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Early Years Provider update

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Welcome to the Summer Term Training Special!

This week's newsletter is slightly different as we have lots of information to share with you about the summer term's training events and meetings. You will find dates and links to book below.

Calling all **Primary School Reception Teachers**! If you wish to book onto an Early Years event, please contact [EY Admin](#) who will update your GCC+ profile to make these sessions available to you. **School Administrators**, please forward this bulletin to your Reception Teacher.

If you have any queries, please contact [EY Admin](#).

Have a great weekend.

Early Years and Childcare Service

Mathtastics in the Early Years - Ben Kingston-Hughes

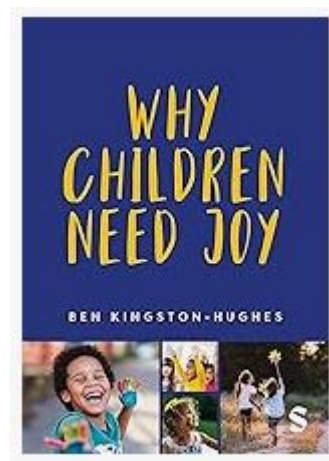
Ben is an Early Years and Child Development subject expert and a published author for this sector.

His Mathtastics sessions in May are a unique exploration of maths throughout the early years and shows how we can embed maths through joyful discovery of a child's world.

This is ideal for all practitioners but especially useful for anyone who finds maths to be daunting or anxiety making.

Both sessions are on 14 May 2025 at the Gloucester Farmer's Club.

Morning session (10am until noon) can be



booked [here](#).

Afternoon session (1.00pm until 3.00pm) can be booked [here](#).

Charging Guidance: Session for Providers

There is one further Charging Guidance session on Monday 28 April from 5.30pm until 6.30pm.

Delivered by Sue Bodenham and Anita McKelvey, this is designed to support providers in navigating transparent invoicing to meet DfE Statutory Guidance in early education and childcare (effective from 1 April 2025).

This is an online session and you can book it [here](#).

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy (SIOT L1)

At the request of providers we have organised additional Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training sessions designed to stimulate learning for all children. Level 1 focuses on the basic vestibular, proprioceptive and tactile systems and helps practitioners to understand what each system does, and how child development is impacted by the interplay of these systems.

The following sessions are available:

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 1) -
08/05/2025 - 4.00pm - 6.00pm - Longford Park Primary Academy, Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP - [Book here](#).

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 1) -
15/05/2025, 4.00pm - 6.00pm - Severnbanks Primary School, Naas Lane, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5AU – [Book here](#).

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 1) –

22/05/2025 (Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Stroud locality.



NEW! Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years

Following on from the Level 1 course, these sessions explore how sensory differences in children can significantly impact their daily functioning, leading to difficulties in learning, social interaction, focus, emotional regulation, sleep, transitions and managing adult led expectations as well as impacting their physical abilities such as coordination, balance, and body awareness.

Also led by Anthea Bailey from Bravo OT this is an experiential and skills development session for practitioners to support children with sensory processing differences and participants will learn how to use sensory regulation strategies and how to create a sensory friendly space and calming corners. Get ready to explore and have fun!

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years - 05/06/2025 - 16:00 - 18:00pm - Oakwood Primary, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD – [Book here](#).

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years – 12/06/2025(Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Gloucester locality.

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years – 19/06/2025

(Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Stroud locality.

Welcome to the Early Years

Delivered by Charlotte Smith, Early Years Quality Lead, this session offers an introduction to the Early Years Foundation Stage for new practitioners or those who may be returning to the sector after a break.

It is suitable for qualified and unqualified practitioners, and volunteers working in daycare settings.

It will include an overview of the EYFS statutory framework, working in partnership with parents, and the importance of the key person role.

Welcome to the Early Years - 9 May 2025 - 09:30am - 12:30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG. [Book here](#)

NEW! Creating your Early Years Curriculum

Led by the Early Years Quality team, this two hour session will explore how to design, implement, and review an effective early years curriculum.

This session will cover:

- What a curriculum is and isn't
- How your setting's ethos, values, vision and mission influence your curriculum
- How to design your curriculum
- How to implement your curriculum, and the role of the EY educator
- How to review your curriculum

This course is suitable for all team members.

Creating Your Early Years Curriculum - 6 June 2025 10:00 - 12:00 -

Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

EYFS Profile Workshop (for reception teachers)

This training provides an opportunity for **reception class teachers** to review the most recent EYFS Profile handbook (2024) and prepare for completing the EYFS Profile 2025, with time for discussion & dialogue with colleagues and for sharing criteria to make your judgements.

You are welcome to bring examples of children's work to enrich dialogue and facilitate professional curiosity with colleagues.

EYFS Profile Workshop - 08/05/2025 1.30pm - 3:30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG. [Book here](#)

EYFS Profile Workshop - 09/05/2025 - 1.30pm - 3:30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG. [Book here](#)

EYFS Profile Workshop (Online) - 14/05/2025 - 3.00pm - 4.30pm Online via Teams. [Book here](#)

EYFS Profile Workshop - 19/05/2025 1.30pm - 3:30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG [Book here](#)

EYFS Profile Workshop (Online) - 04/06/2025 - 2.00pm - 4.30pm - Online via Teams. [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training in the Early Years

This training is provided in house at your setting.

Exciting news to all providers! You can now book Total Communication in the Early Years through GCC+. To do this you will need to log into your setting's GCC+ account. Go to the **search bar** on the **home page**, and type in Total Communications and **press the search key**. You will then see the link for the Total Communications for you to book. **(Please note –**

if you search in the 'training section' or the 'services' section, you won't find it. It must be searched for in the home page search and the search key pressed). NB - If you just press enter, it won't find it.

The training will help your staff to develop their skills by exploring:

- How children develop their communication skills
- How to provide good quality adult:child interactions
- How to provide a communication friendly environment, using a range of communication methods including signs
- Why and how to use visuals

This session will also enable you to add resources to your practitioner communication tool kit and each delegate will receive a certificate for their CPD.

Once you have booked and checked out your training, you will be contacted by an EY Inclusion Advisor to arrange the date and time for the delivery of your course. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks, please contact the EY Admin Team: eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Meetings!

The following meetings will be taking place during the summer term.

Childminder Network Meeting (Teams) - 19 May 2025 -7.00pm - 8.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Leaders and Managers Network Meeting - 21 May 2025 1.00pm - 3.30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 04/06/2025 - 6.00pm - 8.00pm - Slimbridge Primary School, St John's Road, Slimbridge GL2 7DD - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 10/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Mary P's Day Nursery (Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury,

Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU) (Training Room) – [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm -
Steam Mills Primary School (Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire,
GL14 3JD) - [Book here](#)


Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm -
Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy
Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) – [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 24/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm -
Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester,
Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 25/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm -
Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive,
Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) – [Book here](#)

Please note - most training and all events (excluding some meetings)
are subject to a charge. Please check the price when you make your
booking. If you are in any doubt, please email
eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

*Please refer to the cancellation policy for your event, as charges may
apply.*

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