



EYQI Updates

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Upcoming training announcements

Keep in Touch

Keep in Touch is a 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). Our aim is to help you feel confident and well-equipped to support the children and families in your care as required by the EYFS, 2025- statutory guidance and Ofsted's inspection guidance.

Upcoming session dates

Wednesday 29th October 2025

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Tuesday 9th December 2025

30 minute slots between 1:30pm and 3:00pm

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

Manual Handling in Early Years training

This training will include:

- Looking at bone development in young children.
- Correct support techniques for the handling of young children.
- When and how to support or develop independence in the handling of young children.
- Possible injuries that could occur if incorrect techniques are used during the handling of young children.
- When is a specific plan is needed to enable the safe handling of children with specific needs.

Friday 7th November 2025 2.00pm -3:00pm

Sutton Family Hub

[A CPD Training Programme 2025 - 2026 - Individual Sessions Tickets | TryBooking United Kingdom](#)

Stronger Practice Hubs

The poster features a winter-themed background with stylized snowflakes and leafy branches. The title 'Winter as a Learning Landscape' is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the subtitle 'Promoting Physical Activity Outdoors in Winter' is in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The main body of text describes a webinar and a learning walk, providing dates, times, and locations. A large, light blue arrow points from the webinar details to the learning walk details. The bottom section includes contact information for booking.

Winter as a Learning Landscape

Promoting Physical Activity Outdoors in Winter

Join us for an exciting webinar as we discuss how to get children (and adults) embracing the outdoors and enjoying being active during those colder months. This session will form part of our monthly Early Years Leadership Network.

JOIN US ON ZOOM ON NOVEMBER 4TH 3.45-4.30PM

Meeting ID: 881 3994 7902

Passcode: 005369

This webinar will be followed up with a learning walk, where you can see these principles being put into practice.

Thursday 13th November at 9.30am - 11.30am
at Reddish Vale Nursery School in Stockport

Places are limited, so please email the Liverpool City Region and Beyond Early Years Stronger Practice Hub to book on to this learning walk.

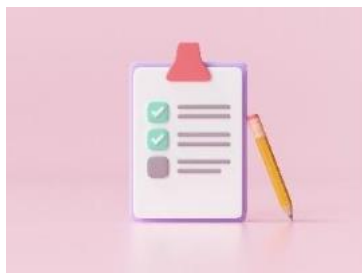
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TWO NEW ST HELENS AUDITS

Audits for the EYFS Statutory Framework for Childminders, effective from 1st September 2025

1. Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement Audit
2. Learning and Development Audit

Developed by the St Helens Early Years Quality and Inclusion Team, these audits are practical self-evaluation tools for group and school-based early years providers. They both align with the latest EYFS Framework 2025 and include all the statutory 'musts' to help settings meet Safeguarding & Welfare requirements and the Learning & Development requirements.

Safeguarding and Welfare covers key areas such as:

- Safeguarding policies and safer recruitment
- Health, safety, and hygiene
- SEND provision and behaviour management
- Data protection and emergency planning

Learning and Development includes:

- Learning and development requirements
- Acting on concerns
- Approaches to teaching and learning
- Assessment

There are sections in both audits that include statutory guidance, good practice examples, and space for reflection and action planning—ideal for preparing for Ofsted and maintaining high standards.

[NEW content from BBC CBeebies Parenting, plus half term, Autumn](#)

Activity Fun!

The **NEW** collection of **Tips & Advice** films in the [Language Development section](#), feature Speech and Language Therapists offering families easy, practical ways to create opportunities to play and communicate with children, with and without words. There are tips to help with focus and attention, as well as interesting ways to make story time fun.

You'll also find **NEW activity films** for [18–24 months](#), [2–3 years](#) and [3-4 years](#) that inspire play and include techniques that support language-rich interactions.

All latest films have been labelled 'New' for ease.

For half term fun, parents / caregivers can also explore [Autumn and Seasonal Activities](#) which includes **sensory pumpkin play, dress-up play and trick-or-treat games**.

Other new resources to check out: [CBeebies Parenting Helpline Podcast](#), new WhatsApp channel search **CBeebies Parenting** and social updates **#CBeebies Parenting**

All content is free to use, please share these valuable resources with the families you work with.

[You're invited to The Wraparound Conference 2026](#)

 **You're Invited to the Wraparound Conference!** 

Celebrating the Magic of Breakfast, Afterschool & Holiday Clubs

Calling all providers who run—or are thinking about starting—breakfast clubs, afterschool clubs, or holiday provision! We're thrilled to invite you to a day dedicated to celebrating *you* and the incredible work you do to support children beyond the school day.

Guest speakers- Rebekah Jackson Reece- covering out of school clubs, strategic/ business models & 2 workshops with Alice Sharp (Adventures with Alice)

Bookings now open.....

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

 **Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium**

 **Date: Monday 26th January 2026**

 **Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm**

 **Lunch provided**

[Education and Learning Weekly Newsletter](#)

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

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