

## Spring Briefing 2026



### **Updates to Webpage**

The Childminder page of the website has been updated with everything you need to set up your business and stay supported, including training opportunities, practical tools and templates and business support. [Business and Finance Support | Early Years](#)

### **Safeguarding Question of the Week Webpage**

Here you will find previous questions we have shared in the Early Years Sector Updates – perfect for sparking discussion, deepening understanding and keeping safeguarding at the front of your mind.

[Introduction | Early Years](#)

### **National Year of Reading**

The early year plays a crucial role in helping children fall in love with reading. The National Year of Reading 2026 is here to make that easier, offering simple playful ideas to build stories and books into your everyday activities and routines and share with parents.

[Early Years settings/National Year of Reading 2026](#)

### **Event for Bucks Childminders**

Join us for an inspiring morning designed specifically for Childminders. The morning will inspire you to reflect on how we strengthen early writing and create rich language opportunities for our learners with EAL, leaving you ready to champion every child's EYFS journey. [Voices That Matter: Supporting Our Youngest Learners](#)

### **Spotlight on Physical Development**

Research highlights a decline in physical activity for our youngest children, impacting their overall physical health and wellbeing. The sessions focused on how this is reflected within statutory guidance, how to support brain development, gross and fine motor development, core strength and balance, toilet training, bare foot experiences, risky play, the role of the adult and parent partnerships.

## Document Links

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[Exploring the context of your area](#)

[Ofsted: explore an area](#)

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[Find your postcode and get information on your local area](#)

[Opportunity Bucks | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

[Your area | Thames Valley Police](#)

[Physical Development](#)

[Toilet-training](#)

[The Potty Training Guide - Starting Reception](#)

[Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#)

[What are the benefits of Risky Play? - BBC](#)

[Tiny Happy People](#)

[EEF | Physical Development](#)

[Helping under-5s live active and healthy lives](#)

[— Early Movers](#)

[Bucks Childminder Specific Training](#)

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[Building a Unique Curriculum](#)

[Excelling Outdoors - Beyond the back garden](#)

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