



Mansfield SEND

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NAME CHANGE!
Here at Schools and Families Specialist Services, we have changed our name - we are now **SEND Inclusion Services**

We live in a neurodiverse world, made up of different people, with different brain types, including the majority of people who we refer to as neurotypical.

Within our neurodiverse world, we will meet people who are neurodivergent—people who belong to a minority group under our neurodiverse umbrella.

When we think about Neurodiversity, we aim to celebrate and learn from all different brain types—different not less.

Spring Term b '25

March 2025

Celebration Issue!

Welcome to



Mansfield SEND!
Your newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people with Send.

As we approach the Easter holidays, we also have our celebration days, and so in this issue, we will be focusing on those, and on some of the activities that have been going on in and around Mansfield.

March 17—23rd is Neurodiversity Celebration Week, where we spend the week celebrating all of our neurodiverse children and young people. We also have a look at neurodiversity and what that means.

March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day. Our young people with down syndrome have that little bit extra; a third copy of the 21st chromosome. For this reason, World Down Syndrome Day is always on 21/03.

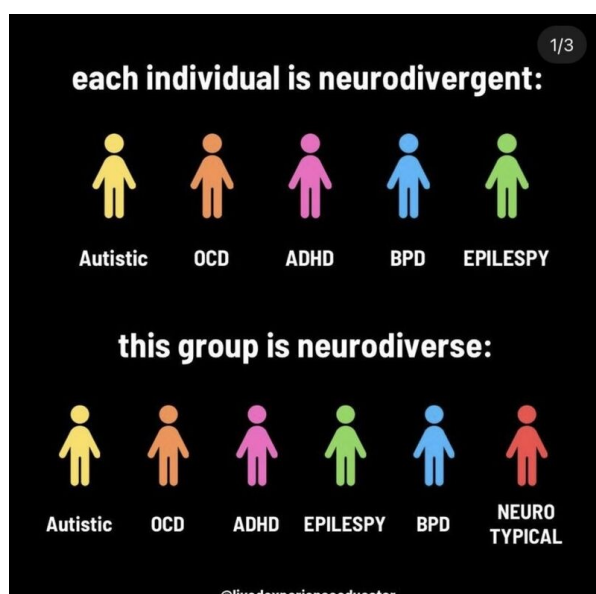
It is also young carers action day on 13th March, a day when we can also think about and celebrate siblings. Recent research has found siblings of children with send to have greater empathy. Confirmation of what I'm sure a lot of you see every day from your wonderful siblings.

[Siblings of Children with Disabilities May Have Greater Cognitive Empathy | Society for Research in Child Development SRCD](#)

And then still to look forward to, is undiagnosed children's day on April 25th. This annual awareness day, organised by SWAN UK (syndromes without a name) aims to spread the word about what it means to be affected by a SWAN or undiagnosed genetic condition, and to raise awareness of SWAN UK and reach out to more families who need support.

[Undiagnosed Children's Day - Genetic Alliance](#)

Neurodiverse or neurodivergent?





Neurodiversity
Celebration
Week

**"We will all profit from a more
diverse, inclusive society,
understanding,
accommodating, even
celebrating our differences,
while pulling together for the
common good"**

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Lawyer / Jurist

www.neurodiversityweek.com



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**"Every individual matters.
Every individual has a role to
play. Every individual makes a
difference"**

- Jane Goodall, Primatologist /
Anthropologist

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**"We've got to be thinking
about all these different kinds
of minds, and we've got to
absolutely work with these
kinds of minds, because we
are absolutely going to need
these kind of people in the
future"**

- Temple Grandin, Academic /
Animal Behaviorist

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March 17th—23rd

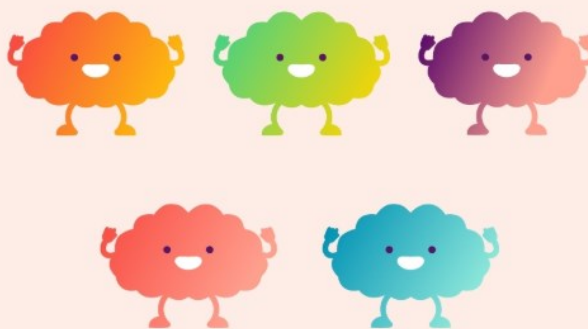


Neurodiversity
Celebration
Week

**Celebrating
Different
Minds**

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, organisations, and others around the world with the opportunity to recognise the many skills and talents of neurodivergent individuals, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual.

NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK



**All of our brains are different - it's one
of the greatest parts of being human.**

Events Schedule

There is a whole schedule of events to celebrate Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025!

This year there will be more panel discussions than ever before, with inspirational speakers from a range of backgrounds and professions. The discussions all be focus on key neurodiversity topics, and aim to educate while inspiring conversations about neurodiversity.

All events are free of charge and open to all. Please do sign up to as many events as you like and share with your networks, so we can all join together in celebrating different minds!

See the schedule and sign up for events using the link below..

[2025 Events Schedule | Neurodiversity Celebration Week](#)

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

Now THERE'S something to celebrate!!



www.upsanddowns.net Reg. Charity No. 1116381

Find out more about Down Syndrome and World Down Syndrome Day here...

[About WDSD - World Down Syndrome Day](#)

[About DSA - Downs Syndrome Association](#)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
DOWN SYNDROME
SUPPORT GROUP

For people with Down Syndrome and their families to meet, have fun and celebrate together in their local area. All ages are welcome, and we would love to see you there. For more information contact Ann-Marie on 0773224028.

MANSFIELD CELEBRATION EVENT

Toys & Activities
Drinks & Snacks
Arts & Crafts
Dance Workshop

WORLD DOWN'S SYNDROME DAY

GALVARY CHAPEL, EAKRING ROAD, MANSFIELD, NG18 3FS
SATURDAY 15 MARCH, 2.30-4.30 PM

If you have a family member with Down Syndrome, feel free to join the Mansfield Celebration.

Lots of socks campaign

Believe it or not, socks get people talking!

On 21 March, choose some socks that are going to get noticed!

They might be mismatched socks or your boldest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!

The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks, you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to celebrate people with Down syndrome".



The theme that we are asking supporters to share on and around World Down Syndrome Day, is

We call on all Governments to Improve Our Support Systems

Everyone needs support sometimes.

People with Down syndrome need support to live and be included in the community, like everyone else.

Families also need support, as they are often supporting their family member with Down syndrome.

Support is a key human right that helps make other rights possible.

The support that we need is different for each person.

We have the right to support that meets our needs and gives us choice, control and dignity.

Find out more about young carers and the support available at... [HOME | Young Carers Notts](#)

YOUNG CARERS NOTTS

March 13th—Young Carers Action Day

Young Carers Action Day is an annual event that takes place in mid-March. The day is organised and led by Carers Trust, and they encourage as many organisations, communities and individuals as possible to take part in the day by taking action, supporting and raising awareness of young carers.

DID YOU KNOW....

1 in 5 young people have a care role

1 in 8 young carers are aged under 8

There are 600,000 hidden young carers in England and Wales, not receiving support

Young Carers Notts is a free and confidential service that helps young carers aged 5-17 to take a break and get information, advice and support about caring.

They hold regular events where young carers across the county can meet, make new friends and learn new skills – and try fun activities.

They also offer young people a one-stop-shop for advice about caring. They can help with things like a carers assessment, a carers ID card and planning.

Undiagnosed Children's Day

Friday 25 April 2025

Undiagnosed Children's Day is an annual awareness day, where families spread the word about what it means to be affected by a syndrome without a name, (also known as an undiagnosed genetic condition), raise awareness of SWAN UK and reach out to more families who need support.



"Joining SWAN UK has made me realise we are not alone in the journey, and that there are so many families just like ours. It has given us a safe place to talk about the problems we are facing, and other families are able to give us a few words of support or wisdom."

SWAN UK parent



To find out more go to...

<https://geneticalliance.org.uk/support-and-information/swan-uk-syndromes-without-a-name/>