

May 2026 Awareness Events

There are awareness events during May that are relevant to people with communication and/or swallowing needs. Here are some resources to support you if you want to promote the role of speech and language therapy in these areas.

If you know of other awareness events, please let us know on

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General resources

- @includeorg, @givingvoicelds, @AphasiaChoir #OneWorldOfCommunication video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=l-rt9liR3ao>
- @StephFBurgess #SpeakUpForCommunication poem:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FdpvbHUnFw>

1-31 - Huntington's Disease Awareness Month

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/progressive-neurological-disorders>

https://wakelet.com/wake/jToiFFpyfTfe_3vL8mnDf

1-31 - Stroke Awareness Month

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/stroke/>

1-31 - Apraxia Awareness Month

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/speech-sound-disorders/#section-16>

<https://wakelet.com/wake/WKqybVdBWaEGtpCmChCgL>

4 – International Airway Stenosis Awareness Day

RCSLT resources:

<https://wakelet.com/wake/WT6iNefnuqF58WQ6yFCkD>

4-10 - Deaf Awareness Week

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/deafness>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjC46fsSjns>

<https://wakelet.com/wake/ZTepMCNy1jpBMkyvJniDs>

4-10 - Dying Matters Awareness Week

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/end-of-life-care-overview/>

<https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Supporting-a-good-end-of-life-factsheet.pdf>

8 May – Dysarthria Awareness Day

For more information:

<https://hcsclinic.sites.sheffield.ac.uk/services-and-groups/dysarthria-clinic/dysarthria-awareness-day>

<https://www.instagram.com/dysarthriaawarenessday/>

9 – International Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Day

For more information:

www.cdls.org.uk

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAlSD_WhfWc

11-24 - Foster Care Fortnight

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/-/media/Project/RCSLT/5-good-standards-a4-2019.pdf>

<https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/Project/RCSLT/rcslt-looked-after-children-factsheet.pdf>

11-17 - Mental Health Awareness Week

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/social-emotional-and-mental-health/>

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/mental-health-adults/>

16-24 - Cleft Lip and Palate Awareness Week

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/cleft-lip>

<https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/docs/policy/rcslt-supporting-people-with-cleft-lip.pdf>

16 - Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Day

For more information:

<https://www.spinal.co.uk/spinal-cord-injury-awareness-day-uk/>

18-24 - Dementia Action Week

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/dementia>

18-24 - Action for Brain Injury Week

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/brain-injury>

21 - Global Accessibility Awareness Day

For more information:

<https://accessibility.day/>

30 - World MS Day

RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/progressive-neurological-disorders>

<https://app.vyond.com/videos/5bf206d3-a937-4f0f-98ce-a8a4881a6327>