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Dyslexia Charity

Dear <<First Name>>,

STOP PRESS! We have a limited number of free places available for our Supporting Learners with Dyslexia course, starting on 19 April. To apply for a free place on this CPD-accredited course you must work in a UK state school in the UK, and [fill in this form](#). Details of the course are [here](#).

The limited places are available on a first-come first-served basis. Others will go onto a waiting list, and if successful, will be contacted when our next course becomes available in the coming months. Huge thanks to the Theo Paphitis Dyslexia Bursary for making it possible for us to provide free places to those who qualify. Those who are NOT from State Schools may still attend the course, but will have to pay the usual fee – details are below. If you have already filled in the form, we will contact you shortly so there's no need to do so again.

We are not long back from the Dyslexia Show 2024 which was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. If you came along, thank you for dropping by!

The week before the Dyslexia Show, our Head of Education Claire Harvey gave a popular talk for the **Farnham Literary Festival** on encouraging a love of writing. Claire was thrilled when, a couple of days after the talk, an attendee got in touch to say that it had inspired her 15-year-old daughter to write an application to be a school dance prefect – something she would not have had the confidence to do before!

This is just the beginning of a summer of getting out and about. Please join us for our [Big Walk for Dyslexia](#) on Sunday 12 May (details below) and look out for us at the Farnham Duck Race on 27 April.

Do get in touch if we can help you – or anyone you know – by emailing

All the best,
Andy and the team

Book now! Easter courses for children

Touch typing and Personalised Learning from Monday 8 April

We have a few last places at these Farnham courses: [Personalised learning](#) sessions can give your child a boost, works as a taster for tuition or be an opportunity to sort out a knotty problem. All sessions are one-to-one and designed specifically for your child.

[Touch typing](#) is a fantastic skill, especially if your child is using a laptop at school. The three fun sessions give them the techniques to allow typing to come naturally. For ages 6 to teens. We also have summer touching typing dates.

Dyslexia assessments availability

Online and face-to-face assessments for children and adults

For the first time since Covid, we can now offer most dyslexia assessments without a wait. As soon as the paperwork is done, we can book an assessment, whether it's online or face-to-face. We have assessors in multiple locations so it couldn't be easier to get a dyslexia assessment right now.

Join our Big Walk for Dyslexia



Bursary funding for personalised learning is available to low-income families.

[Find out more](#)



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dyslexia before, please come and join us this year! It's a fun, family day out (dogs are welcome) and, apart from tea and cake at the end, the best bit is that it raises money to help us support children and adults with dyslexia.

Dyslexia course for parents

Online and on-demand

How can you support your child alongside school? Our HELP! dyslexia course for parents is carefully designed to support parents and to offer practical ways they can help their child. Each of the seven sessions is online and available on demand, covering **talking to school, self-esteem, reading, writing, spelling and numeracy**. Book the whole course or individual sessions.

New Live Spotlights

Assistive Technology: Practical Demonstrations. Tuesday 23 April, 6 to 7 pm

This new Spotlight session is a follow-on from our [Spotlight: Empowering Learning: The How of Assistive Technology](#) but it does stand alone. It will concentrate on demonstrating a number of assistive technology apps and hardware that could make a difference to pupil outcomes.

AI and Dyslexia/SpLDs – How can AI support learners? Tuesday 4 June, 6 to 7 pm

We delve into the revolutionary intersection of artificial intelligence



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for learners with dyslexia and other SpLDs. As AI continues to advance, its applications in educational settings have become increasingly innovative, offering bespoke solutions that cater to diverse learning profiles.

[Find out more](#)

Recordings of both Spotlights will be available.

Do you want to teach children with dyslexia?

Our Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Learners with Dyslexia/SpLDs will qualify you as a specialist teacher

Our accredited courses, based in Farnham, feature pre-arranged teaching practice, gold-standard teaching and small tutor groups. Jessica explains why she chose the Helen Arkell course [here](#).

[Find out more](#)

Online Supporting Learners with Dyslexia/SpLDs course

Friday mornings from 19 April with recordings available

If you want a practical course aimed at TAs and teachers but also useful for parents keen to help their children, this CPD-accredited, six-session course is live online from 19 April, with recordings mailed out after each session.

[Find out more](#)

Royal Parks Half

Sunday 13 October 2024

Marathon season is upon us and you can be part of it too! Join

and raise money to help us support people with dyslexia.



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[Find out more](#)

Fintan O'Regan's ODD and PDA workshops

For educators on Friday 26 April

For parents on Friday 3 May

Neurodiversity expert Fintan O'Regan will discuss Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) and Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) in these very different settings, including the overlap with ADHD and autism and dealing with behaviour through communication and de-escalation techniques.



[Find out more](#)

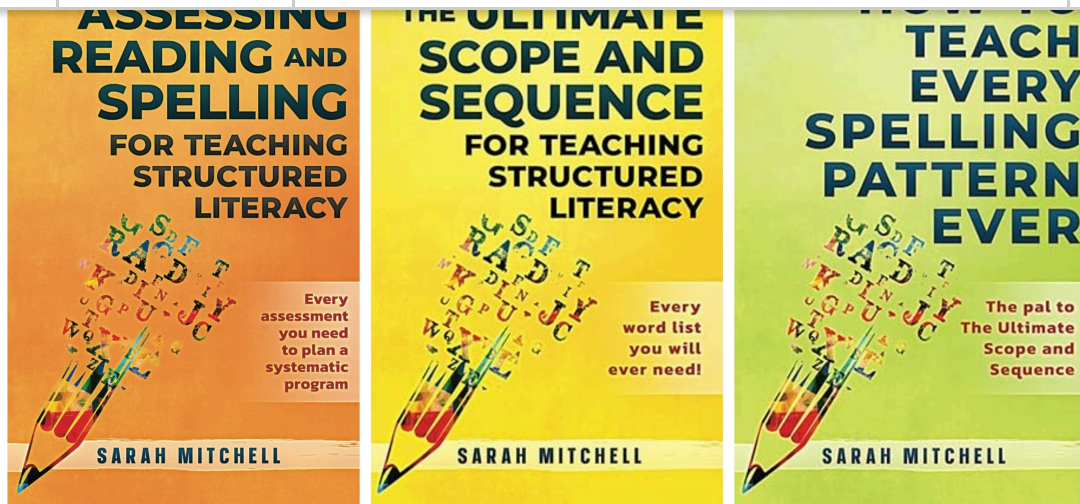


Focus on the shop

Don't forget that our Spring discount code – **SPRING20 – is valid until 14 April and will give you **20% off** all shop products online and in-store.**

Sarah Mitchell's literacy and spelling books

Sarah Mitchell is a specialist teacher with 15 years experience working with students with specific learning difficulties, with a specialisation in dyslexia. She writes books aimed at education professionals.



[Assessing Reading and Spelling for Teaching Structured Literacy](#) contains every assessment you need to plan a highly targeted teaching program for struggling readers and spellers, as well as the planning tools to keep your program and reporting on track.

[Ultimate Scope and Sequence for Teaching Structured Literacy](#) contains every phonic pattern, morpheme, spelling rule and etymology concept you will ever need to teach, along with a word list for each one! A total of 230 patterns and words lists. Words lists are carefully chosen to contain only previously taught concepts, and are differentiated into three levels.

Our Head of Education [Claire Harvey](#) says, '[How to Teach Every Spelling Pattern Ever](#) includes not only the WHAT to teach but also the HOW to teach spelling, including explanations for WHY words are spelt as they are. Cumulative and sequential lists of letter/sound links, phonemes, blends, letter strings, suffixes and prefixes, and spelling rules are clearly laid out. Drawing on morphology, etymology, and phonology, this book delivers a story behind even some of the trickiest letter patterns and words to teach, making them ultimately more accessible, meaningful, and memorable for both the specialist teacher and the learner. This is a super resource for any specialist teacher to have in their toolbox!'

[Shop online](#) or pop in at **24 West Street, Farnham GU9 7DR.**

[Shop now](#)

Annual Golf Day

Thursday 9 May at Worplesdon Golf Club

If you enjoy a good game of golf, this

then enjoy a superb lunch in fantastic company. All to raise money so that we can make a real difference to the lives of children and adults with dyslexia.

[Find out more](#)

Tesco Stronger Starts

From April to June in Bordon and Banbury stores

We're in the customer vote for Tesco Stronger Starts. It's a scheme which gives community projects like us grants of up to £1,500, and this money can make a real difference to children and adults with dyslexia. Tesco customers will now vote in Bordon and Banbury stores during April to June to decide how much funding we get, so please support us next time you shop at Tesco!



Stronger Starts

[Find out more](#)

What do you want researchers to look at?

Dr Cathy Manning from University of Reading wants to hear

We have worked with Dr Cathy Manning over several years, spreading the word about her department's valuable research into dyslexia. She's keen to hear your priorities so that her research is truly useful to people with dyslexia and those who support them.



Research

[Find out more](#)

Course list

We have a full programme of courses – online and face-to-face – for parents, children, young people and education professionals. Our

HELP! Course for Parents of Children with Dyslexia

Available on demand

The next step in your dyslexia journey. Seven online sessions – to download together or separately and watch at your leisure – that will help you support your child practically and emotionally.

Full details [here](#).

On-Demand Spotlights

View online these 60- to 90-minute webinars on current dyslexia topics:

- Dyslexia and sleep research findings with Katrin Jeffcock
- EHCPs with Rachael Allison
- Dyslexia and Executive Function Skills with Victoria Bagnall
- Dyslexia and Nutrition with Dr Emma Derbyshire
- There's More Than One Way to Read a Book with Claire Harvey
- Visual Difficulties and Dyslexia with Adil Kalooji
- Dyscalculia and Maths Difficulties with Rob Jennings
- Be a Brilliant Dyslexic Student with Sarah J Myhill
- Practising Mindfulness with Natalie Diamond
- Empowering Learning: The How of Assistive Technology with Julia Clout and Miles Pilling
- Dyslexia in the workplace – Legal Rights and Duties with Katie Harris

Access [here](#).

Study Skills and Strategies for GCSEs and A Levels

Available on demand – NEW PRICE!

A two-hour, online workshop full of lots of practical tips and suggestions for effective study leading up to exams.

Full details [here](#).

Touch typing for ages 6 to teens

Monday to Wednesday

8 to 10 April 2024

The ability to touch type quickly and accurately has never been more useful, especially if handwriting is a struggle. Comprising three daily 90-minute sessions, the Touch Typing course books up quickly and we get great feedback!

More information [here](#).

Personalised Learning

try out tuition, take a look at our Personalised Learning sessions.

More information [here](#).

Supporting Learners with Dyslexia and SpLDs

From Friday 19 April 2024

Our online Supporting Learners course is aimed at teaching assistants and parents and provides practical help and activities to support reading, writing, spelling, numeracy and much more. **More information** [here](#).

Spotlight: Assistive Technology: Practical Demonstrations

Tuesday 23 April 2024

Watch demonstrations of a number of assistive technology apps and hardware that could make a difference to pupil outcomes. **More information** [here](#).

Fintan O'Regan's ODD and PDA Workshops

For Educators: Friday 26 April 2024

For Parents: Friday 3 May 2024

Children with Oppositional Defiant Disorder and with Pathological Demand Avoidance display a counter-will against authority. We address overlaps with ADD and ADHD, supporting mood and dealing with situations. **More information** [here](#).

Spotlight: AI and Dyslexia/SpLDs – How can AI support learners?

Tuesday 4 June 2024

We delve into the revolutionary intersection of artificial intelligence and special learning needs, spotlighting AI technologies tailored for learners with dyslexia and other SpLDs. **More information** [here](#).

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Monday to Wednesday

29 to 31 July 2024

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Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Learners with Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties

September 2024 to July 2025

Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties for many years and are recognised as a 'gold standard' centre for delivering specialist teacher training. We are now taking applications for CPD-accredited courses in KS2 and KS1 ([details here](#)) and KS2 and KS3 ([details here](#)).

Level 7 Diploma in Teaching and Assessing Learners with Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties

September 2024 to July 2025

For holders of a Level 5 Teaching Learners with Dyslexia/SpLD qualification

We are now taking enquiries for this course that equips students to assess learners for dyslexia and conduct diagnostic assessments.

Details [here](#).

Free online courses and talks

Training for Teachers

Teaching for Neurodiversity

Quality-assured training and information about dyslexia and other SpLDs for teachers and support staff, and for dyslexic individuals and their families. **Watch [here](#).**

A Big Bowl of Self-Esteem

Our Head of Education, Claire Harvey discusses strategies to improve self-esteem in learners with SpLDs. **Watch [here](#).**

Supporting Children at Home with Reading During the Pandemic With Dr Anna Tsakalaki of University of Reading

Dr Tsakalaki presents initial research into how parents supported children at home with reading during the pandemic and discusses what we can learn from this. **Watch [here](#).**

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