

Autumn term:

It has been another busy Autumn term at Lawley and there has been lots to celebrate.

One of our most exciting changes is the introduction of a new 'Inclusion and Wellbeing Council'.

We received over 70 applications from KS2 pupils all wanting to support our children in their understanding of inclusion and emotional literacy.

After a very tricky decision, we welcomed pupils from across KS2 and since their selection they have attended after school meetings, lunchtime catch ups and have delivered their first assembly where they introduced 'Zones of Regulation' to the school.

Zones of regulation is a framework designed to help children develop self-regulation and emotional control skills. It groups emotions and states of alertness into four colour-coded zones.

Blue zone: low states like sadness, tiredness, boredom

Green zone: calm, focussed, ready to learn

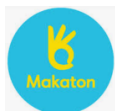
Yellow zone: elevated emotions like frustration, silliness or excitement

Red zone: intense emotions like anger

Our goal is to help children recognise which zone they are in, understand what triggers those states and then use strategies to regulate and move towards a desired zone (often green).

Our council have been busy creating classroom resources and will be visiting classrooms at the beginning of next half term to remind children about the zones and creating an area in each class that can serve as a reminder to all.

As well as the zones of regulation, our council have been teaching children and staff some basic Makaton signs. Our aim is to use more Makaton across our school so keep an eye out on our socials! You may have already seen some videos of the council showing the signs for good morning, good afternoon, please and thank you. Hopefully, you also caught their Makaton advent calendar on Facebook!



Lawley Primary School

SEND Newsletter

SEND Coffee Morning



Thank you so much for those who attended our SEND coffee morning. During this session, we welcomed Jayne from PODS (parents opening doors) and Lucy from Family Hubs who both shared the wonderful work that these services offer locally.

PODS is a charity who work with and involve families who have children and young adults with an additional need or disability. They provide an array of activities, social opportunities, support services, training, information and signposting for the whole family. More information can be found by accessing their wonderful website:

<https://www.podstelford.org/>

Family Hubs are another great resource. They offer regular local drop ins, groups and a range of events to support families.

For more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.telfordfamilyhubs.co.uk/>



Next term at our coffee morning, we will be joined by Ceri Hurst, our LSAT, available for advice and questions. Date to be confirmed in the new year.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
We look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

External services:

This year, we continue to work with Dr Daniel Cumber as our school's supporting Educational Psychologist and Ceri Hurst as our Learning Support Advisory Teacher (LSAT).

Important Information:

School Support Maps

In February, your child's teacher will be sending home a fully reviewed support plan for Autumn 2 - Spring 1 targets, alongside a new support map for Spring 2 - Summer 1. These targets will be discussed during the Spring parents' evening. If you have any questions in the meantime however, please contact your child's class teacher.

Christmas time!

The festive season is often portrayed as a time of joy, togetherness and celebration. For many families, this can be true - but it can also bring challenges, especially for neurodivergent children. Changes in routine, sensory overload, and increased social expectations can make this time stressful. To support, Telford and Wrekin Educational Psychology Service have written an article that provides some practical, neuroaffirming strategies to support your family during the Christmas holidays.

Please follow the link to the Telford and Wrekin SEND Family Newsletter to access the article, alongside many other useful updates.

Remember: There is no "right" way to celebrate. A neurodivergent-friendly Christmas is one that honours your family's needs and strengths and helps everyone feel relaxed and connected.

https://www.telfordsend.org.uk/info/1/home/109/send_news/2