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# Welcome to the Autism Eye Newsletter



## News



### Councils blame parents for problems

Parents who ask councils for help with a disabled child are automatically blamed for their problems...



### 10,000 invited to biggest autism study

The UK's largest autism study has been launched to look at the wellbeing of those with the condition...

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**Learning disabled go to front of queue**

**Strategy focuses on diagnosis, training**

## Announcements

Teaching gets underway at new online GCSE and A Level school

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Students enjoy work experience placements at Fairfield Farm College

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Reconnect in-person with the SEND community at the Tes SEN Show 2021

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SENAD Group support Derby Uni students' work on community SEND projects

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Robin Hood: relaxed performance of the ultimate pantomime adventure

## Star of the Month



### My Small World Toy Store, Bath

Hats off to the team at My Small World Toy Store in Bath, which boldly placed the sign pictured above outside in the street to list all the ways it tries to be autism-friendly.

The store explained: "As a team who hold this cause so very close to our hearts - you may already know some of our team are parents to young children with autism and some are even autistic themselves - we understand the difficulties families can face in busy shopping environments."

Most customers have been effusive with praise at the store's approach. One wrote on Facebook: "I came into your shop with my son who has ASD and I'll never forget meeting Romilly... she was amazing with me and my son... I had never seen him respond to a stranger like that before! ... Please send her lots of love and tell her

we think she is great!xx'

But, as with many things in the autism world, there have also been negative responses. These prompted the store to explain: "Romilly, who has been an incredible member of our team for four years is autistic and so is Karlie's son. We've had some amazing comments, but also some pretty critical ones too... It's been quite an eye opener.

"We totally understand now why people are reluctant to step up for fear of offending. Of the many comments on what we could and should do differently has been the use of the ASD acronym (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and we've changed the wording on our sign to reflect that for some people the use of the word disorder when talking about autism spectrum is misleading to the point of disrespect - even when this is what it might say on your diagnosis.

"Interestingly, the person who created the A-Board sign was Romilly herself, who a) Is super proud of her ASD diagnosis and has never seen it as derogatory or disrespectful, and b) was really keen to promote what we do in the shop and remove any barriers for enjoyment for anyone choosing to spend time with us. Sadly, she has been really upset by some of the comments ... As anyone with experience of autism knows, any positive comments are really drowned out by the few negative ones."

That's surely a lesson in being respectful and kind, especially when someone is trying to do something good.

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## Events

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### Slindon College Open Morning



**25 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Visit Slindon College, the stunning independent day and boarding school for boys who benefit from a supportive learning environment

### Teaching autistic learners



**1-2 OCTOBER 2021**

Brought to you by the organisers of The Autism Show, we will share knowledge and practical skills to help you at home and in the workplace

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## Tes SEN Show London



## Managing anxiety and mental health



8-9 OCTOBER 2021

The UK's leading special educational needs (SEN) show. Discover the tools, resources and support to empower young learners with SEN

5-6 NOVEMBER 2021

Online learning for parents, family carers and professionals. Autism therapists will take you through approaches that can make a positive difference

## Videos



### The connection between autism and sleep

Many common autism traits affect sleep. Anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder can make it difficult to slip into a peaceful slumber.



### Sleep and autism: helping families get rest

Beth Malow, M.D., M.S., shares more about research on sleep and autism. She also gives practical tips and resources related to sleep.

## Feature

**Get to grips with ADHD**

Many children on the autistic spectrum also have a dual diagnosis or symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). But when nutritional and metabolic imbalances are corrected there can be dramatic improvements in concentration, behaviour and health, says Stella Chadwick

**Control the diet**

Children with low iron levels may be struggling with ADHD

**Iron and copper**

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