

MOVE THE MIND LEARNING AP | ISSUE 1: SUMMER 2026

2026 marks ten years since Move the Mind Foundation CIO was founded by Nicole. Seeing a direct need, Nicole set up Move the Mind Learning Alternative Provision on the same site in September 2025. The aim was simple: to offer a nurturing, therapeutic environment where neurodiverse young people can flourish. So far, we have been able to offer: 1:1 and small group tuition with qualified teachers, Forest School sessions, therapeutic support using the animals and riding provided by Move the Mind Foundation CIO.

It has been an incredible first year and there are some exciting developments happening in September:

- We will be offering ASDAN qualifications and CREST Awards.
- We will be working in partnership with Haddon Training to offer City and Guilds Qualifications in Horse Care and Functional Skills in English and Maths.
- We have appointed a SENCO who will be managing our education provision.
- Our monitoring and reporting systems will now be supported using the Learn Trek platform.
- Our team have had [Movement Method Training](#) which complements The Horse Boy Method we use at Move the Mind Foundation CIO

Please do take a look at our [website](#) where you can keep up to date with our news and find out more information about what we can offer.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer!



"I love Move the Mind as it makes me feel calm and happy."

Reflections from our parents....

"Move the Mind AP has given our family so much more than an alternative provision of education. They have given both of our children a place where they feel safe, understood and accepted for who they are. The team's understanding of each child's needs, their patience and their ability to build genuine, trusting relationships have transformed our children's confidence, wellbeing and willingness to engage with people outside our family. For the first time in a long time, they want to attend, they enjoy learning and they come home smiling."

Reflections from our teachers and mentors....

"We built a strong bond of trust and friendship."

"I've had the privilege of building a trusting relationship with a child who had experienced significant trauma in school. Watching him go from feeling anxious about learning to now laughing and smiling whilst learning and being able to engage in learning tasks has been one of the most rewarding experiences."

"Gaining the trust of a young person who began the year convinced they were incapable of learning and whose self-esteem was at rock bottom. Watching them slowly challenge that negative self-talk, recognise their own strengths and allow themselves to be vulnerable with me has been one of the greatest privileges of my career."

Key Dates:

Summer Farm Days: 11, 13, 25 and 27 August

Summer Pony Days: 6, 12, 18 August

Email: Nicole@mtmlearningap.co.uk to book

Term Dates:

2026/2027 Academic Year

BANES/ SOMERSET

Term	Start Date	End Date
1	7 September/ 3 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
6	Monday 7 June 2027	Thursday 22/ Friday 23 July 2027

Inset Days 2026 (2027 will be published shortly)

- 3 and 4 September