



SEND Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to our next SEND Newsletter (Term 6 2025).

The SEND team will publish a half-termly newsletter, which specifically focuses on all things regarding Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at Belmont Community Primary School. We hope you find our SEND Newsletter useful.




Mrs Andrea McCormack



What is Cognition and Learning

Cognition and Learning refers to how children think, understand, remember, and apply information. It involves many mental processes that are key to learning both in school and in everyday life. Some children may find these areas more challenging.



 <p>Working memory</p> <p>This is the ability to hold and use information in your mind for a short period of time - like remembering the steps in a maths problem while working it out.</p>	 <p>Short-term memory</p> <p>This is the ability to briefly remember small amounts of information, such as a phone number or a short sentence.</p>	 <p>Executive functioning</p> <p>These are the "thinking skills" we use to plan, organise, and manage tasks.</p>
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Ways to help your child at home

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<p>Break Tasks into Small Steps</p> <p>Break chores into small, manageable chunks, give one instruction at a time, use a simple checklist to show what's been done</p>	<p>Support Their Memory</p> <p>Repeat instructions clearly and calmly, use visuals (pictures/drawings) to remind them of key steps, encourage your child to "say it out loud" before doing a task.</p>	<p>Praise Effort</p> <p>"You really concentrated on that today!" "I noticed how you remembered the first two steps all by yourself."</p>
<p>Use Routines and Structure -</p> <p>Use visual timetables to show what's coming next, give warnings before transitions (e.g., "In 5 minutes, we'll tidy up")</p>	<p>Boost Executive Functioning Skills</p> <p>Use timers for tasks, give them choices to help build independence (e.g., "Do you want to do reading or maths first?"), talk through how to approach a problem step-by-step</p>	



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What Is Widgit?

Widgit is a visual communication tool that uses symbols to support understanding, learning, and communication.

At school, we are beginning to use **Widgit symbols** alongside text to make information more accessible for all learners. These symbols help children better understand instructions, routines, and key vocabulary by providing a visual representation of the words.

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- **Supports understanding** – Symbols make it easier for children to process and remember information.
- **Builds independence** – Visual schedules and prompts help children follow routines without needing constant reminders.
- **Inclusive for all** – Whether a child has special educational needs or is just a visual learner, Widgit helps support their development.

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You may notice Widgit symbols in classrooms, on signs around the school, on communication boards, or even within newsletters. They are a simple but powerful way to help all children feel more confident and included in their learning.

My Incredible 5 point scale