



EYQI Updates

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Week beginning

28.9.26

Upcoming training announcements

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

Tuesday 6th October 2026

Please click the link to book:

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

EYHUB Network Meeting for Schools

Target Audience – Reception Teachers and EY leads <u>The Living Well, Willowbrook, Alex Suite</u>	1:00pm – 4:00pm Tuesday 6th October 2026 Please click the link to book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GURP
<u>EYHUB Network Meetings for Childminders</u> 6:30pm – 8:00pm via Microsoft Teams	6:30pm – 8:00pm Wednesday 14th October 2026 Please click the link to book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GURV

New to the EYFS in School

Half-day session for anyone new to the EYFS or in need refreshing their knowledge
The session will cover:

Highlighting the statutory requirements of the EYFS• Reviewing the EYFS overarching principles• Developing an understanding of how to plan for the unique needs of children• Clarifying the critical role of the adults in the early years• Learning more about the practical tools to support you with developing your learning environments

Friday 9th October 2026 9:00am – 12:00noon

Early Career Teachers (ECT's) or any teachers or TAs who are new to or returning to teaching in a nursery or reception class in School based provision.

Venue: Training Room, Bridge Centre, based at The South Community Hub, and Chester Lane Library. Chester Lane, Sutton Manor, WA9 4DE

Supporting Children with Emotional Wellbeing

The sessions aim to offer practical advice around supporting children in the Early Years settings as well as supporting strategies in the home.

19th October 2026

9:30am – 12:00noon

Early Years Practitioners / SENDCO's working in Group Based Providers, School Based Providers, Childminders and Family Support Workers

Virtual - Microsoft Teams
Delivered by The Bridge / EYHUB

ITERS

Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale Audit Tool age 0 -3 years

Deepen knowledge and understanding of the importance of high-quality learning environments and interactions for children. Know how to use the ITERS audit rating scales. Understanding the ITERS rating scale for self-evaluation. Learning how and when to use the ITERS toolkit to improve outcomes.

Participants who complete the task assigned during the first session will receive a copy of the ITERS audit tool at the second session. One copy will be provided per school or setting.

BOTH SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED BY THE SAME PERSON

Thursday 22nd October 2026 & Thursday 19th November 2026

13:00pm – 16:00pm

Suitable for Early Years room leaders or setting deputies / leaders who will conduct audits by observing practice, then create and drive action plans in rooms from Group based OR School based providers.

Venue: Board Room, Forster House, Waterside, St Helens WA9 1UB

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

Adult and Community Learning

Early Years and Phonics Workshops

We are pleased to be offering a series of free, **non-accredited workshops for adults interested in developing their knowledge of Early Years, supporting children's learning, and exploring potential pathways into childcare and education.**

Early Years Workshops

Time: 9.15am to 2.45pm Venue: To be confirmed

4th November Your First Steps into Early Years An introduction to working in the Early Years sector, including career opportunities, child development, play-based learning and the role of the Early Years practitioner.

11th November Supporting Children's Well-being in Early Years.

Explore children's emotional well-being, mental health, resilience and the importance of positive relationships in supporting young children's development.

18th November Keeping Children Safe in Early Years

Settings Gain an understanding of safeguarding responsibilities, recognising concerns and promoting children's welfare within Early Years environments.

Understanding Phonics: Supporting Early Reading and Writing

Time: 12.30 – 3pm Venue: ACL, Park Road Centre Dates available: 8th October, 15th October and 22nd October (subject to demand)

Understanding Phonics: Supporting Early Reading and Writing

A practical workshop for parents, carers and those new to childcare. Learn how phonics is taught in schools, understand key phonics terminology, and discover simple ways to support children's reading and writing development at home or in childcare settings.

How to register

If you are interested in any of the workshops, please contact Teresa on:
07749 709715 01744 677328

A short online initial assessment will be required prior to enrolment.

We would be grateful if you could share this opportunity with any adults who may be interested in developing their skills, supporting their children's learning, or exploring a future career in childcare and education.

Take part in Cycle to School Week, 5-9 October

Bikeability's Cycle to School Week is a nationwide celebration encouraging pupils, families, and staff to swap car journeys for pedal power.

Choosing active travel for the school run can help reduce air pollution and congestion around school gates, and lower carbon emissions.

[Make your pledge and download free resources](#)

World Mental Health Day 2026

World Mental Health Day takes place on Saturday 10th October 2026.

It's good to talk. It's even better to be heard.

Being heard helps us feel understood, less alone, and more able to cope with the challenges we face. That's why our message this World Mental Health Day is simple:

Support starts with being heard.

Everyone's mental health journey is different. Whether someone is facing challenges themselves, seeking support for the first time, or supporting a loved one, everyone deserves to feel heard, understood and supported. Yet everyday pressures, life circumstances, stigma and systemic barriers can make it harder for people to reach out, seek support, and get the help they need. Mental health affects us all, and taking the time to listen is one of the most powerful ways we can all show support and understanding. That's why we're encouraging you to create space for honest conversations where people feel genuinely heard. Because being heard can change lives.

This World Mental Health Day, help others feel heard. By sharing your experience, starting a conversation, or taking the time to listen, you could help someone feel understood, less alone, and more confident reaching out for support.

[World Mental Health Day 2026 - Mental Health UK](#)

[Supporting the nation's mental health](#)

Mental Health UK provides free downloadable resources to help people of all ages and in any setting look after and support their mental health. These include guides, conversation tools, wellbeing planners, and toolkits on topics such as burnout, menopause, and sleep. Our tools are free to use and empower everyone to create supportive, mentally healthy environments in daily life.

[Explore our downloads](#)

New Martyn's Law guidance for education settings

The Home Office has published non-statutory guidance for businesses and education settings who are required to notify the Security Industry Authority under section 9 of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also known as Martyn's Law.

Martyn's Law is intended to improve organisational preparedness and protective security across the UK. It applies to education settings, including early years who expect 200 or more people to be present on their premises.

More information is available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

[Launch of new SEND CPD training for all early years practitioners](#)

In January, the Department for Education announced a £200 million investment in SEND and inclusion training to upskill educators across early years, schools and post-16 settings.

Last week, the first phase of a new national training offer for early years was launched with a new online training package now freely available to all early years practitioners.

Funded by the Department for Education and developed and delivered by Dingley's Promise, this training is designed for all early years educators working with children aged 0-4 years to strengthen inclusive practice and better identify and support children with SEND.

The training offers learning across three purposely designed courses, providing practical information, strategies and reflective tools to improve inclusive practice across all early years settings.

These courses centre on three key themes of:

- Foundations of Inclusive Practice;
- Embedding Inclusive Practice; and
- Parent Partnership.

The training has been purposely designed to be accessed in a flexible way, to allow learners to work through and return to the training at times that are suitable for them.

Courses are suitable for educators of all levels and in all types of provision including childminders and contain practical strategies, tools and resources that can be applied directly to everyday practice.

All courses are freely accessible at [Early Years CPD Training - Dingley's Promise](#).

The second phase of the new Early Years CPD programme will launch in autumn 2027, offering further online learning as well as in-depth webinars and a new local support offer, to further develop the knowledge and skills needed to put inclusive practice into action.

The Pantosaurus Project is 2
Let's celebrate in October 2026

Share the book.

Learn the song

Learn the PANTS RULES

Share messages with parents / families

Make a card for Pantosaurus

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/>

Share library dates for Talk Pants events with families

Upcoming sessions

Chester Lane library **Monday 5th Oct 10.15am**

Eccleston library **Friday 9th Oct 10.15am**

Haydock Library **Thursday 8th Oct 10.15am**

Newton Le Willows Library **Monday 5th Oct 10.15am**

St Helens library **Wednesday 7th Oct 10.15am**

Moss Bank library **Tuesday 13th Oct 10.15am**

Thatto Heath Library **Tuesday 13th Oct 10.15am**

Outreach The Orangery Garswood **Friday 9th Oct 9.45am**



Our new telephone number:

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

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