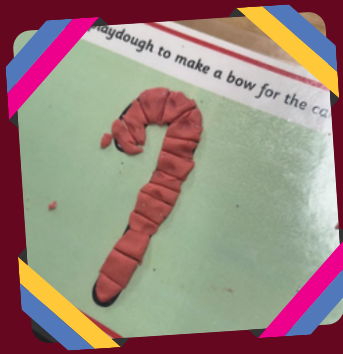
more helpers more stalls more fun

To support please pop to the office or email us

Bring and Buy Stall

If you have any goods for a bring and buy stall please bring to the fete. All funds will go to help afterschool club activities.

Follow us on Instagram @bandonhillschool_psa



AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Weekly House Points

Mason House

Shanahan House

Weir House

Widdowson House

239

163

349

440



We Need Your Help



Our Little Free Cupboard
"Give what you can,
take what you need."



Our Community Larder continues to be a great support to our Bandon Hill Community. We receive donations each week via Neighbourly which enables us to help families in need at this time.

We would love some parent volunteers to help collect the food from supermarkets and keep our cupboard fully stocked.

Days available are:

Sunday: Lidl Hackbridge

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Tuesday: Lidl Hackbridge and Lidl Wallington

Wednesday: Lidl Hackbridge

Thursday: Lidl Wallington.

The stores prefer collection before 1pm but they are flexible.

Please contact Bell Stirrat via the office if you can lend a hand!

Thank you so much! |

Christmas Fete

Saturday 13th
December

12:30- 3pm

Come and Join us for
Christmas Stalls, tombolas,
games and more



UPCOMING DATES

Date	Year Group	Event
15.12.25 9:45am	3 & 4	Christmas Concert at St. Michael & All Angels Church
16.12.25 9:45am	5 & 6	Christmas Concert at Michael & All Angels Church
18.12.25	Nursery	Last day of Autumn Term
19.12.25	Rec- Year 6	Finishing at 1pm
05.01.26	All	Start of Spring Term
26.01.26	Year 4	Class Assembly - 2:30pm
11.02.26	Year 2	Class Assembly - 2:30pm
16.03.26	Year 5	Class Assembly - 2:30pm
13.04.26	Year 1	Class Assembly - 2:30pm
27.04.26	Year 3	Class Assembly - 2:30pm

Bandon Hill Primary School
Term Dates 2025/26

Friday 29th August 2025 - INSET Day 1
 Monday 1st September 2025 - INSET Day 2
 Tuesday 2nd September - First Day of Term
 Friday 17th October 2025 - Finish at 3.15pm
October half term
 Monday 3rd November 2025 - First day of term
 Friday 19th December 2025 - Finish at 1.00pm
Christmas holidays
 Monday 5th January 2026 - First day of term
 Friday 13th February 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm
February half term
 Monday 23rd February 2026 - INSET Day 3
 Tuesday 24th February 2026 - First day of term
 Friday 27th March 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm
Easter holidays
 Monday 13th April 2026 - First day of term
 Friday 22nd May 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm
May half term
 Monday 1st June 2026 - First day of term
 Friday 17th July 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm
Summer Holidays

This academic year

Next academic year

Bandon Hill Primary School
Term Dates 2026/27

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - INSET Day 1
 Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - INSET Day 2
 Thursday 3rd September 2026 - INSET Day 2
 Friday 25th September 2026 - First Day of Term
 Friday 23rd October 2026 - INSET Day 3
October half term
 Monday 9th November 2026 - INSET Day 4
 Tuesday 10th November 2026 - INSET Day 4
 Friday 18th December 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm
Christmas holidays
 Monday 4th January 2027 - First day of term
 Friday 12th February 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm
February half term
 Monday 22nd February 2027 - First day of term
 Thursday 25th March 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm
Easter holidays
 Monday 12th April 2027 - First day of term
 Thursday 27th May 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm
 Friday 28th May 2027 - INSET Day 5
May half term
 Monday 7th June 2027 - First day of term
 Thursday 22nd July 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm
Summer Holidays

CURRICULUM

UPDATE - EYFS

Wow, what a fantastic show your children put on for us all on Monday! We are so proud of them all and know you must be too! Thank you for coming along and supporting us all.

A big thank you to all the families who have contributed £3 to the Nursery fund this half term. It really does help us enhance the children's learning environment and experiences. We will begin collecting the donations for next term after the Christmas break.

Nursery will be attending a panto on Thursday morning, Elmer class are welcome to attend the morning session so they can take part too.

NEXT WEEK, NURSERY FINISHES ON THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER, PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS DIFFERENT TO THE MAIN SCHOOL.
Have a lovely weekend!



We have had a very festive week in Reception with all of our Christmas shows and craft afternoon! We hope you all enjoyed coming to watch your amazing children and creating your craft with us on Monday, it was lovely to see so many of you attend.

As we head into our last week before the Christmas holidays, we would like to thank all the families who have sent in the £3 voluntary donation this half term as it has meant we can resource our messy trays and buy some brand new felt tip colouring pens. After Christmas, we would like to ask for the £3 donation again so we can continue to buy resources for the classrooms.

Next week, we finish at 1pm on Friday 19th December. There is no wraparound.

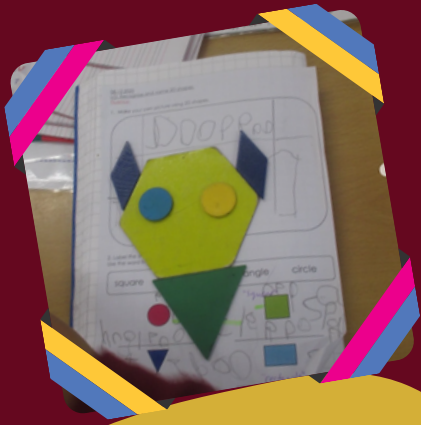
Have a lovely weekend!



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

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The children should be very proud of their hard work and excellent singing in our Christmas Diversity Concerts.

Thank you for all the parents who came to the Christmas Craft afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend this event.

In DT, the children created wonderful Christmas cards which showed amazing moving parts. In maths, the children have understood the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. It has been great to see them using words such as vertices and edges to describe and categorise each shape.

Please note, there will be no spelling test next week. The test for the spellings going home this week, will be on Friday 9th January.

Goodall class still need parent volunteers for their trip on Wednesday the 17th of December. If you can help, please let Miss Cotton know.

We had a lovely start to the week at our Winter Craft Afternoon. The children made some wonderful snowmen winter cards. Thank you to all parents and adults who joined us and helped!

We continued the festive fun by way of our Christmas concerts on Wednesday (Owens) and Friday (Ali). The children had fun performing their songs; we hope you enjoyed it if we able to come along!

In science this week, we have been learning about the stages of the human life cycle. We discussed and recorded what we can do at each stage of our lives.

In geography, we learnt the points of a compass and practised following directions; successfully plotting London landmarks on a map!

Please note, there will be no spelling test next week. The test for the spellings going home this week, will be on Friday 9th January. The home learning will also be marked when we return.



ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



KS1: Jeffers - 93%

KS2: Curie - 99%

PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK

KS1: Attenborough

KS2: Curie, Hawking,
Gandhi



89% or Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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What a great week in year 3!
The Christmas Craft afternoon was fantastic! Thank you to all those who came to support with the different crafts; the children loved getting involved to make all of their festive decorations.

In English this week, we have been busy writing our narrative all about Paddington's epic journey to England from Darkest Peru!
We have been consolidating all of our learning on the 4 and 8 times tables in maths and practising our multiplication skills on a variety of different mathematical activities.
In geography, we have wrapped up our learning all about the South-East UK, learning about different cities, villages and towns in the South-East.

Reminders

- There is no spelling test on the last week of term - spellings will be tested on 09.01.26!
- Homework folders do not need to be brought in next week.
- Please ensure that reading books are returned next week to be changed for a new book to read over the Christmas break.
- Please return all library books before the end of term.



Thank you to everyone who was able to come for the Winter Craft afternoon this week. It was great to see so many parents and the children loved having you in the classroom to help make their winter wreaths.

We have been busy this week rehearsing for our Christmas Concert as well as working on our other learning topics. We have written a report in English, focusing on writing in the style of a news article, using formal language and trying to include some journalistic style language and phrasing (e.g. It was reported..).

In history, we have looked at pictures of Anglo-Saxon artefacts and used our detective skills to think about what these items tell us about Anglo-Saxon life. This followed on nicely from our previous project where the students had fun collaborating in groups to design and build their own Anglo-Saxon village!

Please note that the spelling words sent home this week, along with the home learning, will not be due until the first week back. The spelling test will take place on Friday, January 9th.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!



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Wrap around care



Wrap around care at Bandon Hill provides pupils with:



- ✓ Child Led Nurturing Activities
- ✓ Homework and Reading Support with experienced and qualified TA's
- ✓ Opportunities to Socialise and Learn Social Skills
- ✓ A start and/or end of day reflection to motivate and encourage
- ✓ Snacks and Drinks

For pricing and to book, please contact the main office.



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E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

for further information. and terms and conditions



CURRICULUM

UPDATE KS2

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It was snowflakes and dancing penguins a go on Monday afternoon as the Year 5 craft afternoon got underway. With glitter, sequins and bells a plenty the children thoroughly enjoyed having their parents and carers with them. We want to say thank you to everyone who came along - we hope you enjoyed it.

This week we are writing our diary entries in English based on our text Beowulf. Our great hero Beowulf (the children) is writing an entry thinking about his imminent battle with Grendel - o most fierce creature.

In maths we have finished our topic of fractions and will be moving on to multiplication after the holidays.

In history we are continuing to explore the Vikings, focusing on Viking raids and the impact these would have had on local villages.

We are working hard on our songs for the Christmas service and hope to see many of you there on Tuesday 16th December.

Please note that the spellings given out this Friday 12th will be tested on the first Friday back in 2026.

Have a lovely weekend!



What a very busy week we had this week in Year 6!

On Monday, we had our lovely winter craft afternoon where the children designed their own calendars for the year ahead. It was so lovely to see lots of you enjoying doing the crafts with your children too!

In English this week, we finished our balanced arguments. The argument was based around whether or not the dragons should return to the Galapagos Islands. We saw lots of technical vocabulary being used which was fantastic!

During our geography lessons, we created our own google slides presentations based on the advantages and disadvantages of renewable sources of energy.

To end the week, we hosted over 50 guests at our annual Christmas Community Party! The children were such wonderful hosts; they hosted a raffle, bingo, served teas, coffees, cakes and sandwiches too! It was such a lovely afternoon and we hope our guests enjoyed it too!

On Monday 14th, Year 5 and 6 are going to Wallington Girls to see Moana Jr! The children will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle with them for this.

We hope to see many of you at our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 16th December at 9:45am!



Nurture

We have wrapped up our final Nurture sessions for this term!

We carried on with our lovely work on "Don't Feed the Worry Bug," spending time investigating those big feelings that cause us to worry and sharing comforting ways to move through them. We had a calming reminder of our favorite tools: our breathing work, those relaxing hand massages, and the brilliant ideas the children shared, like knowing they can talk to an adult or friend.

This term has been all about getting to know ourselves better, understanding how our moods change and learning gentle ways to stay regulated. Our goal has always been to feel calm and ready to learn, aiming for that helpful Green Zone of the Zones of Regulation.

The children have been truly wonderful. Their willingness to share their feelings has been so brave and open, and they have created such a kind, non-judgemental space for each other. Our discussions have been so rich and inspiring!

As we look ahead:

- Some children are ready to transition out of Nurture and will get check-ins to make sure they are still using all those wonderful skills in their classroom and daily life.
- Others will continue with us, and we are excited to welcome some new friends to our interventions after Christmas.

Thank you so much for all of your fantastic, continued support. I hope you and your family have a truly wonderful and peaceful Christmas break.



Safeguarding in School and at Home

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...

NHS 111 online

Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)

SAMARITANS

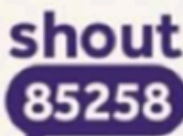
Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234

[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)



Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858

[Thecalzone.net](https://www.thecalzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

For any Safeguarding Concerns, please contact Children's Social Care directly.

Children's First Contact Service –

Phone: 020 8770 6001

Email: CFCS@Sutton.gov.uk

LADO –

Phone: 020 8770 4776

Email: lado@sutton.gov.uk

Social Care Out of Hours Duty -

Phone: 020 8770 5000

If a child is at immediate risk of danger, please call 999.



SPELLINGS

YEAR 1

Spellings (to be tested 09.01.26)
there
pure
sound
treat



YEAR 2

To be tested 09.01.26

Group 1: cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July,
shy, spy, sky, why

Group 2: he, cap, ran, tap, jam



YEAR 3

No test next week, Next test 09.01.26

Group 1
straight, strainer, fainted, claimed, waist,
snail, painter, chained, failure, waiter

Group 2
even, eve, these, complete, delete, Chinese,
evening, athlete, extreme
(Group 3 to learn the 5 spellings highlighted
in red)



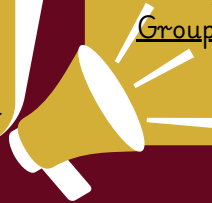
YEAR 4

Group 1: expansion, extension, comprehension,
tension, suspension, exclusion, provision, explosion,
erosion, invasion

Group 2: straight, strainer, fainted, claimed, waist,
snail, painter, chained, failure, waiter

Group 3: van, vet, visit, have, live, give, love, glove,
above, nerve

To be tested 09.01.26



YEAR 5

To be tested 09.01.26

Grp 1: agreeable, changeable, irreplaceable,
knowledgeable, manageable, microwaveable,
noticeable, rechargeable, replaceable, salvageable

Grp 2: straight, strainer, fainted, claimed, waist,
snail, painter, chained, failure, waiter



YEAR 6


To be tested 09.01.26

Group 1: overbalance, overcoat, overcook,
overlooked, overpaid, overreact, overslept,
overthrow, overtired, overturned


Group 2: straight, strainer, fainted, claimed,
waist, snail, painter, chained, failure, waiter





Autumn Term Lunch Menu



FOOD SERVED HERE
Soil Association



MENU WEEK 1





MONDAY	Pasta Bolognese 2, 7	Macaroni Cheese 2	Garlic Bread Broccoli A/F	Apple Crumble & Custard 2, 7
TUESDAY	Chicken Burger 2, 7	Vegetable Burger 2, 7	Crisp Cube Potatoes Sweetcorn 2, 7	Carrot Cake 2, 4, 7
WEDNESDAY	Sausage Roast Dinner 2, 4, 7	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel 2, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Fruit Shortbread 2
THURSDAY	Mild Creamy Chicken Curry A/F	Vegetable Pasta Bake 2, 7	Rice & Mixed Vegetables A/F	Old School Sprinkle Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Battered Fish 2, 5	Quorn Nuggets 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse 7

ALLERGEN KEY


1. Celery
2. Gluten
3. Crustaceans
4. Eggs
5. Fish
6. Lupin
7. Milk
8. Molluscs
9. Mustard
10. Peanuts
11. Sesame
12. Soybeans
13. Sulphites
14. Tree nuts

A/F Allergen Free




Catering provided by Greenshaw Learning Trust.
All products are locally sourced wherever possible.
All food is cooked fresh on the school site each day.

AVAILABLE DAILY Wholemeal bread, fresh salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts & jacket potatoes. Please note that all our dishes can be adapted to suit the majority of dietary requirements




GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST



"We are dedicated to minimizing our carbon footprint by actively reducing food waste throughout our operations, from sourcing to serving, through staff training, supplier collaboration, and customer engagement, we are committed to making a positive environmental impact."



FOOD SERVED HERE
Soil Association



MENU WEEK 2





MONDAY	Meat Pizza 2, 7	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 2, 7	Wedges & Salad A/F	Jelly & Fruit A/F
TUESDAY	Chicken Meatball Pasta 1, 2	Dhal Sweet Potato Curry 1, 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Marble Cake 2, 4
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Glamorgan Sausage Roast & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Fruit Flapjack 2
THURSDAY	Beef Lasagne Pasta 2, 7	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Lemon Drizzle Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 5	BBQ Quorn Fillet 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse 7

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NEWS





HOME INFORMATION



December's Musician of the Month

Elton John



About: Sir Elton John (born Reginald Kenneth Dwight; 25 March, 1947) is a British singer, pianist and composer. Acclaimed by critics and musicians, particularly for his work during the 1970s and for his lasting impact on the music industry, his music and showmanship have had a significant impact on popular music. His songwriting partnership with lyricist Bernie Taupin is one of the most successful in history.

Genres: R&B/Soul, Jazz

Active from: 1962 - Present

Origin: Middlesex, United Kingdom

Books to read...

If you like Elton John, try...



- Billy Joel
- Tina Turner
- Phil Collins

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR

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|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1 Give a loved one a big hug | 2 Make your bed | 3 Tidy up a shared space | 4 Make a Christmas card for a friend | 5 Invite someone new to play with you |
| 6 Offer to do the washing up | 7 Tell a friend why you think they're amazing | 8 Pick up and throw away some litter in the playground | 9 Tell someone a joke to make them laugh | 10 Write down 3 things you are grateful for |
| 11 Ask someone if they've had a good day - and listen to their answer | 12 Write down 3 ways you have been a good friend this year | 13 Sing someone a festive song | 14 Hold a door open for the person behind you | 15 Draw a picture for someone |
| 16 Tell someone you love them | 17 Make a Christmas gift for someone special | 18 Feed the birds | 19 Write a thank you card for someone who has helped you | 20 Offer to help prepare a meal |
| 21 Write down 3 things you love about yourself | 22 Give someone a compliment | 23 Hide a kind note for someone to surprise them | 24 Write down 3 things that make you smile | 25 Wish someone a Merry Christmas! |

"SOMETIMES MIRACLES ARE JUST GOOD PEOPLE WITH KIND HEARTS"



Family Support



What helps your child feel safe, calm and understood?

Support shaped around your child and their needs

Improving quality of life, not to 'fix' but rather to support making positive changes

Understanding what your child's behaviour is telling you

Building strengths and skills to support your child, not focusing on problems



Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)/Behaviour Management Information:

- CRITERIA - parents of primary and secondary school age children waiting for ND screening for ADHD and/or ASD under the CAMHS NDT SPA Team
- 20 places max so first come first serve basis!
- 1 hour weekly for 6 weeks on Microsoft Teams
- 12:30PM for parents/carer
- Led by NDT SPA

REGISTER INTEREST HERE WITH THE QR CODE:

Workshops Registration of Attendance



needsbasedneuro@swlstg.nhs.uk

What helps your child manage big feelings?

Building calming strategies

Support that works at home and school

Encouraging positive ways of handling difficult situations

Helping your child name their feelings safely



Emotion Regulation Information:

- CRITERIA - primary and secondary school age children waiting for ND screening for ADHD and/or ASD under the CAMHS NDT SPA Team
- 20 places max so first come first serve basis!
- 1 hour weekly for 5 weeks on Microsoft Teams
- 12:30PM for parents/carers
- Led by NDT SPA

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What can help your child improve their sleep?



What is
sleep
hygiene?

Understanding
sleep and
neurodivergence



Criteria:

- Parent of child aged 5-17
- Waiting for Neurodiversity screening for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and/or ASD (Autism Spectrum disorder) under the CAMHS NDT SPA Team

- **3 sessions over 4 weeks**
- **1 hr on Microsoft Teams**
- **Sessions for parents**
- **Limited spaces -first come first serve basis!**

Register interest here:

Workshops Registration of
Attendance

