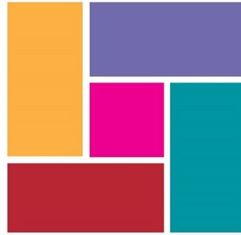


PIVATS

Performance Indicators for Valued Assessment & Targeted Learning



Welcome

Welcome to our brand new PIVATS newsletter. This will be sent out termly to update you on what is happening in the world of PIVATS, with some extra items which we hope will be helpful for you.

You may be aware that, although PIVATS is a resource written by Lancashire Local Authority School Improvement Team, it is used both nationally and internationally. We also have an 'extended PIVATS family' of Accredited Training Providers (ATPs) who have been trained as trainers and who are there to support colleagues in their use of PIVATS within local authorities and families of schools.

The PIVATS team is very grateful for all the support and feedback from users everywhere and highly value the relationships which have been built over the years with the ATPs.

Meet the Team

Many of you are aware that we do not work full-time with PIVATS as we have other responsibilities within the local authority.

However, everything we do informs our work with PIVATS and, underlying everything, is our commitment and motivation to improve outcomes for all our children and young people.



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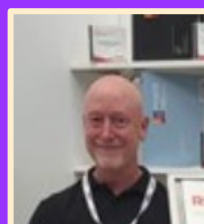
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This year, our team has expanded to include our fabulous PSHE Consultant, Jen Macdonald, and, last term, we were delighted to welcome our new Behaviour Consultant, Jenna Parkington to the PIVATS 'family'. Jen and Jenna will be supporting Elaine with updates and developments around PIVATS PSED.

What's New

Updated PIVATS Website:

The last couple of years have seen many developments regarding the PIVATS products, including a brand-new website. [PIVATS - Lancashire Professional Development Service](#)

Not only will you find out more about the PIVATS products here, but you will also be able to discover the wide range of resources and courses offered by Lancashire's Education Improvement Service which will support provision for SEND. [Wider Lancashire Resources and Courses - Lancashire Professional Development Service](#)

Language and Communication Extension Pack:

In addition to the website, we have just published our brand-new extension pack to support provision for pupils being assessed on the Language and Communication Milestones. This is FULL of practical strategies and has a number of useful appendices.

If you are someone who usually skips over introductions to get to the practical strategies (yes, we've all done it...), we recommend that, on this occasion, you rein yourself in and have a read of the introduction as this also contains a great deal of practical guidance on making sure the ordinarily available provision/universal offer is secure for all pupils. It is also very informative regarding development of language and communication.

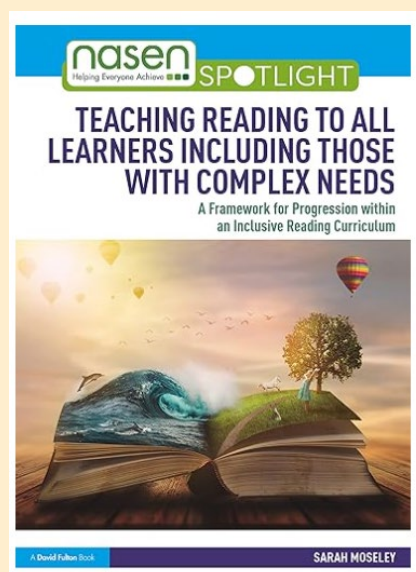
The **Language and Communication** milestones have been updated to reflect development in this area. If you have PIVATS 5 in school, but have not received the free milestones update, please contact the team. The extension pack is an additional cost, but at £55 it is a real bargain! To order please follow the instructions via: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/961065/ordering-accessing-the-pivats-5-extension-packs-march-2025.pdf>

Another fairly recent addition are the science milestones for Scientific Enquiry and Skills. Available only in electronic (PDF) format, these milestones are not available in the hard copy folder version of PIVATS 5. If you had previously purchased PIVATS 5 in any format prior to November 2022, you should have received a copy of these milestones. Phil tried to send out a set to all who qualified according to our records on the PIVATS database but, inevitably people move on from their posts and contact details become obsolete. Please, let us know if you have not received this free addition to PIVATS 5 and we will send them onto you.

Thoughts from the Team/Recommended Reads

Early reading is something many of our children with SEND find challenging. Dr Sarah Mosely has written a very accessible book for professionals which draws on latest research around how to develop an inclusive reading curriculum. It also contains a range of practical ideas and case-studies. Well worth a read!

With this in mind, the PIVATS team have plans to update the Reading Extension Pack next year. Watch this space.



PIVATS Resources

These are the current PIVATS products available to support your assessment of children with SEND:

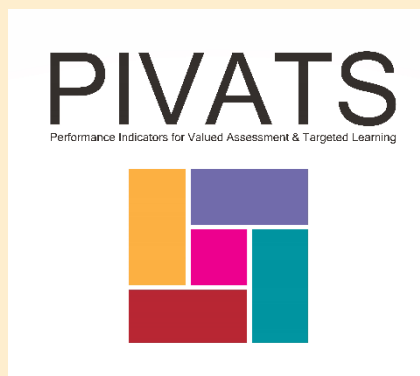
PIVATS 5 (available in electronic (PDF) and/or hard copy folder formats)

- Reading
- Writing
- Language and Communication,
- Number
- Shape, Space and Measure
- Scientific Enquiry and Skills

Sections are also sold individually.



Brand New PIVATS Courses



The majority of our PIVATS courses are delivered as online training to facilitate attendance for colleagues who are not based in Lancashire.

We have extended our course programme for 2025-2026 in response to feedback. Please check out our PIVATS courses below:

In addition to our usual courses:

[An Introduction to PIVATS 5](#) (highly recommended if you are new to PIVATS)

[How to Use PIVATS 5 PSED and Toolkit](#)

[PIVATS for SENDCos: Effectively Implementing PIVATS to Assess and Monitor Progress for Children with SEND](#)

we are excited to introduce our brand-new courses:

[PIVATS: Language and Communication Development](#) – Led by Louise Laycock of Bridge Speech Therapy (Main author of the Language and Communication Toolkit)

[PIVATS: Supporting Pupils Struggling with Reading](#) – Led by Caroline Yabantu from Lancashire English Team

[PIVATS: Supporting Pupils Struggling with Writing](#) – Also led by Caroline

[PIVATS Extension Pack – Number](#) – Led by Andrew Taylor from the Lancashire Maths Team, who also wrote the extension pack which so many of you are finding very helpful. This course will focus on how to get the most from this resource.

You may also be interested in [Building Sentences in Key Stage 1](#) – led by Sarah Atkinson from our English Team. Although it says KS1, this course will cover early sentence development which will be useful for many of our children who are writing at an early development stage.

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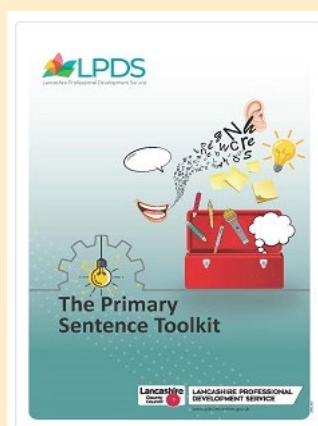
The wider Lancashire Professional Development Service (LPDS) has a wide range of publications, courses and consultancy offers for support across the curriculum. Find out more here [LPDS - Lancashire Professional Development Service](#).

In each newsletter, we will aim to focus on a course/resource which you might like to explore to support provision for children with SEND.

This term's focus item has been written by the English Team.

The Primary Sentence Toolkit

Sentences are essential building blocks to written composition. Without a secure understanding of sentences and what a sentence does, the success of children's written compositions will always be limited.



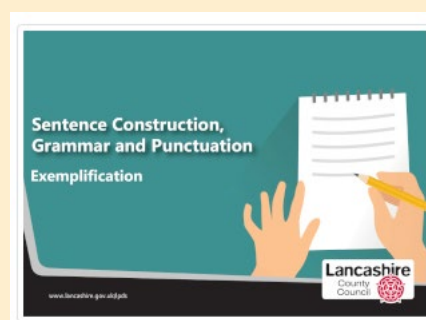
The Primary Sentence Toolkit has been designed for subject leaders, class teachers and teaching assistants to support children in their understanding and composition of sentences. Informed by subject knowledge and links to Key Learning, many of the practical toolkit strategies can be easily adapted in order that they are age appropriate. The strategies can be used for whole-class, small group and 1:1 teaching.

For more information, and to view sample pages, click [here](#)

In addition to the Primary Sentence Toolkit, there is another useful document which looks at progression in sentences, grammar and punctuation. This can also be useful when planning provision for pupils as it supports planning for next steps.

This document provides examples of the application of grammar and punctuation within sentence construction linked to the National Curriculum and Lancashire's Key Learning documents.

It illustrates progression from Reception to Y6 for all sentence types required across KS1 and KS2. Teachers and Teaching Assistants may find this a useful resource when planning for the whole class, group sessions or intervention. It can also be used as a reference tool when assessing writing in each year group.



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope you have found it interesting and helpful. If you have any suggestions on what you would like us to include in future newsletters, please do not hesitate to get in touch and let us know.

In the meantime, we send you every best wish for the new school year.

"To the world, you may be just a teacher,

but to your students,

You are a HERO!"

We Are Teachers