



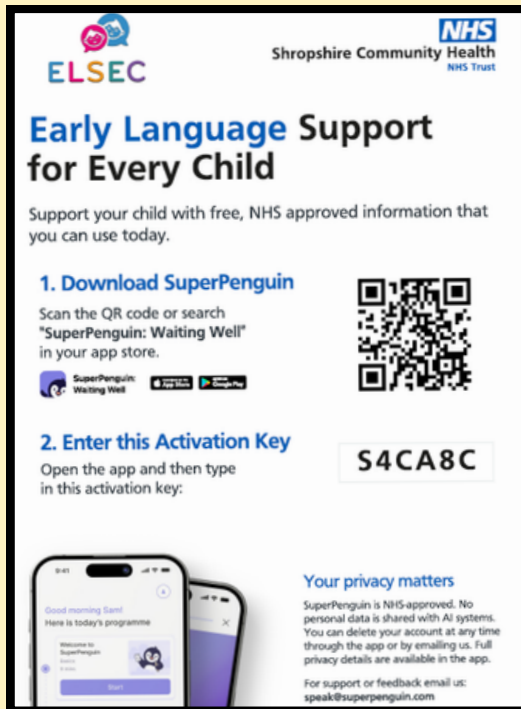
ELSEC

Newsletter



Early language support
for every child

Spring term 2026



The screenshot shows the 'Early Language Support for Every Child' activation page for the SuperPenguin app. It includes the ELSEC logo, NHS Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust branding, and instructions to download the app and enter the activation key 'S4CA8C'. A QR code is provided for app discovery. A privacy notice is also visible at the bottom.

Spotlight on..

Supporting families

When families are worried about their child's speech and language development and are waiting for an appointment to see a Speech and Language Therapist for an initial appointment or assessment, many will be seeking support and advice from their school or nursery. The good news is that you can now direct parent carers to the SuperPenguin app. SuperPenguin is a mobile app that helps families support their loved ones' speech and communication through expert-led guidance and progress tracking, where information is broken down into bite-sized topics.

For speech and language advice and support for families please also use:

- [Resource library for families - Speech and Language UK:](#)
- [Changing young lives](#)
- [Speech and Language Support for parents from NHS:](#)
- [Speech, language, communication needs](#)

ELSEC updates

This term has been a really exciting one for both the ELSEC team and for settings as the first round of interventions come to a close and children are rescreened.

Early indications suggest that of the 550 children in a Talk Boost group, 74% of children in Reception and Y1 and 36% of Nursery children moved to a RAG rating of green. This is amazing considering around a third of the children were initially RAG rated as red and for nursery aged children the expectations increase as they get closer to school age.

By the end of the Spring term almost every setting will have received whole school training in 'Questions in Everyday Interactions'. Additionally, settings have been offered virtual training sessions in Concept Cat and Building Early Sentence Therapy (BEST).

Many settings have now also run Talk Away sessions for their parents, with the support of the ELSEC Team (see the feature).

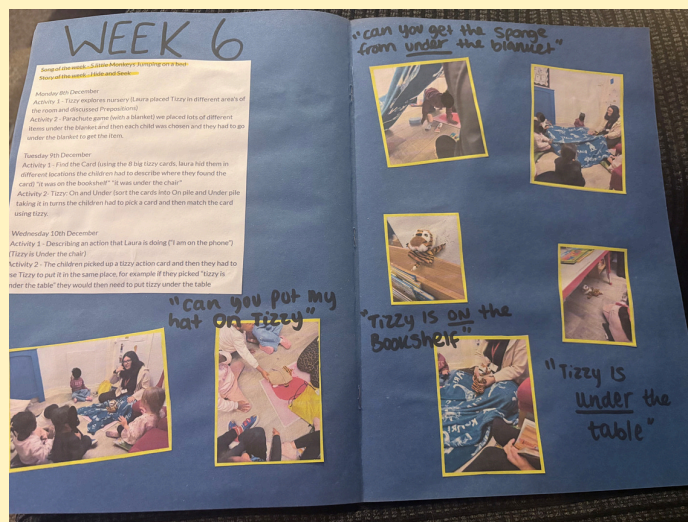
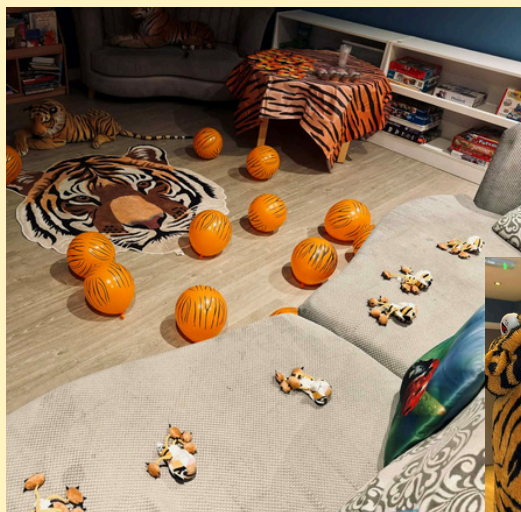
What's next?

In the Summer term, the current Talk Boost, Narrative and BEST groups will continue and all children, not already RAG rated green, will be rescreened at the end of the school year. Some settings will run their Talk Away sessions. and the ELSEC team will continue to revisit settings to review communication audits and support staff to plan for September 2026 and beyond.

Early Years Talk Boost has proved to be a hit in many of the settings. Here are just a couple of great examples.

Church Street Nursery

Church Street Nursery hosted their own Tizzy party at the end of the intervention. They also created a beautiful book for the children to reflect upon their 'Tizzy time'.



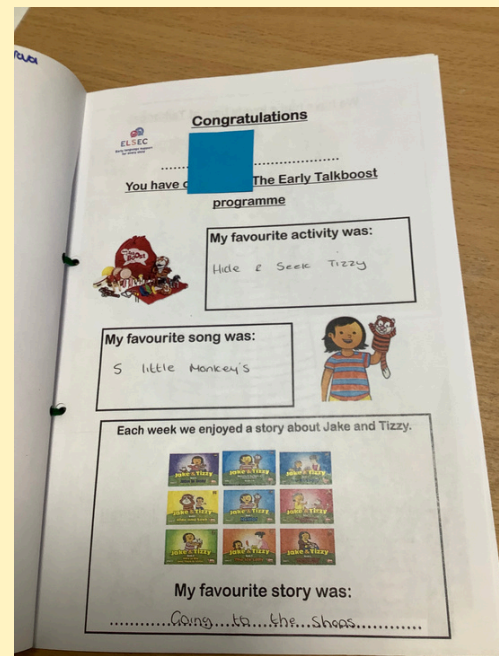
Millbrook Primary School

A talented staff member has knitted a Jake and Tizzy for the children at Millbrook Primary School



John Randall Primary School

John Randall Primary School also celebrated the end of Talk Boost with a Tizzy party.



Talk Away sessions

This term settings have started to plan for Talk Away parent sessions and the ELSEC team have enjoyed helping to deliver these across multiple settings so far. We know that some are planned for the start of the summer term but the feedback so far has been fantastic. Here are a small selection of photographs from some of the recent Talk Away sessions.



Halesfield
Day
Nursery



John
Randall
Primary
School



Staff at Kidszone Nursery in Oswestry have taken the Talk Away sessions even further. In addition to running morning and afternoon sessions for parents in the nursery setting they have personalised some sessions for parents to ensure the sessions could be accessible for all families, even planning to take Talk Away into the homes of key families. The relationship that the nursery staff have with families has made Talk Away a really positive experience and has supported parents to get to know each other better too.



Kidszone
Nursery



Meole
Brace
Primary
School



The Interim report for the ELSEC project was published in January 2026. This outlines the learning and outcomes so far. Please click on the link below to find out more:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-language-support-for-every-child-interim-evaluation-report>