

Connection over Compliance

Happy Chatters Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

We're excited to share with you all the latest updates from Happy Chatters! Whether you're a long-time part of our community or a recent addition, thank you for being here. Every month, we'll be bringing you highlights, celebrations, and what's coming up next, so grab a cuppa and enjoy the read!

Meet Miss Daisy: a SEND-specialist dance teacher

🎉 Exciting news! 🎉

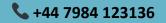
We're absolutely delighted to welcome Miss Daisy to Happy Chatters for Joyful Dance & Movement sessions designed especially for children with special needs **

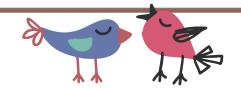
Who is Miss Daisy?

Meet Miss Daisy Gilder, a SEND-specialist dance teacher with over 10 years' experience and multiple diplomas in dance teaching . She offers sensory-led, inclusive dance sessions featuring Makaton signing, PECS & visual aids, and props to engage every child's unique needs.

- What to Expect:
- Tailored Music & Movement routines
- Sensory themes to spark curiosity
- Interactive signing, visuals & props
- Emphasis on connection, joy & inclusion
- Loved by families & schools for making every child feel welcome.
- The Launching soon at Happy Chatters!

 Spaces are limited, so keep your eyes peeled for updates ●●
- Follow Miss Daisy <u>@dancing_missdaisy</u> for the latest on session dates, fun reels, booking info, and more!





New and Exciting at Happy Chatters

How Being a Parent to an Autistic Gestalt Language Processor Daughter Changed My Life. A Journey of Unlearning & Relearning

Being a parent to my autistic daughter, a Gestalt Language Processor, changed everything. I once imagined milestones and timelines, but instead, I was gifted a deeper lens on communication, connection, and love.

I had to unlearn what language "should" look like and begin observing what it actually does look like for her. Her scripts weren't random, they were rich, emotional messages. Every echoed line became a doorway into her world.

This journey reshaped me.

I'm now more patient, more intuitive, and more open to different forms of communication.

I've learned to value connection over compliance, and joy over judgment. Communication doesn't need to be linear to be meaningful.

From Practice to Purpose

She led me to the Natural Language Acquisition (NLA) framework, revealing how powerful and layered gestalt language truly is. She didn't need fixing, she needed understanding.

Now I work through a neurodiversity-affirming lens.

I lead with empathy, not efficiency.

My daughter made me a better person and a better parent as one who follows the child, not the program.

In the End

She hasn't just changed my life she's defined it.

My heart is wider.

My work is deeper.

My purpose is clearer.

Zynab from our Berkshire/Buckinghamshire branch featured on the @tapestry_fsf podcast with Jules. She discussed raising autistic children, neurodiversity-affirming parenting and practice, and shared practical strategies, co-regulation, respecting sensory needs, building predictable routines, and partnering with schools and families. Zynab also reflected on her path to becoming an autism consultant and SLPA with Happy Chatters and how this shapes her day-to-day support for local families.



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