



Derby City Council

Parent Information World Autism Acceptance Month April 2025

The Social Communication and Autism Team are really excited to share a range of resources to help celebrate World Autism Acceptance Month. This year marks the 17th annual World Autism Awareness Day.

We feel it is so important that young people understand their diagnosis and we are passionate about Autistic people being understood by the people around them – World Autism Acceptance Month is a great opportunity to make this happen!

National Autistic Society Resources

- Five ways you can get involved [NAS Info-for-parents WAAM25.pdf](#)
- Fundraise this World Autism Acceptance Month [World Autism Acceptance Month 2025](#)
- Spectrum Live [Spectrum Live](#)
- Stories from the spectrum [Stories from the spectrum](#)
- The Spectrum magazine [The Spectrum magazine](#)
- Exams – a guide for parents [Parents and carers](#)

Autism Education Trust Resources

- Early Years Transition Packs
[Early Years Transitions Parent Guide - Part 1 | Autism Education Trust](#)
[Early Years Transitions Parent Guide – Part 2 | Autism Education Trust](#)
[Early Years Transitions Parent Guide – Part 3 | Autism Education Trust](#)
- School Transitions Parent Packs
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Video clips to help parents and young people understand Autism

Making sense of your Autism Diagnosis (Secondary age appropriate)
[Making sense of your autism diagnosis - Patrick - YouTube](#)

Young People Explain Autism
[Young people explain autism | Ambitious about Autism - YouTube](#)

Inside our Autistic Minds
[BBC Two - Inside Our Autistic Minds](#)

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Fast Facts About Autism for Kids

[Fast Facts About Autism For Kids \(World Autism Awareness Day\) - YouTube](#)

Fast Facts About Autism

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We're Amazing, 1, 2, 3!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl-Sk7_ykzU

Pablo, Talking to your child about autism

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/pablo-talking-to-your-child-about-autism>

Why Autism is a difference not a deficit

[Why Autism is a Difference, not a Deficit](#)

Amazing Things happen by Alexander Amelines

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo>

Amazing Kids, Amazing Things Project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAogdfYPstU>

BBC My Autism and Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejpWWP1HNGQ>

Autism Myths and Facts [Autism myths and facts | Ambitious about Autism](#)

Courses for parents

See attached STEPS SCA Team flyer

Famous Autistic People

Lot's of Autistic people are successful. Below is a list of famous people who are autistic along with what they are famous for. You could ask your child, or family members to research these celebrities and help them to understand that everyone on the spectrum is different.

- *Sam Thompson*, Reality TV Star
- *Alan Gardner*, Garden designer and TV presenter
- *Christine McGinness*, British TV presenter and model
- *Abz Love*, Former singer from the boy band Five
- *Tom Malone Jr*, Gogglebox TV Star
- *Tylan Grant*, Hollyoaks Actor
- *Sir Antony Hopkins*, American Film Star
- *Greta Thunberg*, Swedish Environmental Activist
- *Wentworth Miller*, American Actor (*Prison Break*)
- *Elon Musk*, The worlds richest person
- *Chris Packham*, English Naturalist, nature photographer, television presenter, author
- *Melanie Sykes*, English television, radio presenter and model
- *Anne Hegerty*, English quizzer and television personality
- *Emily Dickinson*, American Poet
- *Jessica – Jane Applegate*, British Paralympic swimmer
- *Guy Martin*, Former British motorcycle racer and heavy vehicle mechanic
- *James Durbin*, American singer and guitarist
- *Susan Boyle*, Scottish singer

- *Ladyhawke*, New Zealand singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist
- *Tim Burton*, American film director, producer, writer and artist
- *Steve Jobs*, American business magnate, industrial design, investor, media proprietor
- *Bill Gates*, American business magnate, software developer, investor, author and philanthropist
- *Albert Einstein*, Theoretical Physicist.
- *Daryl Hannah*, American actress and environmental activist
- *Heather Kuzmich*, American fashion model
- *Niall Aslam*, Appeared on reality TV show Love Island

Book Recommendations

- *Life Will Never Be Dull: The Little Book of Autism Adventures*, Deborah Brownson
- *15 things they forgot to tell you about autism*, Debbie Elly
- *A normal family: Everyday adventures with our autistic Son*, Henry Normal
- *Nobody Nowhere*, Donna Williams
- *Giggle Time – Establishing the Social Connection: A Program to Develop the Communication Skills of Children with Autism*, Julia Moore
- *The little book of autism FAQs: How to talk with your child about their diagnosis and other conversations*, Davida Hartman
- *A parent's guide to autism diagnosis: what to expect and how to support your child*, Adele Devine

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