



## Early Years Childminder Newsletter - April 2025

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Dear Childminders,

Welcome to your April Newsletter, I hope everyone is out and about enjoying all of the signs of spring popping up and getting ready for Easter.

I heard a new song for Spring this week (to the tune of 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed).

### 5 Little Bunnies in the Flower Bed

5 Little Bunnies in the flower bed,  
1 hopped up and bumped their head,  
Mummy came a hopping and Mummy Bunny said,  
'No more hopping in the flower bed!'

In this newsletter there is information about future Childminding Network

sessions, a reminder about data protection rules, requests for policy ideas and some fantastic professional development reading on the importance of play.

I hope the funding guidance is clearer now following the information sessions but please do get in touch if you have any queries.

### **Childminder Network Meeting (Teams)**

April 23 – Funding discussion – share your plan and find out how others are managing.

May 19 - Guest Speaker – Zelpher Ferguson discussing Behaviour.

June 17 – PATA speaker to share their offer and available training.

[Book Childminder Network Meeting \(Teams\)](#)

## **Aluna Behaviour Consultancy**

A “Coffee Evening” for Childminders

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm



What more would you like to know about children's behaviour?

This free 1-hour session is an informal space in which childminders can learn a little more about children's behaviour - and potentially about your own!

The session aims to:

- Share some general information about children's behaviour
- Explore some of the behaviour you might find challenges you
- Help understand the motivation behind children's behaviours
- Give suggestions of how common behaviours can be addressed
- Assist you in helping to foster children's behaviour for learning

You'll gain a greater insight into the influences behind your own style.

To book a place, email Zelpher Ferguson: [zelpher@aluna-abc.co.uk](mailto:zelpher@aluna-abc.co.uk)

### **Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting (evening) – 05/06/2025**

**18.30 – 20.00**

Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS)

[Book Early Years SENCO Cluster meeting](#)

## **Data Protection/GDPR**

Please be aware of not sharing the children's data in public places such as signing in sheets without permission from parents/carers. It is important that you always follow your policies.

[EY Settings and GDPR / Early Years Alliance](#)

## **Play Matters / Early Years Reviews**

The Play Matters project aims to:

1. Advocate for the value of play in all aspects of children's lives and more importantly to advocate for an early years sector that values play and the child.
2. Equip parents, early childhood professionals, and caregivers with practical resources to incorporate play into daily routines.
3. Influence policies and practices that prioritise play as an essential component of child development and wellbeing.
4. Foster communities where every child has the opportunity to experience the joy, creativity, and learning that comes through play.

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Thank you for reading and I hope you find the Childminder Newsletters informative and useful. Please email [Caroline Vans](#) with any questions. Alternatively, if you need something more urgent, please email the [Early Years Quality Team](#).



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