

This Week in Childcare Weekly Bulletin

Issue 41: 5th - 9th October 2026



Dear Colleagues

These are the announcements for the 5th – 9th October 2026



DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES

9 th October 2026	Learner Fund Bursary for Graduates and Childminders closes **today**
2 nd November 2026	QIPP Plan closes for programme year 2026/2027

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Learner Fund Graduate and Childminder Bursary 2026

The 2026 Learner Fund Graduate and Childminder Bursary closes for applications at 5pm today, Friday 9th October 2026. Completed applications must be received within the deadline by Kerry County Childcare Committee, we will then process applications for appraisal by the DCDE.

2026/2027 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIP)



The deadline for submission of the 2026/27 QIPP is **Monday 2 November 2026**. The 2026/27 QIPP guidance document and Technical Guidance Videos can be found [here](#).

Rachel is available to support with the submission of QIP's - rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com

AIM Level 1 Application Process for new Graduates

The AIM Level 1 application process has opened on EY Hive for services with new graduates of the LINC programme. Applications received by **5pm on Thursday 22nd**



October 2026 will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-Ordinator's employment start date relevant to the 2026/2027 programme year. **Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as any applications received after this date will not be backdated.** Guidance on applications can be found [here](#)

Compliance Information Sessions



Pobal are offering information Sessions on ECCE, AIM Levels 1 & 7, CCSP Savers & Core Funding compliance. Registration links to attend these sessions are contained in the HIVE Announcement released on 6th October 2026.

Communication to Providers on Proposed Strike Action in Schools.

Please refer to the emails issued to all services this week by the Early Learning & Care & School Age Childcare Division of DCDE which outlines guidance for ELC & SAC services who may be impacted by proposed strike action in schools.

Fee Table and Parent Statement Approvals Process 2026/2027

The Fee Table & Parent Statement Approval Process has begun for 2026/27. Pamela will be in contact with you once she has reviewed the fee table & parent statement for your service. This new process is more complex than approval processes we have completed in previous years. Every effort is being made to review fee tables and parent statements promptly, your patience will be greatly appreciated over the coming weeks and months.

For further information or support please contact Pamela: pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com



Aistear Workshops



National *Síolta Aistear* Initiative

Aistear Workshops

Saturday 17th October 10.30am - 1.00pm
KCCC Training Room
For Bookings: eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com

Workshop One: Bringing Aistear's Image of the Baby, Toddler and Young Child to Life in Practice.

During this workshop we will explore Aistear's image of babies, toddlers & young children, and reflect on what this means for your practice. Identifying ways to bring this image to life in your unique settings.

Workshop Two: Bringing Aistear's Image of the Educator to life in Practice.

Explore Aistear's image of the educator, and reflect on how to interpret and represent Aistear within your individual settings.

Small Resource pack for each service in attendance

New Aistear Workshops

1. ***Bringing Aistear's Image of the Baby, Toddler and Young Child to Life in Practice &***
2. ***Bringing Aistear's Image of the Educator to Life in Practice***

Further your knowledge and understanding of the updated Aistear (2024) and explore how the framework can support meaningful learning and development for babies, toddlers, and young children.

These practical workshops will also help services complete their Core Funding Quality and Inclusive Practice Plan for the 2026/27 programme year, as all areas of practice are aligned with the curriculum pillars of the Aistear Síolta Practice Guide.

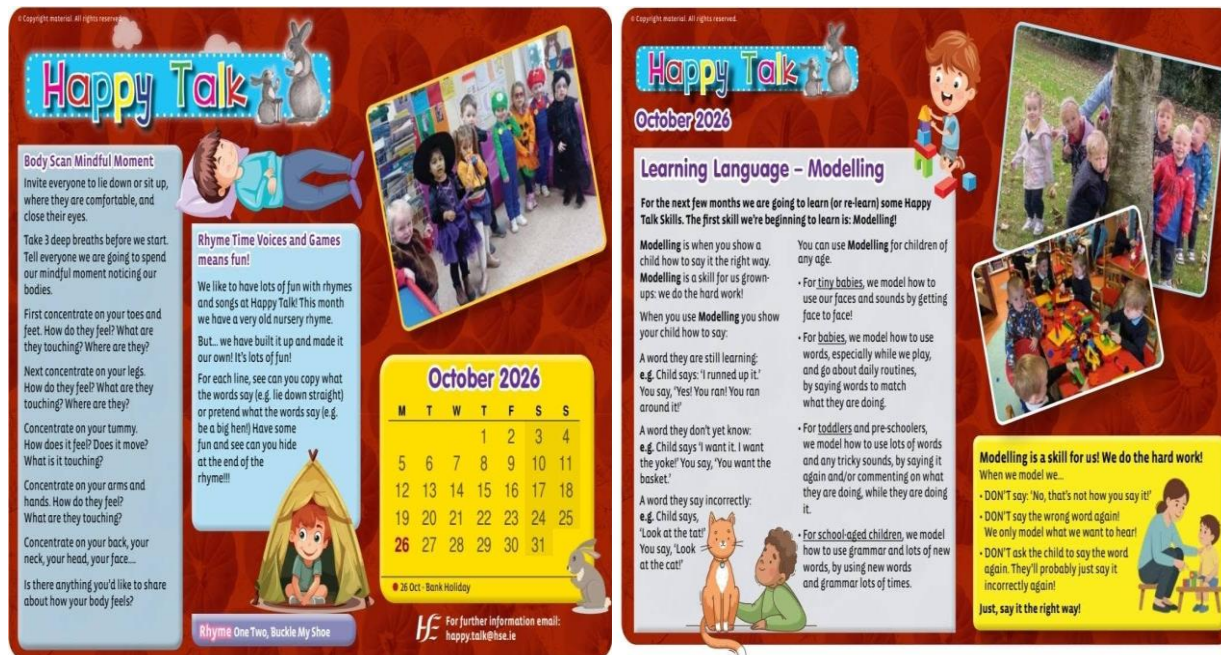


Bookings: eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com

Max 3 per service

Happy Talk Calendar

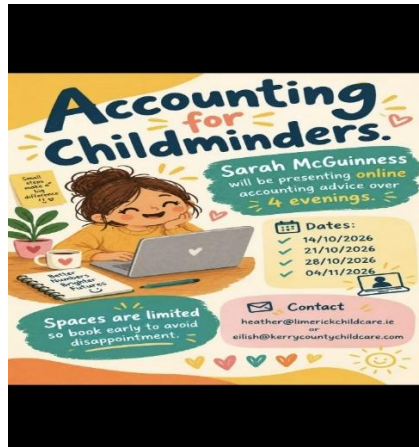
Please see below, and find attached, a copy of the October Happy Talk Calendar.



Accounting for Childminders – Sarah McGuinness



**National Action Plan
for Childminding
2021-2028**



Online accounting advice for Childminders

The first 2 sessions are 6.45 to 8.45pm (2 hours) and the second 2 are

6.45pm to 9.15pm (2.5 hours).

The last 2 sessions are looking at taxation so more time is needed.

Bookings:

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Kind regards,

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