

**National Special Educational Needs and Disability Awards 2026**

These awards cover the period January – December 2025

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| Name: |  | Organisation: |  |
| Email: |  | Phone: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Type of setting: |  |

**About your entry**

1. You are required to evidence how your organisation has gone **above and beyond** the expectations for your setting in your chosen category. Entries are scored on three different factors and entries must answer each of the three questions on this form:
* Evidence of going above and beyond the expectations for their type of setting, especially during the pandemic
* Evidence of innovation
* Evidence of sustained impact over 2 consecutive years
1. Please evidence why you should win this category (please complete a separate entry for each category you wish to enter – photographs are allowed) and return to awards@rootofit.com before 30th April 2026.
2. Please remember to include evidence from January-December 2025 to show how this has been embedded over time (i.e. the previous year too).
3. Appendices are allowed as evidence of what you put in your entry, but do not constitute part of your main entry (e.g. you may append data that you refer to).
4. If you are entering the Partnership with Parent category, it must be co-produced, not just include quotes from parents. This means the judges should be able to see evidence from parents about why they support this entry and how they were involved in the entry.
5. If you are nominating someone for the Outstanding Individual category (self-nomination not allowed), then you must make it clear from a number of sources how they have gone above and beyond (e.g. teachers, pupils, parents/carers). This is not a long-service category.
6. Shortlisted entries will be notified and the list of shortlisted entries will be advertised.
7. Winning entries will be announced at our awards ceremony, details to be confirmed later in the year.
8. Winning entries are displayed on our website at [www.sendawards.com](http://www.sendawards.com), please indicate any sections you would not want publishing.

Category (please select one):

[ ] Most Inclusive Practice across a Mainstream School

[ ] Exceptional Internal Special Needs Unit

[ ] Excellence in Special Schools

[ ] Exceptional Internal Alternative Provision

[ ] Excellence in Alternative Provision

[ ] Inclusion in Early Years

[ ] Inclusion in Further and Higher Education (up to 24 years)

[ ] Support into Employment (up to 24 years)

[ ] Most Innovative Special Needs Intervention

[ ] Best use of External Special Needs Professional

[ ] Partnership with Parents

[ ]  Outstanding Individual Contribution to SEND:

Person nominated for outstanding contribution:

Their role:

Their organisation (if different from your own):

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| Introduce your organisation context and the context of the people you work with in the space below |
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| Describe in the space below how do you/they go above and beyond the expectations. |
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| Describe in the space below how your work is innovative. |
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| How is this work sustained over at least two years?You need to include data as evidence of this. In addition, you can include testimonials, feedback and other supporting evidence in this space. |
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