

SIGNPOST

Communication News & Resources



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Welcome to Signpost! Bringing you communication news and free resources for the month ahead.

This month includes signing, symbols, and insights from AAC users!



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KEY-WORD SIGNS

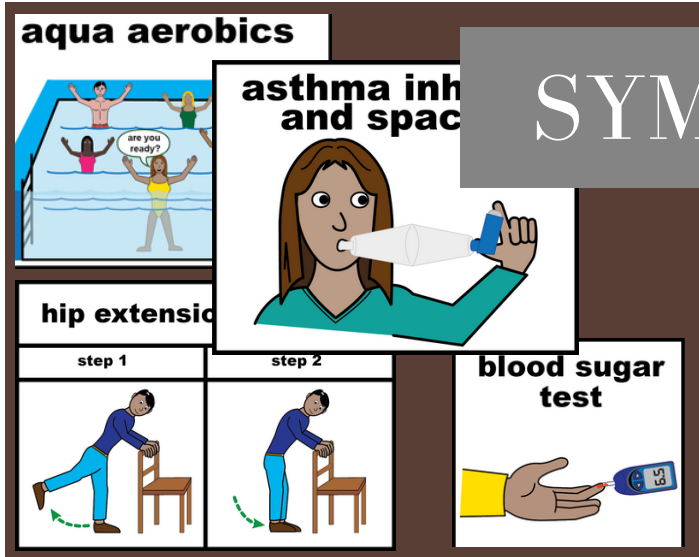


Have you got your advent calendar yet? This year we can find a festive sign behind every door - perfect for chatting about seasonal decorations, foods and traditions. [Find Signalong's free advent calendar here](#)

If you're resolving to sign more in the new year, why not [join a group and gain a certificate](#)? Local Speech and Language Therapists will be leading eight sessions in Yeovil from 15th January 2022.

THINKING AHEAD





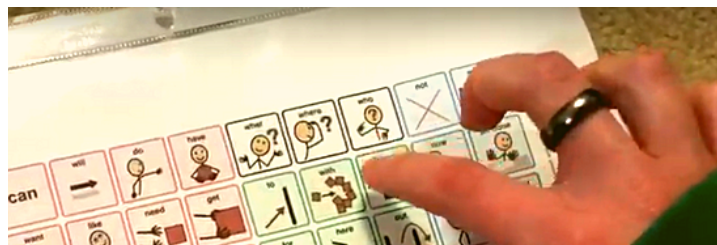
SYMBOL DATABASE

It can be tricky to find meaningful and clear images for visual timelines, social stories or other accessible resources. But take a look at this [free database of over 3000 symbols](#) from Leeds Learning Disability Service. It's especially good for medical and health images!

AAC AND ME

"We all have a story and we all want to share our voice with the world." Jordyn uses a Voice Output Communication Aid to speak, but didn't get her device (or lessons to enable her to use it) until she was 18. School was traumatic: staff thought she couldn't learn or understand, and Jordyn was often restrained and placed in isolation. Now she's studying for a Masters degree. [Read Jordyn's piercing insight into real life with\(out\) AAC](#), and watch her powerful film: ['This Is Not About Me'](#).

JORDYN ZIMMERMAN



ASH KEEPS TALKING

"I prefer to be referred to as an autistic AAC user who is unreliably speaking." [Meet Ash](#), and [explore his YouTube channel](#) for straightforward, succinct explanations of the useful strategies and the challenges experienced by teenagers who use AAC.

Ash expresses himself using a range of AAC, including: Proloquo2Go, LAMP: Words For Life, key-word signing, paper-based communication boards, and writing.



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