



The Communication Trust  
Every child understood

# Hello 2011 Calendar



## A year to help all children communicate

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**Hello. Welcome to the national year of communication - making children's communication skills a priority in schools and homes across the country in 2011.**

Children and young people who find communication hard find life hard.

Join us at [www.hello.org.uk](http://www.hello.org.uk) to improve their life chances.

# January



**Hello. Don't take communication for granted**

Learn more about how communication involves you in life

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1 New year's day	2
3 Bank holiday	4	5	6	7 Kings Speech UK film release	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 National Storytelling Week	30 National Storytelling Week
31 National Storytelling Week						

notes & thoughts  
Learn more about this fascinating subject,  
download the Hello launch report

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# February



## Early chatter matters - from bump to birth and beyond

Babbling babies don't turn into talkative toddlers by chance. It requires help and encouragement from you!

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1 National Storytelling Week Chatterbox Challenge begins	2 National Storytelling Week	3 National Storytelling Week	4 National Storytelling Week	5 National Storytelling Week	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 KIDS National Conference	25	26	27
28						

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# March



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M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Chatterbox Challenge world record attempt	<b>1</b> St David's day National Autistic Society conference Manchester	<b>2</b> National Autistic Society conference Manchester	3	4	5	6
7	<b>8</b> Pancake Day Health and Wellbeing at Work exhibition, Birmingham	<b>9</b> Health and Wellbeing at Work exhibition, Birmingham		<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St Patrick's day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Pearson Conference, Oxford	<b>26</b> Pearson Conference, Oxford I CAN Roadshow for children and parents, Manchester	<b>27</b> Clocks go forward - lose an hour in bed!
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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Take part in the Chatterbox Challenge, Guinness World Record attempt

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# April



## It's not just about talking

Children learn to talk by listening with others. These are the building blocks of communication.

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1 April fool's day	2 International Children's Book Day NAPLIC conference supported by The Communication Trust	3 Mother's Day NAPLIC conference supported by The Communication Trust
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 The Queen's birthday	22 Good Friday	23	24 Easter Sunday
25 Bank holiday	26	27	28	29	30	

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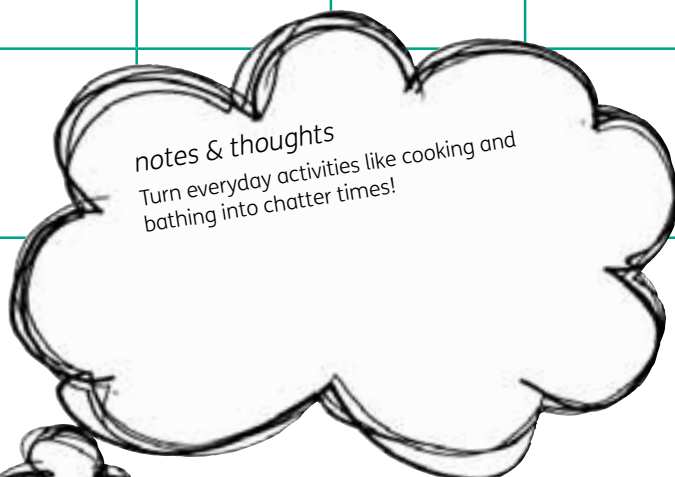
# May



## Good communication begins at home

Learn how to turn everyday activities into fun communication opportunities

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1 National Share A Story Month starts today!
2 Bank holiday	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Adult Learners' Week	15 Adult Learners' Week
16 Adult Learners' Week	17 Adult Learners' Week	18 Adult Learners' Week	19 Adult Learners' Week	20 Adult Learners' Week	21	22
23 Selective Mutism Training Day in Leicester	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Bank Holiday National Family week	31 National Family week					



notes & thoughts  
Turn everyday activities like cooking and bathing into chatter times!

# June



## Imagine life for those that struggle

Children who find communication hard, find life hard. Over 1 million children in the UK struggle to communicate

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1 National Family week	2 National Family week	3 National Family week	4 National Family week	5 National Family week
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Fathers Story Week	14 Fathers Story Week	15 Fathers Story Week Lost for Words: Lost for Life, run by City University, I CAN and Afasic	16 Fathers Story Week Lost for Words: Lost for Life, run by City University, I CAN and Afasic	17 Fathers Story Week Lost for Words: Lost for Life, run by City University, I CAN and Afasic	18 Fathers Story Week	19 Fathers Story Week Father's Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	16
27	28	29	30			

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Worried about a child, log onto  
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# July



## Skills for work, life and play

The power of communication helps you stand out from the crowd, connect with people and live life to the full

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2 National Young Disabled Person's Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 National Childcare Week	12 National Childcare Week	13 National Childcare Week	14 National Childcare Week	15 National Childcare Week	16 National Childcare Week	17 National Childcare Week
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Summer Reading Challenge begins	29	30	31

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Checkout the BT resources for young people



# August



## Talk and go

Develop your child's talking, listening and communication skills in the park, at a museum, in a cafe - even in the car

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Bank holiday	30	31				

notes & thoughts  
Go on a listening walk or talk trip.  
Download our factsheets to get you started

# September

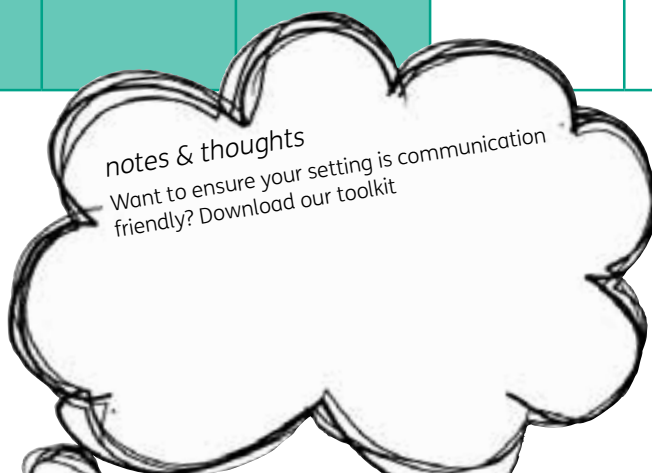


## Back to school

Speech and language skills are vital in the classroom. Language is the way that teachers teach and children learn

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2 Summer Reading Challenge ends	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Roald Dahl day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Family Learning Week	25 Family Learning Week
26 Family Learning Week	27 Family Learning Week	28 Family Learning Week	29 Family Learning Week	30 Family Learning Week		

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Want to ensure your setting is communication friendly? Download our toolkit



# October



## Not just words

Some children have little or no speech. They use facial expressions, signing, symbols or computer aids to communicate with others

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				Grandparents Day	1 International Alternative and Augmentative Communication month starts today!	2
3 British Deaf Association Learn to Sign week	4 British Deaf Association Learn to Sign week	5 World Teachers' Day British Deaf Association Learn to Sign week	6 British Deaf Association Learn to Sign week	7 British Deaf Association Learn to Sign week	8 British Deaf Association Learn to Sign week	9 British Deaf Association Learn to Sign week
10	11	12	13	14	15 Special Educational Needs exhibition, London	16 Special Educational Needs exhibition, London
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Clocks go back – gain an hour in bed!
31 Halloween						

notes & thoughts  
Explore alternative ways of communicating

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# November



## Celebrating communication

Our ability to communicate is something to celebrate - it's what makes humans unique

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5 Guy Fawkes night	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Remembrance Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 One Hour a Day for Learning	22 One Hour a Day for Learning	23 One Hour a Day for Learning	24 One Hour a Day for Learning	25 One Hour a Day for Learning	26	27
28	29	30 St Andrew's Day				



notes & thoughts  
Celebrate good communication  
in your community

# December



## Talk to the future

Children with severe and complex communication difficulties will struggle for life, not just in 2011

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Human Rights Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27 Bank Holiday	28	29	30	31 The National Year of Communication is over, but we all must continue to talk, listen and take part.	

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notes & thoughts  
How will you keep the Hello legacy alive?

