

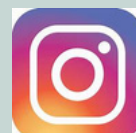
APRIL NEWS 2026



We are so pleased to confirm that we are here to stay for another 3 years! We look forward to bringing you lots of exciting FREE CPD opportunities during this time. We will also be introducing a new booking system soon so watch out for more information on our May Newsletter!

What's on?

Check the national Stronger Practice Hubs website for all the latest updates and useful resources



<https://www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk/>

Upcoming events - join us



Communication and Language

These are online and face to face sessions focusing on supporting you with children's development in Communication and Language. You have told us that this is one of the highest areas of need for you in your settings. Join like minded people to learn, share and reflect! We are always welcoming new members to our groups.

Speech and Language network

This is a regular network with a different theme each month. Delivered by the Seaside SALT team and includes Q&A

Supporting Children with EAL

*Tuesday 12th May
6.30-8pm*



Read Helen Harron's blog about supporting language 0-2

<https://www.strongerpracticchubs.org.uk/hubs/yh/yh-tgh-eysph/resources/blog-supporting-children-under-2-communication-development>

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Interactive reading

Join Lead Practitioners across various settings for a face-to-face network where you will have the opportunity to find out more about Interactive reading, the provision and practice, and explore some research. Free resource for attendees.

Tuesday 28th April, 4-5.30pm

Beverley Manor Nursery

Wednesday 13th May, 4-5.30pm

Hedon Nursery, Hull

Wednesday 20th May, 4-5.30pm

Bridlington Nursery School

Supporting Language 0-2 years

Join Helen Harron for this online session to unpick the specifics of supporting our very youngest children.

We look forward to receiving feedback from participants once completed.

*Tuesday 2nd June
6-8pm*



Upcoming events - join us

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

These are online and face to face sessions focusing on helping you to support children with SEND. This is the number 1 area of need requested at the moment.

We are utilising the expertise of our partners at St Paul's Nursery School in York who are an Enhanced Resourced Provision for children with SEND. There are a mixture of networks and webinars planned and we will be responsive to your ongoing requests for support,

SEND network

This a regular network with a different theme each month. Delivered by Claire Rigden, Headteacher at St Paul's.

*Our theme this month is
Toileting Training
Wednesday 29th April
4-5.30pm (online)*



Open Setting Visits

*Come and visit St Paul's Nursery at their new home and watch their specialist provision in action!
Tuesday 28th April
1 hour slots throughout the day*



Upcoming webinars

*Martin Cummings,
SENCo at St Paul's*

*Thursday 23rd April,
4-4.30pm
Transition through the day*



BLOG

Coming soon - Shannon Ball, a Senior Advanced Teaching Assistant from Childhaven Nursery School writes about supporting children using a total communication approach. Look out for Shannon's blog on our social media and the SPH website.

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Leadership

We understand the challenges of being an Early Years Leader at the moment. Our leadership sessions aim to support you in whatever leadership position you are in to support your setting to develop and improve in a culture of ongoing reflective practice.

Leadership of 0-2 provision - FACE TO FACE

Charlotte Dunster-Page is a Clinical Psychologist and founding director of Born to Bond CIC. She has extensive experience in the NHS, including leading in a parent-infant relationship service. Charlotte offers training, consultation and supervision to health and education staff around infant mental health, baby sleep and perinatal mental health.

The foundation session is for 0-2 room leaders / managers

York - 18th June 9.30am-1.30pm
Scarborough - Thursday 9th July
9.30am-1.30pm



Leadership of 0-2 provision - ONLINE

The online version of the sessions being held at York and Scarborough. This is mainly aimed at Childminders, although all 0-2 room leaders and managers are welcome. Please attend the face to face sessions where possible.

Monday's
15th, 22nd and 29th June
6.30-8pm

BLOG

****NEW**** Infant Mental Health in the baby room by Charlotte Dunster-Page

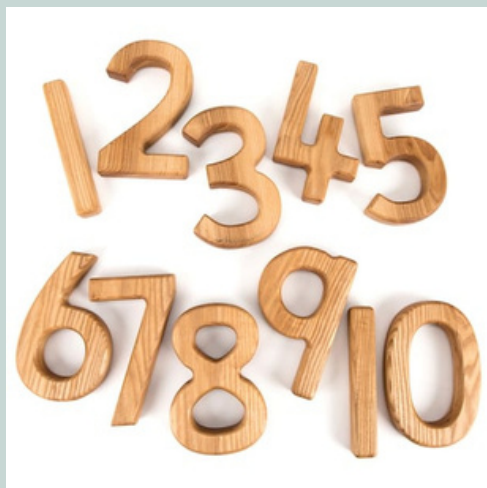
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Open Setting Visits
Childhaven Nursery School
Come and visit a working nursery school and find out how we monitor the quality of our provision and practice. using the SSTEWScales
FREE copy for all attendees
Next date TBC



Mathematics

Mini Maths Series!

Join one of our Senior Lead Practitioners, Tracey Anderson to explore mathematics in an Early Years Context

3 mini webinars, each at 9.15 - 9.45am online to start your working day!

Wednesday 22nd April

Using loose parts to support early maths



Wednesday 29th April

Subitising and using 5 frames



Wednesday 6th May

Natural patterns in the environment



New fully funded opportunity

Maths Champions

Maths Champions is an online professional development programme with 12 months access developed by National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA).

The programme consists of nine steps which can be completed flexibly around your schedule.

The aim of the programme is to increase practitioner knowledge, awareness and confidence in supporting early mathematics in order to improve outcomes for children.

Participating nurseries will nominate a Maths Champion and Deputy Maths Champion who will lead the programme supporting and driving improvement.

Scan the QR code to express interest in this fabulous programme and start the journey to receiving over £1000 worth of training for FREE!

Check out this video showcasing the Maths Champions programme

Video featuring Greenfields Childcare:

https://youtu.be/KP_GyKM_KLI



Fully funded places now available



Worth £1205 the Maths Champions programme is FREE for nurseries in England

Secure your funded place today!



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