



Local Schools Join Hertsmere Mencap in Celebrating Inclusion

During Learning Disability Week 2026, Hertsmere Mencap launched its first ever primary school campaign, inspired by Royal Mencap's national theme, "Do you see me?". The campaign provided free resources to primary schools across Hertsmere, helping children better understand learning disabilities and the importance of kindness, inclusion and supporting others.

Schools were also encouraged to take part in a "Wear a T-shirt That Makes You Feel Seen" day, encouraging children to celebrate what makes them unique and recognise that everyone deserves to feel seen, heard and valued.

The response from local schools was fantastic, with a quarter of Hertsmere's primary schools taking part. Pupils developed a greater understanding of learning disabilities and inclusion. Participating schools also raised vital funds to support Hertsmere Mencap and the schools PTA's.

One Year 6 pupil reflected, "We have a child who has a learning disability in our class and he constantly shouts terrible things out, but we try and support him, even if he is mean, because we know he finds socialising really tough." A Year 2 pupil shared, "I learned that people with learning disabilities can be the same as anyone else if they are supported by their school."

Alongside the school campaign, Hertsmere Mencap celebrated Learning Disability Week with our Friday morning Dance group performing at Tesco in Borehamwood, a pizza-making masterclass at Pizza Express in Radlett, and by spotlighting the valuable contributions our members make within our community.

Based in Borehamwood, Hertsmere Mencap supports children and adults with learning disabilities and their families across Hertsmere. We provide an engaging adult daily activities, an 18+ Employment Training course, and a children's Holiday Club during the Easter and Summer holidays.

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