



Cuffley School

SEND NEWSLETTER

Learning to Learn

Autumn 2025

Herts Shining Star Award

We are pleased to share that we are working towards gaining the **Herts Shining Star Award**, which celebrates outstanding practice within Herts Speech and Language Therapy services. The award recognises schools who go above and beyond to support children and families, showing commitment, care, and innovation in their work. It reflects our dedication to providing the best possible support for our children and ensuring their needs are always at the heart of what we do.



Parent Gym

March 2025

Parent Gym is a free, friendly coaching course run by our school staff team, designed to support you in building a stronger, more positive relationship with your child. Parent Gym offers practical tips in a relaxed and supportive setting. The course runs for six weeks during the Spring term. If you're interested in joining, please email admin@cuffley.herts.sch.uk to register your interest – we'd love to have you!

SEND Coffee morning

Monday 9th February 9:00am

Please do come along to our coffee morning to learn more about our speech and language support at Cuffley. Our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) from the NHS will also be attending to talk to parents about the current offer of mental health support for children at Cuffley. The MHST is an NHS service that works with schools to provide early help for children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health, offering advice, support, and signposting for families.

Forest School

All children at Cuffley have access to our fantastic Forest School, where learning takes place in a natural outdoor environment. Forest School supports children to develop resilience, confidence, and independence while encouraging curiosity and a love of learning. In addition to whole-class sessions, weekly focus groups run to further support children in developing teamwork skills, physical development, problem-solving abilities, and self-esteem. Through hands-on experiences outdoors, children are supported to grow both socially and emotionally as well as academically.



Ordinarily Available Provision

Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) refers to the support and strategies that are available for all children as part of high-quality, inclusive classroom practice. At Cuffley, this means reasonable adjustments and teaching approaches that support a range of needs. OAP ensures children can access learning through adaptations. At Cuffley, we provide a graduated approach to supporting children with SEND.

- **Tier 1 – OAP** – *most children will have their needs effectively met through ordinarily available provision.*
- **Tier 2 – Targeted** – *for children receiving support from external agencies.*
- **Tier 3 – Specialist** – *for children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)*

Our SEND information report is [attached here](#) for more information on our graduated response.