

Welcome to the  
**Southwark Hearing  
Support Service  
(SHSS) 2026  
Summer Newsletter.**



## WELCOME

**Welcome to this half term's newsletter. We hope that you all had a good Easter break and got to some fun activities.**

Some of you enjoyed a recent trip to see **A Midsummer Night's Dream** at the Unicorn Theatre. We have had some great reviews come in.



*"We both had a wonderful time watching A Midsummer Night's Dream. It was great and the children (at St John and St Clements) had put in such a great effort for all the captions. It's really nice ...we get to share that time together"*

*"Thank you for the tickets, we had a great evening. The captions throughout the production were really helpful. My son really enjoyed the show and is keen to watch the BBC kids version now."*



*"It was such a fun, accessible and dynamic show - we really enjoyed!"*

We have another group going to see it on May 2nd. We hope you enjoy it as much as these guys did. Keep an eye out for more emails from Kevin about shows coming up in the future.

### Emma runs the London Marathon

In other news, our very own Emma ran the London Marathon on Sunday. She chose to run it to celebrate turning 50 and also to raise money for the charity SENSE [www.sense.org.uk](http://www.sense.org.uk)

This is an exceptional charity that has and continues to undertake remarkable work as well as providing support to families on our caseload.



### A REMINDER OF HOW TO GET IN CONTACT WITH US

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This year's **Deaf Awareness Week 2026** runs from **4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. It is an annual event raising awareness about deafness and celebrating **British deaf culture, community, and history**.

The theme this year is "Right to understand - Together, we break barriers," highlighting the need to eliminate barriers to access. The week aims to raise awareness of the signs of deafness, support for children and families, and the reduction of social isolation for deaf people.

The National Deaf Children's Society are taking the opportunity to raise awareness of common signs of deafness and hearing loss, to help make sure deaf children get the right support as soon as possible. They share lots of information on their website about what they are doing. **Deaf Awareness Week 2026 | National Deaf Children's Society**



It could be good opportunity to chat to your child or young person about their deafness. How do they find navigating the world? Do they encounter obstacles? If they do how do they face these challenges? How do they feel at school? Together, we can work to help them to be able to advocate for themselves. There are great books, such as *Freddie and the Fairy* (**Freddie and the Fairy - Julia Donaldson**), that are great for giving your little ones ideas about how they can share with others how to help them. If you would like any tips on how to talk to your child/young person or even to friends and family on how they can support and include your child/young person, please do get in touch with your ToD.

As a team we are spreading the word about the week to the nurseries and schools that we work in and are encouraging them to take part in activities that promote deaf awareness.

*Best wishes*

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