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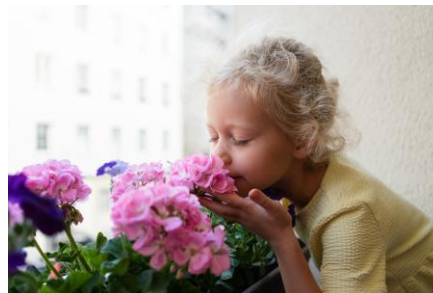
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Week beginning

11.5.26

Upcoming training announcements

EYHUB Network Meeting Dates EYHUB Network Meeting for Settings

Target audience – Nursery Managers, Nursery senior leaders and School nursery teachers The Living Well, Willowbrook, Alex Suite 9:00am – 12:00pm

Wednesday 10th June 2026 Please click the link to book:

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

EYHUB Network Meeting for Schools

Target Audience – Reception Teachers and EY leads The Living Well, Willowbrook, Alex Suite 1:00pm – 4:00pm Wednesday 10th June 2026 Please click the link to book:

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

EYHUB Network Meetings for Childminders 6:30pm – 8:00pm
via Microsoft Teams 6:30pm – 8:00pm Wednesday 17th June 2026
Please click the link to book: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FADN>

The Bridge Centre - Next Steps Event 2026

Wednesday 20th May 2026
10.00am till 2.30pm

The Bridge Centre, The South Community Hub, Chester Lane, Sutton Manor, WA9 4DE

The Bridge Centre would like to invite your SENDCOs and Early Years staff to our Next Steps Event. This is an opportunity to discuss children who have recently been known to our service, who are transitioning into your school in September 2026.

Teams we will be available include the Bridge Centre Team, including The Portage Team, Preschool Support Worker's / Outreach Team, and our Specialist SEND Teacher.

We have also received confirmation of attendance from
Speech and Language Therapy
Physiotherapy / Occupational Therapy
Early Years Hub
The TESSA Team including
Inclusion Officers / SEND Team
Sensory Support Team
Behaviour Support and EAL Team
Autism Team
Educational Psychology Service
Admissions Team

In addition to the children who have received specialist assessments there is also the opportunity to discuss children who have been supported at a SEND Support level and are known to the single agencies and the Outreach Team. This event is also an excellent networking event with refreshments to spend time and chat with other Early Years colleagues.

It is a drop-in session however we are asking if you can confirm your attendance and what time you are planning on arriving so we can try to plan the day the best we can. If this changes on the day don't worry just come along at the most convenient time.

To book a place please contact the Bridge Centre on 01744 673131 or bridge@sthelens.gov.uk
Emma Flynn, Bridge Centre Manager.

[Safeguarding Awareness for Practitioners Working in Early Years Settings and Childminders](#)

Safeguarding Awareness course aims to help learners understand their responsibilities for safeguarding children. It explains how to recognise and respond to abuse, how to respond to a disclosure, and how to act upon concerns about the safety and welfare of children and young people, according to Statutory guidance EYFS 2025.

Date Wednesday 20th May 2026 6:30pm – 8:30pm

For all training, click onto this Try Booking link to book your individual training sessions: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDJU>

[The EEF Guide to the Early Years Pupil Premium](#)

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) has one aim: to improve outcomes for socio-economically disadvantaged children from 9 months upwards. In April 2025, the Department for Education (DfE) increased funding for the EYPP by 45% to £570 per child per year.

This guide highlights the most effective ways early years settings can support disadvantaged children. It emphasises high-quality interactions, a well-structured curriculum, and targeted support based on children's individual needs. It encourages settings to use evidence-informed approaches, invest in staff development, and work closely with families to strengthen learning at home. It also stresses the importance of monitoring impact so funding is used where it makes the biggest difference

[Early Years Pupil Premium | EEF](#)

[St Helens Library Service Update on the National Year of Reading](#)

We have been very busy visiting nursery settings in St Helens during this special year National Year of reading and we would love to have all children under the age of 5 signing up to the libraries. In total we have visited 53 nurseries and given out 1300 BookTrust Packs for 3-4 year olds starting school this September.

(see leaflets attached to the newsletter)

[Foundations For Life: A summary Understanding Social and Emotional Development in Early Childhood.](#)

This guide has been designed to give anyone working in early childhood a shared, foundational understanding of social and emotional development. It has been written primarily for practitioners and volunteers, whether that be in education, health, family support, or other services.

[Foundations For Life - Centre for Early Childhood](#)

[Best Start in Life Screen time guidance for under 5s](#)

Juggling family life and raising children in a digital world can be challenging. Find out more about how to support healthy screen habits for children under 5.

Digital screens are a part of modern life, but finding the right balance between screen time and other activities for young children can be tricky. That's why we've created this evidence-informed guidance to support parents and carers in shaping healthy screen time habits for little brains.

[Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life](#)

[DfE announces 9,500 fully funded Early Years SENCO training places from April 2026](#)

As part of the government's Best Start in Life strategy, to break down barriers to opportunity and improve early identification and support for children with SEND, the Department for Education is very pleased to announce that Best Practice Network (BPN) has been selected as our delivery partner to provide an additional 9,500 Early Years SENCO training places from April 2026 until March 2028.

Training is available across England and is open to Early Years educators currently working as, or due to start working as, a Special Educational Needs Coordinator in their setting.

Early Education Minister Olivia Bailey MP said:

“Early years staff are vital to delivering high-quality support for children and making sure every child, especially those with additional needs, gets the best start in life.

That's why we're training 9,500 Early Years SENCOs, backing the sector with the expertise needed to identify SEND early and support children to thrive.

Best Practice Network has a strong track record of delivery, and this next phase will help us reach more settings across the country – particularly in the communities that need it most – so every child can get on and succeed.”

The first cohort of trainees commenced in April 2026 and recruitment is open for future cohorts now. For further information, including eligibility and to complete your application, please see:

[Early Years SENCO - Level 3 | Best Practice Network](#)

[Early years practitioners working with 0-2s needed](#)

[We're interested in learning from you!](#)

The Department for Education (DfE) is inviting early years practitioners who work with children aged 0-2 years old to take part an important new research opportunity. We want to learn from you!

Purpose of the research

To understand the experiences and views of early years practitioners who work with children aged 0-2, or those who manage early years practitioners who cover this age range.

What the research involves

1 hour Microsoft Teams call Monday 18th May 2026- Monday 25th May 2026

You will receive an incentive worth £50 for taking part

Who can take part

Early years practitioners working with children aged 0-2 across all types of early years settings, including childminders and early years leaders and managers who work with children aged 0-2 (directly or indirectly).

If you are interested, please [complete this expression of interest form](#) and a researcher will be in contact shortly. If you have any issues, please contact Victoria Ndudim:

Victoria.ndudim@education.gov.uk

Please feel free to share this opportunity with colleagues or staff who may be interested. For any questions or further information, don't hesitate to get in touch.

[The 0-19 Service are delivering free online sessions for parents and carers of children aged 5-12 years old.](#)

Upcoming sessions:

Eating Well for Less - Thursday 21 May, 6.00pm - 7.00pm

This session helps the whole family to eat well for less, including:

- Tips for a cheaper, healthier shopping basket
- Meal planning to make the most of the food you buy
- Recipes for tasty, simple, low-cost meals

Understanding Children's Behaviour - Thursday 18 June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

This session helps parents and carers to:

- Understand the feelings and needs behind children's behaviour
- Discover the importance of listening, and how it supports children's needs
- Explore responding with empathy, and how it can positively influence behaviour

Looking After Ourselves - Thursday 16 July, 4.00pm - 5.00pm

This session explores ways to look after yourself and stay calm, including:

- Understanding the benefits of recharging for emotional and physical health
- Sharing feelings and developing realistic expectations and coping strategies
- Overcoming feelings of guilt and failure
- Gaining practical strategies to reduce the stresses of family life

For more information and to book a place via Eventbrite visit [HENRY Programme - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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Created to make family life easier, the programme covers everything from family routines, emotional wellbeing and getting active.

Healthy Families

Growing Up Programme



Free online sessions for parents and carers in St Helens

1. HENRY Programme - free online sessions for parents and carers
2. Newsletter content to share with parents and carers
3. Social media posts to share via school social media pages

1. HENRY Programme - free online sessions for parents and carers

The 0-19+ team (NHS) is launching the HENRY Programme for parents and carers of children aged 5 - 12 years in St Helens.

The free online sessions are part of the **Healthy Families Growing Up Programme** and will focus on:

- Eating well for less
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Looking after ourselves

The first session takes place online on **Thursday 21 May, 6.00pm - 7.00pm**.

To support promotion of the sessions, we have produced content for your **school newsletter/app** and **social media posts**.

If you have any queries about the HENRY Programme, please contact Victoria Bishop, Service Lead, 0-19+ St Helens on 01744 411277 or victoria.bishop4@nhs.net

For more information, please visit [HENRY Programme - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Asbestos in consumer products information page](#)

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) have published a page on gov.uk containing [guidance for consumers and businesses on consumer products containing asbestos](#). The page provides disposal guidance for both businesses and consumers, including early years settings, along with health information. Settings should review the linked [list of contaminated products that are subject to recalls](#) and where products are identified in the setting follow the guidance to ensure their safe disposal.

If you have concerns about a product that you think might contain asbestos but has not been recalled [contact the Citizens Advice consumer service](#).

Please enjoy our latest Education and Learning News
[Education and Learning Weekly Newsletter](#)

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

Schools MS Teams Forum: [Here](#)

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