

The Wren



Summer 2023

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EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE : STEP BY STEP

Hear from our Sensory Provision



The Sensory Provision have had a busy summer term. Our theme has been Festivals and Fairgrounds and we have enjoyed our creativity sessions, making lots of fairground art including our own coconut shy ready to share with the school at our Party in the Playground celebration!

We have had a great time with our Festival themed Sensory story 'What's that Noise' and enjoyed packing our wellies, stomping in mud, facing a storm in our tents and dancing to some great bands. We have loved getting messy in exploratory play sessions, and loved rehearsing and taking part in Mayday celebrations, so much so that we have continued with the Maypole dancing throughout the summer term!

We have been working on our Travel Training skills, moving safely to areas around the school grounds and developing our independence skills.

We took part in Kids Out day in June, with some students accessing Wicksteed Park, and others enjoying activities in school including music and a visit from some Donkeys.

It has been a busy, happy, and fun filled year with lots of achievements for the Sensory provision and we are looking forward to the new academic year.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer holiday.



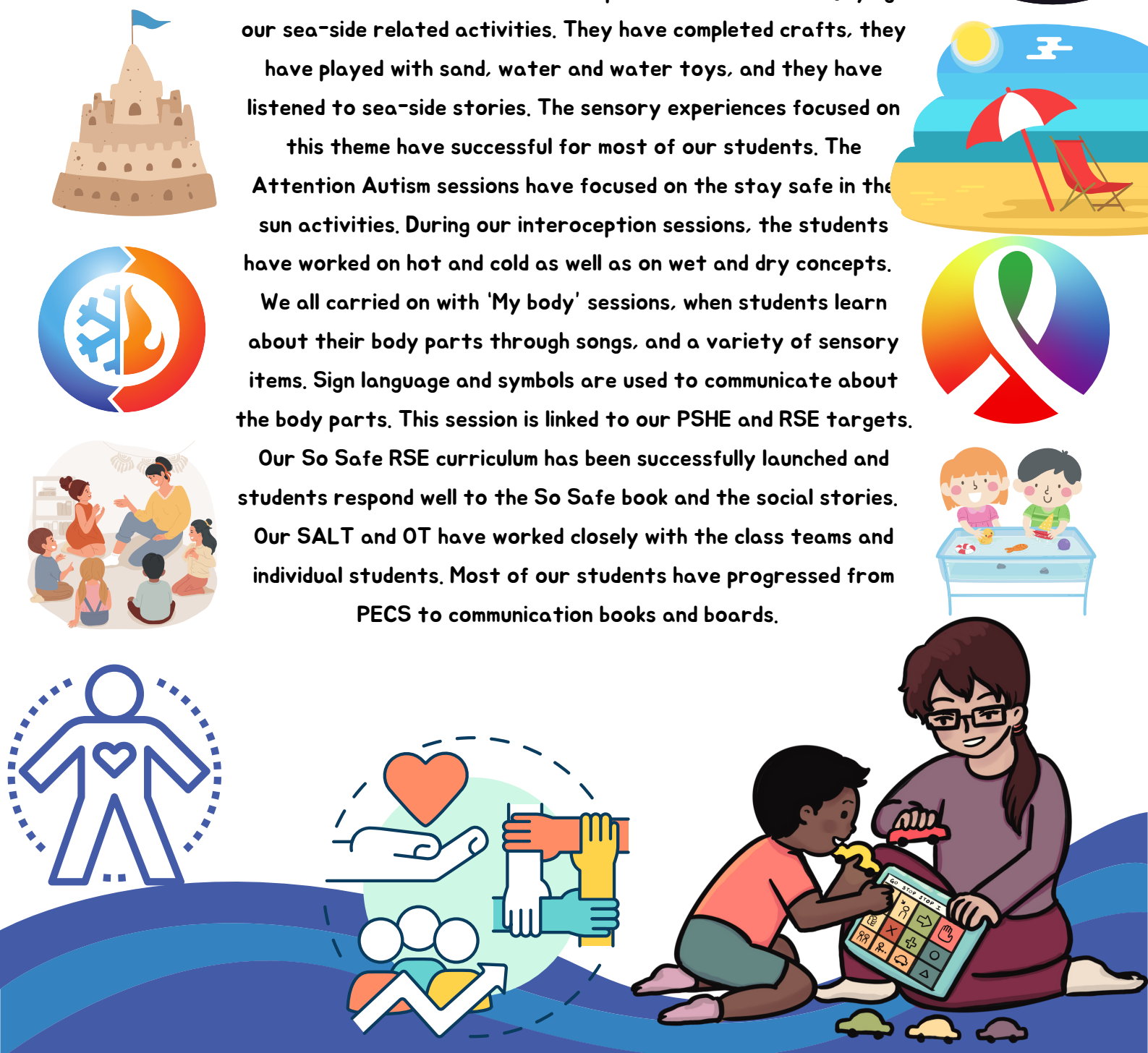
Hear from our Structured Provision



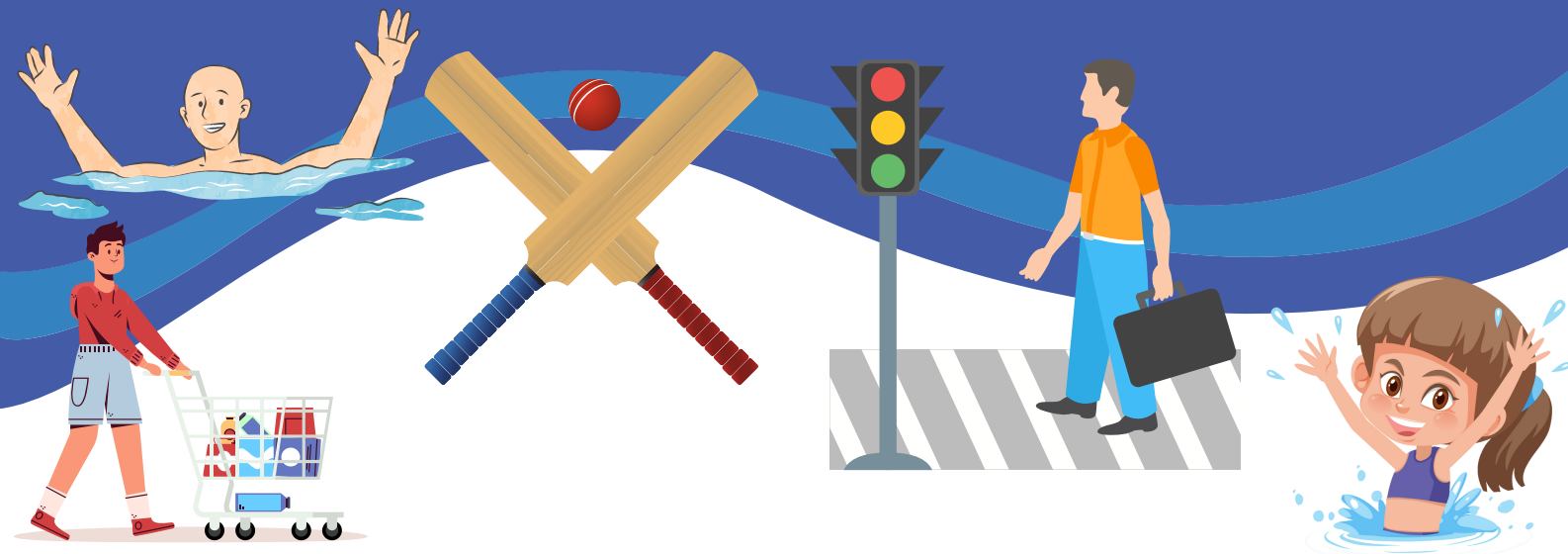
The students from the structured provision have been enjoying our sea-side related activities. They have completed crafts, they have played with sand, water and water toys, and they have listened to sea-side stories. The sensory experiences focused on this theme have been successful for most of our students. The Attention Autism sessions have focused on the stay safe in the sun activities. During our interoception sessions, the students have worked on hot and cold as well as on wet and dry concepts.

We all carried on with 'My body' sessions, when students learn about their body parts through songs, and a variety of sensory items. Sign language and symbols are used to communicate about the body parts. This session is linked to our PSHE and RSE targets.

Our So Safe RSE curriculum has been successfully launched and students respond well to the So Safe book and the social stories. Our SALT and OT have worked closely with the class teams and individual students. Most of our students have progressed from PECS to communication books and boards.



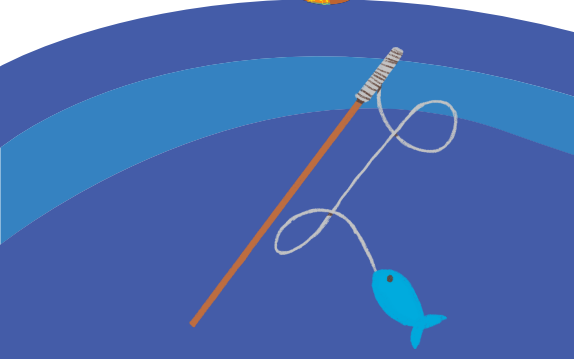
Hear from our Collaborative Provision



The Collaborative department have achieved great things this year. We have had numerous community visits such as shopping in local supermarkets, local walks that include road safety lessons, growing fruit and vegetables at the allotment, gardening at Stanwick lakes, The Rotary Club sponsored day out at Wicksteed Park, Fishing with the local Masonic Fishing Club, work experience at Chester House, Cricket Softball competitions at Northamptonshire Cricket Club, Horse Riding and Swimming at Corby International Pool. The students have loved spending time out and about and learning what is going on outside the school gates.



Our students have really taken to our Equals Curriculum this year and we are seeing lots of engagement in our play sessions which leads to more meaningful social interactions. The Travel Training walks in our community are a big hit and we have noticed lots of students taking ownership and having a greater awareness of when it is safe to cross the road.



We have had a brilliant year!

We have seen our school council grow and develop. Our biggest accomplishment was interviewing for our new SENCO, and this was the most challenging part for our candidates. We asked some of the toughest questions ever, including "Who is the worst Marvel villain, who has betrayed someone else?" This is the vital information required for hiring a SENCO. We look forward to welcoming Daniel to Wren Spinney School.



David

Wellbeing Support
Officer

Have a lovely summer break, we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Our average attendance in school is above the national average for mainstream and specialist provisions. If your child or young person will be absent from school, please call the school office and leave a message on the absence line. Thank you so much for your continued support.



Ceri

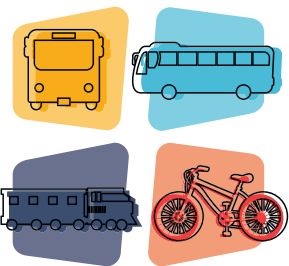
Family Support Worker

Just a reminder, transport will start at 08:50 every morning. We ask all vehicles to join the queue outside school and filter through as the gates open close to 08:50.

The afternoon is slightly different. We welcome in single vehicles and family collection from 14:30, please wait outside until the school until the gates open. From 14:40 all vehicles including local authority transport services will enter school as they arrive.

If your young persons transport arrangements will change from the usual please inform school every time these will be different.

We had a really successful transitions period for our leavers this year with some accessing social care, independent living and college. We wish them all the best!



Signalong - Word of The Week

On our website you will find some of the most useful words and phrases to help with signing. There are various ways to sign these words. Wren Spinney School uses the 'Signalong' system. These are slightly different from Makaton and BSL signs.



We hope you enjoy learning some of these signs; we will be updating this page throughout the year to add more!



Happy Signing!

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Welcome to the Wren Spinney School
Signalong pages.

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Term Dates

2023 - 2024

TERM ONE AUTUMN TERM	
Staff Training Day <i>school closed to pupils</i>	Friday 1 st September 2023
School re-opens to pupils	Monday 4 th September 2023
Half Term <i>school closed to pupils</i>	Monday 23 rd October 2023 Wednesday 1 st November 2023
Staff Training Day <i>school closed to pupils</i>	Thursday 2 nd November 2023 Friday 3 rd November 2023
School re-opens to pupils	Monday 6 th November 2023
Break-up for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023
TERM TWO SPRING TERM	
Staff Training Day <i>school closed to pupils</i>	Friday 5 th January 2024
School re-opens to pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024
Half Term <i>school closed to pupils</i>	Monday 19 th February 2024 Friday 23 th February 2024
School re-opens to pupils	Monday 26 th February 2024
Break-up for Easter	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Bank Holiday <i>school closed to pupils</i>	Friday 29 th March 2024 Monday 1 st April 2024
TERM THREE SUMMER TERM	
Staff Training Day <i>school closed to pupils</i>	Monday 15 th April 2024
School re-opens to pupils	Tuesday 16 th April 2024
Bank Holiday <i>school closed to pupils</i>	Monday 6 th May 2024
Half Term <i>school closed to pupils</i>	Monday 27 th May 2024 (Bank Holiday) Friday 31 st May 2024
School re-opens to pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024
School Closes <i>Summer Holidays</i>	Wednesday 24 th July 2024



The school office will be closed for the summer holiday, please direct any issues through on office@wrenspinney.co.uk where it will be picked up.

Friday 1st September 2023 the school will be closed to students.

Monday 5th September - Welcome back to all learners, transport will start at 08:50.

Reminder - Please ensure that you have booked your child's school dinner through Parent Pay before we return from the summer break. If you are having difficulties logging in please contact the school office via email office@wrenspinney.co.uk