This Week in Childcare Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Colleagues

These are the announcements for the 2nd – 6th November 2026

DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES

14th November 2026 November Review and Confirm window closes

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Kerry CCC Office Closure – Contact Arrangements

Please note that our office will be closed on the following dates to facilitate painting and maintenance.

- Monday 9th November
- Tuesday 10th November

Staff will be working remotely and you can contact us as normal on our office line 066 7181582 and your call will be directed to the relevant member of staff. Alternatively individual staff members can be contacted via email or on their mobile numbers.

November Review and Confirm window

The November Review and Confirm window opened on 1st November and will remain open until 14th November 2026. An announcement posted on the Hive on 22nd October reminds Partner Services to ensure your Service Profile and Core Funding application information is accurate and up to date. A guidance video, created by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality's (DCDE), is available HERE to support Partner Services.

Always Children First Child Safeguarding Awareness Training * Now Fully Booked*

Please note that the final date for Always Children First Child Safeguarding Awareness Training in 2026 on Saturday 14th November is now fully booked. Spring training dates will be announced in the new year.

Be Winter Ready

Be Winter Ready page provides key details for services on being prepared, keeping informed of weather updates and advisories and decision making on service closures.

Please be aware that an application for Force Majeure, including evidence of the requirement to close, must be submitted to Pobal in the event of a service closure within five working days.

You can find the application form here, and it must be submitted by a Request on the Early Years Hive.

An Roinn Leanaí, Míchuma agus Comhionannais
Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Guidance on Maintaining a Core Funding Application and Service Profile for Programme Year 5

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In advance of the commencement of Core Funding Compliance Inspections 2026/2027, the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) has developed a document on Maintaining a Core Funding Application and Service Profile for Programme Year 5. The document can be found here.

Fee Table and Parent Statement Approvals Process 2026/2027

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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

Aim level 7 Training Session

AIM
ACCESS & INCLUSION MODEL

Pobal are offering training for AIM Level 7 end-to-end process.

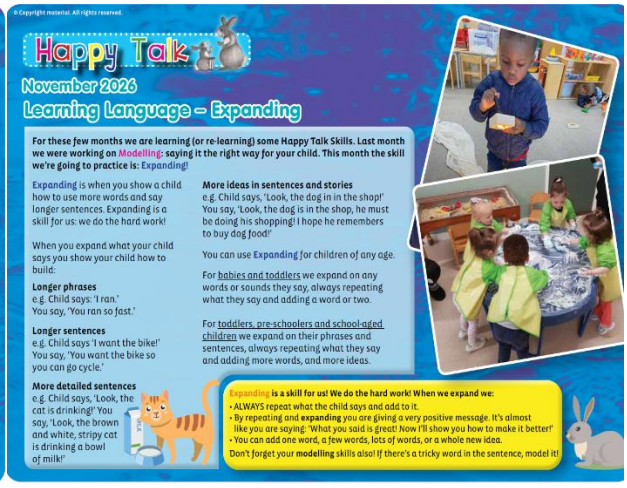
Webinar Registration Link:

AIM Level 7 End to End Process Training - Session 3: 9 November 2026, 2:30 pm

Happy Talk November

Attached and below is Happy Talk for November 2026.The theme is learning language – expanding.





New Aistear Workshops - Kerry County Childcare Committee



Thursday 19th November 18.30 – 20.30
******6 places remaining******

1. ***Strengthening Emergent and Enquiry based Practice***
2. ***Exploring Education for Sustainable Development 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

Christmas Network and Natural Wreath Making Workshop Invitation

We are delighted to invite you and your staff team to an ELC, SAC and Childminders informal social Christmas networking event and Natural Wreath Making Workshop with Mauras Cottage Flowers.
https://www.maurascottageflowers.ie/

This will be an excellent opportunity to meet with colleagues and friends in the sector.
The event will take place in the **Meadowlands Hotel on Thursday 3rd December 2026, commencing 6.30pm.**
Refreshments and finger food will be provided.

Places are limited, so initially we will be taking bookings for 4 people per service, but if you would like to add more names, we will be operating a waiting list.



Can you please book your place before Thursday 26th November 2026, remembering to provide details of any dietary requirements.

Bookings:
eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com

Webinar for Early Years Educators

Exploring AI and AI Literacy with Our Youngest Learners for Early Childhood Educators & junior/Senior Infant Teachers & SNAs 18.11.26

This webinar explores how early childhood educators and infant teachers can begin introducing age-appropriate concepts of AI and AI literacy, helping young children develop the skills to engage with emerging technologies thoughtfully, critically, and responsibly.

Wednesday 18th November 2026, 7-8 pm, Facilitator: Dr Paula Walshe

Preschool staff registration link only:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wsr7Uu3NR3Kii84rPQiEUw

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Kind regards,

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