



EYQI Updates

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Upcoming training announcements

Keep in Touch 9th December

Our monthly drop-in session designed to provide a safe and supportive space for discussions with settings. These sessions offer an opportunity to:

- Receive guidance and advice
- Be signposted to appropriate support services

Keep in touch is an opportunity for early years Settings' Managers or Proprietors or other nominated staff to come along and discuss any emerging concerns/ queries with Gemma Oakes (Early Years Development Officer- EYQI Team) and/or one of the Partnership Co-ordinators to gain early advice and support or to be signposted.

Tuesday 9th December 2025 30 minute online slots between 1:30pm and 3:00pm

3 settings each session – to book your place please click the link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDUK>

Safeguarding Awareness Wraparound 2nd December

Safeguarding training for wraparound providers ensures the safety of children in before and after school care. It covers recognizing abuse, creating a safe environment according to Statutory guidance EYFS 2025.

Date Wednesday 2nd December 2025 9:15am -12:15pm Target Audience
Practitioners working in Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs, Group Based and School
Based Providers and Childminders.
Board Room, Forster House, Waterside, St Helens WA9 1UB
[Training - St Helens Borough Council](#)

EYHUB website-

We've updated our Early Years Hub with new sections!

What's new?

Health and Safety – Includes the latest update on LifeVac from St Helens Council.

Safeguarding – Direct link to the St Helens Children's Partnership website.

Training – Find details about the Wraparound Conference and book your place
online!

Visit the **Early Years Hub** for full information and resources for childcare providers
from St Helens Borough Council.

[Early Years Hub - Information for Childcare Providers - St Helens Borough Council](#)



Trauma informed practice training-

[Events - Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership](#)

A series of 4 Trauma Informed Awareness Sessions for Public Services. These sessions are designed to support the Neuroscience of how we learn, develop and empower staff to meet the needs of the community.

Join our training session. Select below the tickets to the following times that you would like to join. Joining from the first session provides you with a ticket to the full training. These training packages are available to all Merseyside public services and

are FREE. Courses are in high demand and it is therefore imperative that once booked, all delegates ensure their attendance. Should you be unable to attend, please provide sufficient notice to allow for those on the waiting list to attend in your place. Please note, an individual booking form must be completed for each person wishing to attend this training.

Dates: 2, 10, 17, 24 March 2026

Morning 10am-12pm - <https://www.merseysidevrp.com/whats-happening/events/train-informed-training-group-77-mar-2nd-mar-10th-mar-17th-mar-24th/#em-event-booking-form>

Afternoon 1pm-3pm - <https://www.merseysidevrp.com/whats-happening/events/trauma-informed-training-group-78-mar-2nd-mar-10th-mar-17th-mar-24th/#em-event-booking-form>

St Helens Parish Church. Church Square, St Helens. WA10 1AF

FESTIVAL OF LEARNING

Opportunity to deliver an open house event



Setting Spotlight - 18th & 19th March 2026

The 2026 Festival of Learning is inviting schools and settings to host learning walks to share good practice and build relationships within the sector. Hosting a Setting Spotlight event is a fantastic opportunity for you to showcase your inspiring practice and high-quality learning environments. These events will foster collaboration, spark new ideas, and strengthen professional networks, all while celebrating the unique strengths of your team.

Please email eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk to express your interest.

Childminder news from EYFS Stronger Practice Hub

Childminder Champions: This Network is to support new childminders with a buddy system and to share information, resources and our padlet with local childminders. We have a Champion in each LA and it is a safe space for asking experienced childminders without judgment.

Sustainability Network: This is a network to share the Sustainability Goals in the Childminder setting, this is a group who share ideas, activities, resources and up to date information.

Padlet: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUM6WZwqw-58dIB67elha7A6E6fihzYjz7cPylq4NKzu1WeA/viewform>

Any information you would like to share on the Padlet would be beneficial to all St Helens childminders, as each LA has their own space on the Padlet. Only Warrington has sent information to share, and I can see their childminders are already accessing the information.

We would love St Helens to join in.

The Padlet has been live for a few weeks, and I have regular childminder using it already. It's such an easy way to share information as we all get overwhelmed with emails, this is so easy to access and visually easy to navigate.

If you have any questions or would like support, please contact below.

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Thanks to Jenni Fisher-Marsh

EYFS Leader Broad Oak Community Primary School for this wonderful Talk PANTS event
Jenni has permission to share all the children in the photo



Notes

Today, the children learned all about Pantosaurus. First we listened to the Talk PANTS song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnroTxz7USI>. Following this, we read the story "Pantosaurus and the Power of PANTS", which reinforced the idea that our private parts are private, and that it's always okay to say no and to speak to a trusted adult. The children were engaged throughout the session and are beginning to understand that their bodies belong to them.

Here are the PANTS rules:

P: Privates are private

A: Always remember your body belongs to you

N: No means no

T: Talk about secrets that upset you

S: Speak up, someone can help

Last chance for ELKLAN free training
ONLY ONE PLACE LEFT

Elklan 
Training to Support Children's
Language and Learning

Speech and Language Support
for
0-3s

Speech and Language Support
for
3-5s

This course- choose 0-3 or 3-5, is delivered by way of interactive e-learning materials, completed in the learner's own time, together with live online webinars via Teams at set times every week.

This course is accredited at Level 2 and 3 through an externally quality assured and Ofqual-regulated national Awarding Organisation.

On successful completion, you will receive nine credits at whichever level you chose to study. The Elklan tutor will provide the support learners need to complete a Learning Log.

This is an accredited course and so you will need to actively engage with the training and complete a learning log. To do this you should expect to set aside around 4½ hours weekly. This will include:

- 1 to 1½ hours to complete the online session and prepare observations etc for the live webinar
 - 1 hour to attend the live webinar
 - 1½-2 hours to plan, implement knowledge and strategies learnt and write-up the plan, observations and evaluation in an online e-log
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**Please email Lidia secure your fully funded place
lidiawolos@sthelens.gov.uk**

Free virtual online CBeebies Parenting – Tiny Happy People 'Champions Training' sessions for professionals and volunteers.



This free one-hour virtual session will reveal everything you need to know about CBeebies Parenting – Tiny Happy People to feel confident about recommending this service to the families that you work with.

The session will explain CBeebies Parenting – Tiny Happy People's approach, show you easily shareable content on the website and highlight the key language techniques and resources that you'll want to share.

CBeebies Parenting – Tiny Happy People Champions Training is accessible and relevant for those working as - or studying to become - early years practitioners or healthcare professionals.

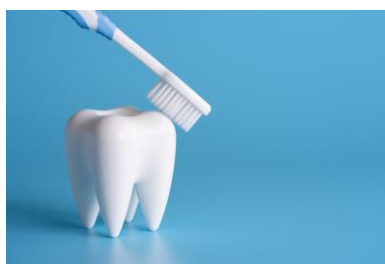
[Find out how to register below](#)

Sign up for December

- Tuesday 2nd December – 3:30pm
- Wednesday 3rd December – 3:30pm
- Wednesday 3rd December – 6:30pm **Evening session**

If you have any questions, or would like to know more, please email us at tinyhappypeople@bbc.co.uk, or you can message us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

Smile Squad are coming to Parr



The Smile Squad will be visiting Parr Children's Centre on **Monday 1 December, 10am-1pm** to promote positive oral health for children and families.

This is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the work of our Family Hubs and offer support to families—especially those who may be struggling to find an NHS dentist. Please share this opportunity with families you may work with or take part with your own family.

This initiative is part of a broader mission to improve early childhood oral health in the community. Tooth decay is the most common reason for hospital admission in children aged six to ten, with those in less affluent communities more likely to suffer from poor oral health.

In St Helens Borough, more than 31 per cent of five-year-olds had visible signs of tooth decay in 2021-22, higher than the national average of 23.7 per cent. Poor oral health in children results in an average of three missed school days each year and may also limit their academic performance and future potential.

NDNA Maths Champions

Maths Champions is an online professional development programme with 12 months access developed by NDNA. The programme consists of nine steps which can be completed flexibly around your schedule
See attached poster and QR code

Please enjoy our Education and Learning Newsletter from Jo Davies Assistant Director, Education and Learning, St Helens Borough Council

[Education and Learning Weekly Newsletter](#)

PVI MS Teams Forum for private nurseries and childminders: [Here](#)
Schools MS Teams Forum: [Here](#)

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