



WELCOME

We'd love for you to join us this month at our Baby and Toddler Events and the SEND Conference. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram as we celebrate National Nursery Rhyme Week with our Nursery Rhyme November Challenge 🎵. We've got rhymes and activities to share with your families —so let's get Halton singing!

Best wishes
Sarah

Get in touch with the team on early.years@halton.gov.uk

UPDATES

Drop-In Sessions with the 0–19 Health Team

The 0–19 Health Team is hosting a series of informal drop-in sessions for Early Years practitioners. These sessions offer a supportive space to discuss any concerns you may have about children in your setting.

📅 First session: Tuesday 25th November

🕒 Time: 4:00–6:00pm

📍 Location: Kingsway Family Hub

Please note: If you wish to discuss concerns about specific children, parental consent is required.



🔔 Need inspiration to promote your early years setting?

Discover free, practical resources from Childcare Works to support your marketing and sustainability efforts:

✓ Early Years Marketing Toolkit

📺 The 3 Ms of Marketing – recorded presentations covering:

- 1 **Market**
- 2 **Message**
- 3 **Methods**

📁 Accessible, actionable, and completely free!

🔗 Explore now: <https://zurl.co/BNCgX> and <https://zurl.co/KW6DA>

FEYE FUNDING

🗣️ DfE Data Collection Week – Final Reminder

Please ensure that any adjustments made since Headcount Week have been submitted. This week marks the DfE Data Collection, and the Local Authority (LA) must report accurate hours claimed, including all updates and changes.

😊 Promote 2-Year-Old Funding to Families

Please share information about 2-year-old funding with parents via your social media platforms and newsletters. Eligible families could receive valuable support with childcare costs – let's help ensure they don't miss out!

TRAINING

BABY AND TODDLER EVENTS

NOT LONG LEFT TO BOOK



Baby and Toddler Essentials
Monday 17th November (1-4pm)

An afternoon packed with all your baby and toddler essentials including information and advice on safer sleep, nutrition and weaning, toileting, dummies and high quality interactions



High Impact/Low Prep Provocations
Wednesday 19th November (1-2.30pm)

Join us for an inspiring session led by Dr. Mona Sakr, exploring how simple, powerful provocations can spark creativity, independence, and physical development



Two Year Progress Check and Integrated Review
Tuesday 25th November
10.00-11.30am OR 6.30-8.00pm

Come and find out more about writing the check, to help ensure you are meeting your statutory requirements.



The Fascinating World of Baby Brains and Attachment
Wednesday 26th November (1-3pm)

Are you curious about how babies' brains develop and how early relationships shape their emotional world? Join Dr Lyndsey Holt to explore the science of infant brain development and the importance of secure attachment.

Book Now

SAFEGUARDING AND WELFARE

Voice of the Child – Are You AWARE?

Check out the latest Partnership Briefing featuring Cheshire Police's Voice of the Child video. The video introduces the acronym AWARE, a helpful reminder that a child's voice isn't always verbal – it can be seen in their Appearance, Words, Actions, Relationships, and Environment.

 [Are you AWARE? Voice of the Child](#)

Let's keep children's voices at the heart of our practice.

SEND

Free NASEN Training – Meeting the Needs of Every Child

Join nasen's free 2-hour online training to support inclusive practice in Early Years.

Upcoming Dates:

5th Nov (9:30–11:30am)

10th Nov (6:00–8:00pm)

26th Nov (9:30–11:30am)

Book here: <https://nasen.org.uk/events>

Don't Miss Out – Join Dingley's Promise at the Halton SEND Conference!

There's still time to book your place at the upcoming Halton SEND Conference, where you'll have the fantastic opportunity to take part in three inspiring sessions with the amazing team from Dingley's Promise.

These sessions are not to be missed – packed with insight, practical strategies, and a passion for inclusive practice in the Early Years.

 Book your place now using the [ONLINE BOOKING FORM](#)

Parent & Carer Information Event in October

The October Parent & Carer Information Event provided a valuable opportunity to hear about the ongoing progress in enhancing services and support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Attendees also gained insight into upcoming developments and future plans. Find out more [here](#)



FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS

☀️ **Feel Good Fridays – Share Your Early Years Magic!**

There are so many wonderful things happening in Early Years settings – wouldn't it be great to celebrate and share your brilliant ideas?

Well, now you can! We're excited to introduce Feel Good Fridays on our social media platforms – a weekly spotlight where we showcase the inspiring practice happening across Halton.

📷 Send your photos to early.years@halton.gov.uk

SHARE WITH PARENTS



🎵 **Join Us This November for the Nursery Rhyme Challenge!** 🎵

We're singing our way through the month with rhymes, rhythm, and plenty of fun! Parents and carers are warmly invited to join the magic as we bring nursery rhymes to life through

Let's celebrate the power of rhyme and rhythm in early learning—together!

Keep an eye on TALK Halton Facebook and Halton Early Years Instagram for updates, photos, and ways to get involved!

👨🏻 **Flu Heroes: Helping Children Feel Confident About the Flu Vaccine** 👨🏻

We're reaching out to ask for your support in sharing a short, child-friendly cartoon video designed to help young children—and their parents—feel more at ease with the flu vaccine.

"Flu Heroes – Nasal Flu Spray for Kids" is an engaging and informative video that explains the nasal flu vaccine in a fun, accessible way. It's perfect for easing worries and encouraging positive conversations about staying healthy this winter.



RESEARCH/READING

📖 **Grab a Drink & Take a Look!**

Take five and explore a thought-provoking read: ABC Does – Tipping Things Out
A reflective article on how removing resources can spark deeper learning and engagement in Early Years settings.

📖 [Have a read now](#)

FURTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

FREE Early Years Immunisation Education Session – 4th December

Early Years providers — including nurseries, family centres, childminders, preschools, and children's centres — are invited to a **free education session** designed to support your role in promoting childhood immunisations.

 **Date:** Thursday 4th December

 **Time:** 9:30–11:00am

 **Location:** Heath Business and Technical Park, Runcorn

This **non-clinical session** will help you:

- * Build confidence in conversations with parents and carers
- * Understand the importance of the childhood immunisation schedule
- * Recognise your role in supporting the UK immunisation programme
- * Explore event stands with resources to support early years children

 **Book your place here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-years-immunisation-education-event-tickets-1630660933749?aff=oddtcreator>

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