



**Neurodiversity  
Celebration Week  
2026**



# People's brains work in different ways.

- ✓ Autism
- ✓ ADHD
- ✓ Dyslexia
- ✓ Dyspraxia
- ✓ Tourette's



Some people's brains are simply wired differently and that can bring challenges and strengths.



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# Imagine school if everyone was the same

Everyone:

- thought the same
- liked the same things
- solved problems the same way

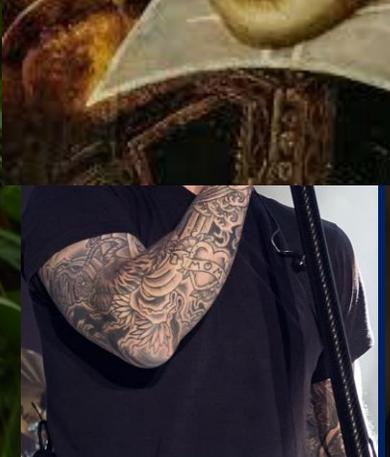
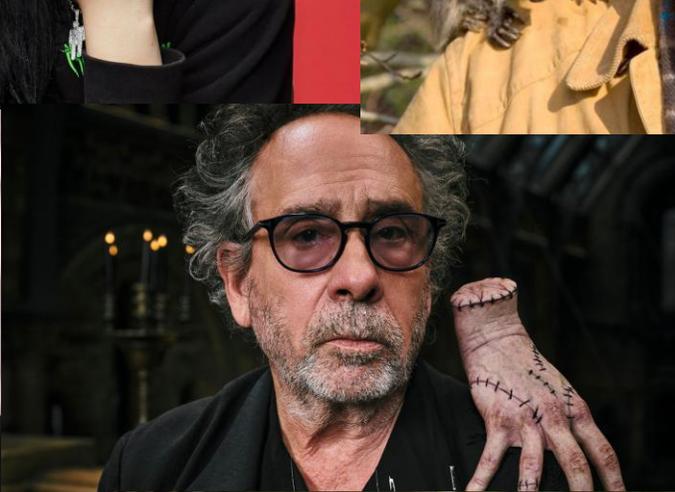


Would that help us solve big problems?

# Different thinkers make the world better!



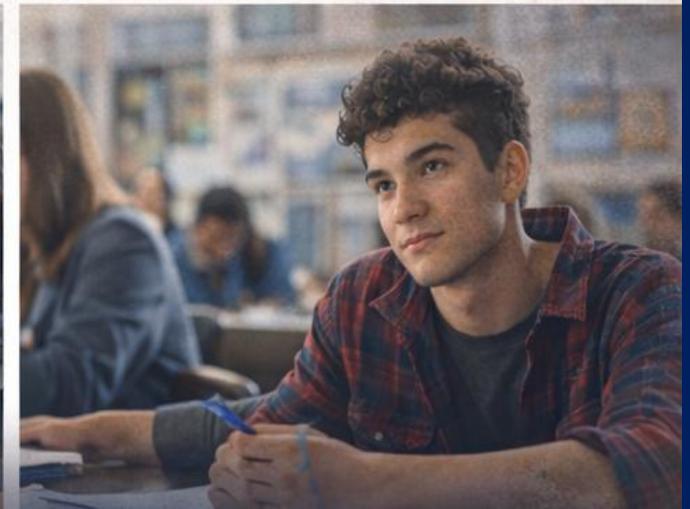
- invent things
- solve problems
- create art
- build technology



# Strengths of Neurodivergent Minds

Many neurodivergent people have strengths like:

- ✦ **Creativity**
- ✦ Problem solving
- ✦ Deep focus on interests
- ✦ Attention to detail
- ✦ Thinking outside the box



# What Challenges Might Someone Face?

Some people may struggle with:



Concentration



Reading or writing



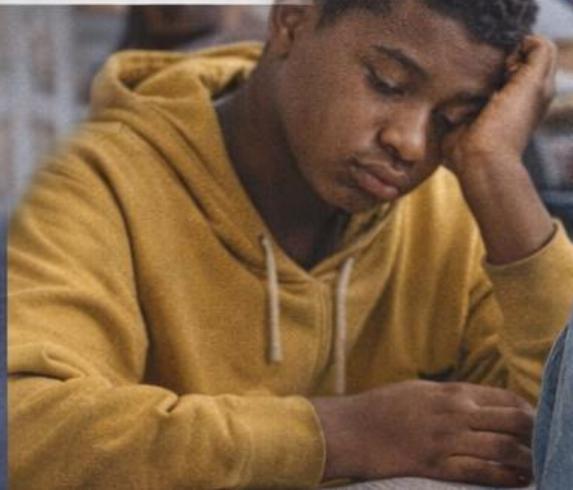
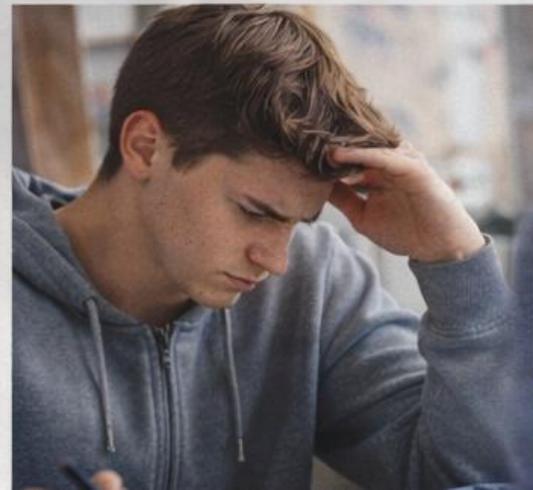
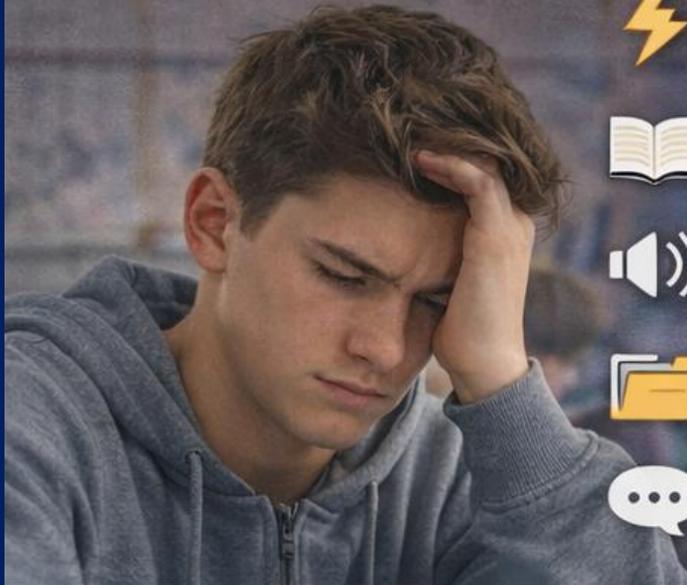
Noise or busy environments



Organisation



Social communication



# Small Things That Make a Big Difference

You can support neurodiverse classmates by:

- ✔ Being patient
- ✔ Not making fun of differences
- ✔ Giving people time to think
- ✔ Helping someone feel included
- ✔ Accepting people as they are



Kindness and understanding make school a better place for everyone.

# Myth vs Fact

- ✘ Myth:** Neurodivergent people are less capable
- ✘ Myth:** Everyone learns the same way
- ✘ Myth:** Differences should be hidden

- ✔ Fact:** They simply think differently
- ✔ Fact:** Everyone learns differently
- ✔ Fact:** Differences make society stronger



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# Inclusion

Through the eyes of our students at  
Joyce Frankland Academy

**Other**  
My uniqueness and strengths are recognised and valued

**Welcome**  
• I feel happy and safe  
• I feel a sense of connection and belonging

**Participation**  
• I feel noticed  
• I can understand routine, instructions and know what is expected of me.

**Support**  
• I am able to engage without barriers  
• I can understand and take part in everything. If I struggle, I don't need to ask for help, people notice.

**Family and friends**  
• My family understand everything they **need** to and there are **good** communication channels



# National Neurodiversity Week

Let's make our school a place where every mind belongs.

*"If everyone thought the same way, nothing new would ever be invented."*



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**Neurodiversity reminds us that:**



The world needs different minds



Kindness and understanding matter



Everyone's brain is valuable



**Celebrate differences. • Support each other. • Be proud of how your brain works.**