

nasen LIVE 2026 Agenda

08:30 - 9:30	Registration		
09:30 - 10:00	Welcome and Opening Address - Main Room Annamarie Hassall MBE - nasen Chief Executive, Phillipa Sherlock Lewis - Chair of Trustees, & Dan Windsor - Head of Partnerships, BeReady		
	Main Room	Seminar Room 1	Seminar Room 2
10:10 - 10:50	Inclusion Support Bases with Purpose Faye Whittle	Navigating the SEND Landscape Erica Wolstenholme	An Introduction to Specific Learning Difficulties in Maths and Dyscalculia Rob Jennings & Cat Eadle
10:50 - 11:20	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
11:20 - 12:00	Panel: SEND Reform - opportunities and challenges Adam Boddison OBE, Amanda Bernard, Annamarie Hassall MBE, Dominic Broad, Errol Comrie, Lorraine Petersen OBE, & Trystan Williams	Shared Expertise, Stronger Schools: A Specialist-Mainstream Collaborative Model Matt McArthur	Beyond Readiness: High Expectations and Literacy for Every Learner Chantal Bryan OBE & Sarah Giles
12:10 - 12:50	Race, SEND and Intersectionality Jason Selormey	Panel: The SEN Practitioner: Status, Skills and Support Barry Carpenter CBE, Hilary MacMeekin, Jon Gibson, Julia Clouter, Dr Julie Wharton, Dr Lynda Kay & Dr Tristan Middleton	The Inclusion Illusion: Why presence alone is not inclusion Clive Lawrence OBE
12:50 - 13:40	LUNCH (PROVIDED)		
13:40 - 14:20	What is the Best SEN Strategy? It Might Not Be What You Think! Rowena Hicks	Accessibility Planning That Drives Inclusion, Not Just Compliance Aaron King	Times of Change? Including All in the Joy of Reading! Carol Allen
14:30 - 15:10	From Missed Needs to Meaningful Support: Strengthening SEND Provision Through Early Intervention and Inclusive Practice Errol Comrie	Panel: The National Year of Reading - What Makes a Reader? Simon Kitchen, Andrew Ettinger, Carol Allen, Mary Long, Rebecca Gonyora, Samantha McFarlane, & Dr Sarah Mosley	From the Ground Up: How Teacher Enquiry Can Transform Inclusive Practice Patrick Carmichael & Amanda Wright
15:10 - 15:35	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
15:35 - 16:15	From Barriers to Breakthroughs: Turning Tricky Parent Meetings into Powerful Partnerships Emma Shackleton	Assistive Technology in Primary Schools: From Classroom Tools to Strategic Impact Stacey Jukes	From Transition to Transformation: Preparing for Secondary and What Really Helps Young People Thrive Dawn Cranshaw
16:20 - 16:30	Closing Remarks - Main Room Annamarie Hassall MBE		