PIVATS Courses Autumn Term 2026

This provides a brief reference list of PIVATS courses planned for Autumn 2026. These courses can also be tailored to meet schools' individual needs and delivered as twilight or INSET days. The 'Introduction to PIVATS 5' and 'How to use PIVATS 5 PSED and Toolkit' are also available as pre-recorded webinars which can be delivered as a twilight in school. If you would like to speak to anyone about a course; please contact the Lancashire Professional Development Team on 01257 516100 / lpds@lancashire.gov.uk

PIV409 PIVATS: Language and Communication Development		
This course will: Explain what delayed language development and Specific Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) are, with focused information about Developmental Language Disorder (DLD). • Give a brief overview of why trauma informed should be language informed and give practical advice on supporting the pupils with a complex trauma background, in relation to their language and communication development. • Give an overview of effective 'ordinarily available provision' for language and communication development. • Give practical advice and signpost support for pupils with language and communication differences.	Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service	**Suitable For:** Headteacher, Subject Leaders, Teachers, SENDCO, Teaching Assistants, ECT, Heads of Department
PIV407 PIVATS: Supporting Pupils Struggling with Reading		
This course will consider: • The link between early language development and reading • How phonological awareness plays an essential role in early language development • How phonemic awareness, alongside quality texts and vocabulary exposure, develops pupils' language acquisition and supports learning to read • Common SEN around communication and language and early reading and guidance on how to recognise these needs, including practical strategies for supporting pupils	Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service	**Suitable For:** Headteacher, Subject Leaders, Teachers, SENDCO, Teaching Assistants, ECT, Heads of Department

Consultancy and Support

Our bespoke consultancy support can address your priorities through the form of twilights, INSET sessions, online consultancies via video conferencing and one to one support for teachers or subject leaders. Please contact Elaine Williams – elaine.williams@lancashire.gov.uk or Mike Thompson – mike.thompson@lancashire.gov.uk to arrange your consultancy package.