

I remember Barry's mother being very happy about it and being in a café and he asked for a hot chocolate and a cookie or something which was pretty mind-blowing really for him. I think the bit that got Barry's mother, what she was so excited about was, it was that spur of the moment. They just went off and did it, it wasn't a structured activity, it wasn't - does Barry like this or is it in the book or is it on the aid, it was a case of, well, we're going to the café as a family, and what do you fancy for lunch? There's the menu, and they read him out the things and then he found it on the aid and ordered what he wanted, and it was lovely, by the sound of things, it was really lovely.

Teaching staff

She's done lots of things. Mum's given me examples in the past which I now kind of can't remember but we've both been absolutely stunned at what she can do.

SLT

He did get admitted to hospital Friday and we took it to hospital with us and he did tell the paediatrician that he wanted...he felt bad and that he wanted to go home. So that was good. That's the first time he sort of used it outside of school for things like that which was nice to see.

Parent

*She told her she had a headache and she wanted a tablet... she had a pain, which was a very big first for mum because she'd never told her that she had a pain in her head before. So there were those **little eureka moments** that we talk about that were really lovely.*

AT Professional



Little eureka moments

I think it was his dad's birthday and she [his mum] had sat with him and worked out what he wanted to write in the birthday card for his dad, so he'd chosen some animals, that was fine and then she said what do you want to say to daddy? And he said, "I feel love, Daddy." And then daddy bad or daddy naughty or something like that (chuckles), so she just wrote it out and of course daddy cried I think when he got that card but I think for him to be able to have said all of that and then seen it being written out was just really good.

SLT

The fact that she can now get her feelings across is the biggest thing. I mean we had such a huge breakthrough.

Parent

She was in there with the whole the family, and she threw a complete two-year-old tantrum. So she was taken out into the kitchen, had the aid on. She told her dad she didn't want to watch that on the telly through the aid. But she still continued having this big, big strop. So we gave her 20 minutes to calm down and then we said, "Hello Anne-marie, how do you feel now?" "I feel sorry." And we didn't know up until then that she had any empathy, that she felt those feelings, nobody knew because we didn't know that she had any remorse, whether she was just playing up because she was playing up or whether it was a disability-linked issue.

Parent