

# SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

April 2026

Medway Parents & Carers Forum  
Registered Charity 1183372

## MPCF's AGM

We want to say a HUGE thank you to our incredible members and stallholders who attended our AGM on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. It was an informative, supportive and memorable day for our whole team

We were lucky enough to have talks from Celia Buxton from council staff offering our audience the opportunity to ask questions regarding the recent Send Reforms (White paper) and how this will affect their services for children in Medway

We also received an update on the Local Government Reorganisation. Discussing the future of how Kent's district will be separated.

**THANK YOU ALL WHO ATTENDED!**

## We say farewell to our incredible Chair; Shenda

She joined the forum many years ago and offered her services as Chair of Trustees when the Forum became a charity in 2019. She has served as Chair since, and leaves big shoes to fill.

In her place the Trustees elected Nicky Lambert and Anita Oxenham as Co-chairs

**"We are both committed to do our best for the forum in a role. Neither of us have ever done this before so please be patient with us while we learn. We are here for you all.  
Go Team MPCF!"**



## Reminder to answer our SEND White Paper Feedback Forms

The questions on the survey are the same questions that have been shared by the government consultation, who have asked for parent carers to share their views in a survey to inform them on their decisions. There are 39 questions asking your opinions.

We hope to offer an opportunity to share our members' views, and to answer these questions as a charity collective with your views at the forefront of our answers

If you are interested in giving your opinion please use the link or QR code below. This will send you to a list of questions. Please feel free to answer the questions that you are most passionate about

### MPCF's Survey:



### Full Government consultation:

*(if you would prefer to answer the full survey directly)*



## Upcoming Webinar: Introduction to the Medway Therapeutic Alliance by North Kent mind

The Medway Therapeutic Alliance support children and young people's emotional wellbeing from the age of 5- 18, and up to 25 years for those with SEND or care leavers.

This webinar is an opportunity for families to find out what the Alliance is, why it has been created, and how it aims to make support easier to access and more joined-up across Medway.

**THURSDAY  
7<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2026  
@7PM**

WEBINAR VIA ZOOM  
MEETING ID: 886 8061 1865  
PASSCODE: 997481



## we are bursting with pride...



We are so happy to announce our wonderful Lisa Scarrott is the winner of The People's Choice Award at MVA 2026 VCSEF Sector Leaders Award.

As well as revealing that our incredible Trustee, Keith Clear, has won 'Volunteer of the Year' for the 2026 Pride in Medway Awards

It's no surprise to us that their dedication, passion and commitment hasn't gone unnoticed. The impact they both have is unparalleled in our Medway community. Congratulations to our whole team for their nominations also!

## MPCF's SEND Award Winners!

### **Winner of Nursery**

Parkwood Pre-school

### **Winner of Primary**

New Road Primary

### **Winner of Secondary**

Brompton Academy

### **Winner of Post-16**

Forward 2 Employment

### **Winner of Health**

Jayne Carey (CAMHS)

### **Winner of Council Staff**

George Austin

### **Winner of Special Primary**

Danecourt

### **Winner of Special Secondary**

Hope View School

### **Winner of Individual**

Allan Norris (EWB)

### **Winner support group**

Club Ausome

### **Winner of Transport**

Maria and Aaron

### **Winner of MPCF Team**

#### **Member of the Year**

Rebecca Wozencroft

Well done to everyone who was nominated. It was incredibly hard to choose our winners, as you all contribute so much to our community!

## **Other Updates:**

- The Team attended Child Friendly Medway for the Pentagon's Rabbit Run this Easter... Our Lisa had fun sporting her Easter Bunny costume!
- FREE Bus Travel Weekend 2/3/4<sup>th</sup> May in Medway. No ticket required just hop on and enjoy your weekend!
- Medway council website has had a big update with a brand new AI search bar added onto the homepage, making it easier, faster and more accessible for people to search for information.

