



Dear Parents,

We are excited to share that our school will be celebrating several important SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) awareness events this year:

- ADHD Awareness Month October
- World Dyslexia Awareness Day 8th October
- World Autism Acceptance Day 2nd April

These events are a wonderful opportunity for our school community to learn more about neurodiversity, celebrate the strengths of our pupils, and foster greater understanding and inclusion.

As part of these celebrations, we would love to invite parents to take part in assemblies or classroom sessions. If you would like to speak with your child in their class or during an assembly, we warmly welcome you to share:

- Your family's experience with ADHD, dyslexia, autism, or any other SEND or medical condition
- What acceptance and understanding mean to your child
- Strategies or stories that have helped your child thrive
- Any creative ways your child expresses themselves or overcomes challenges

This is a chance to help other children understand and appreciate the diverse ways we all learn and experience the world.

We also want to emphasise that **at any point during the year**, we would be delighted to welcome parents who wish to talk about **any other SEND or medical needs**—such as dyspraxia, the use of epipens, or other conditions that affect their child's school experience. Whether your child has a diagnosis, uses specific strategies or equipment, or simply wants to help others understand their needs better, we are here to support you in sharing that journey.



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Tel: 028 3083 0559 Email: info@stmalachys.camlough.ni.sch.uk www.stmalachyscamlough.com Even if your child would like to speak to their class about their condition and you're happy for them to do so, please reach out and let us know. We'd love to support them in sharing their story in a way that feels safe and empowering.

If you're interested in participating, please get in touch with us as soon as possible so we can plan together. We're happy to support you in preparing your talk, and your child can be involved as much or as little as they feel comfortable.

Thank you for helping us make these awareness days—and every day—meaningful and inclusive for everyone.

Warm regards, Mrs N. McGovern SENCo



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