



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter
2nd to 6th
March 2026**

National News

Click here to read all the national news this week!

Local News

Click here to read all the local news this week!

Jobs Board

Please email all job ads to mary@cavanccc.ie

You can see all the up to date vacancies on our website here:

<https://cavanccc.ie/jobs-board/>



Deadlines and Important Dates

25th March:

Communities of Professional Practice Understanding Big Behaviours

31st March:

Closing date for submission of year 3 Core Funding Trial Balance

15th April

The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - Online Info Session

15th April

Childminding Development Grant 2026 application closes



Cavan Staff Retention Survey

This survey has been initiated by the Board of Cavan County Childcare Committee to assess the impact of staff retention within early learning and care and school-age childcare services across County Cavan.

The overall findings will support the ongoing work of Cavan County Childcare Committee and will be compiled into a report for submission to the Department of Children, Disability and Equality.

We kindly ask you to take the time to complete the survey carefully and accurately. Your input is greatly appreciated and will contribute to strengthening early learning and childcare services across the county.

All responses will be fully anonymised and collated for analysis.

[Please take the time to complete this survey here](#)

Communities of Professional Practice Understanding Big Behaviours

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Taking place here in our office.

A Communities of Professional Practice helps to embed quality practice in your service, by sharing learning and connecting with others.

This practical, evidence-based workshop draws on 30 years of experience, play therapy insights, and the latest neuroscience research to help staff understand why children behave the way they do and respond in ways that truly support their emotional and social development.

Participants will gain:

- Understand behaviour as communication learn why children act the way they do and what they really need.
- Use brain-based and play therapy strategies practical tools to calm, connect, and support children.
- Build staff confidence and resilience

The workshop is interactive and highly practical, with real-life scenarios, role play, and strategies staff can use immediately in their setting.

Limited spaces available register today.

Always Children First Training

The Always Children First Foundation training aims to create an awareness of Child Protection and Welfare issues in the Early Years sector. The aim of the training is to help participants understand how to safeguard children and report Child Protection and Welfare concerns.

This is a six hour programme - this programme is facilitated by trainers from Cavan CCC in our office

Tuesday 26th of May, in the office from 1.30pm to 8pm. Limited places available!

[You can book here.](#)

**NATIONAL CHILD
SAFEGUARDING
PROGRAMME**

for Early Learning &
Childcare Services



The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - Online Info Session

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:00 PM

Taking place online.

Information session for Providers

Cavan and Monaghan County Childcare Committee along with the Better Start AIM Team will host an on-line information session for providers interested in finding out more on the AIM programme.

The session will take place online through Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 15th April 7pm - 8.30pm

[Click here to register your place](#)

Core Funding Financial Reporting Requirements for 2024/25

All Partner Services who received Core Funding during the 24/25 Programme Year are required to engage an accountant to submit a full Trial Balance for Year 3 of Core Funding.

The CFCRRS portal will open from Friday, 27 February. Supporting documents are available here.

Childminding Development Grant 2026

On 9th February, Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Disability & Equality, announced the opening of the 2026 Childminding Development Grant. The grant application window is from Wednesday, 11th February to Wednesday, 15th April 2026.

For further information about the Childminding Development Grant 2026, including the application form, visit Cavan County Childcare Committee or contact Orla McKeon at omckeon@cavancce.ie / (049) 4365856.

The First Five Years and School-Age Childcare Consultation Survey

The First Five Years & School Age Childcare Consultation survey is a 12-question online survey for parents, early years educators, providers and other stakeholders as part of the National Conversation on Education.

The survey seeks views on priorities for early learning and care, school-age childcare and childminding. The online survey can be accessed [here](#).

QIPP Report Template 2025/2026.

The Core Funding QIPP Report Template 2025/26 is now open on the [CFCRRS Portal](#). The deadline for completion of the 2025/26 QIPP Report is **Friday, 31 July 2026**.

Journey Through the HIVE training

For new or existing users who wish to refresh their navigation skills on the HIVE please click on the link below to register:

[Journey Through the Early Years Hive: Thursday 12 March at 10:30am to 11:30am](#)

Aim Level 5 Equipment – Transfer of Ownership

A transfer of ownership of the equipment when a child finishes their participation in the ECCE programme. This process opened on 04 March 2026.

Click here for a [How to guide](#) on how to complete the process or you can find the recorded [training webinar](#) here.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026

Seachtain na Gaeilge runs for 01 – 17 March. It's a great opportunity to weave Irish into everyday life in simple ways. You will find some games you can download and useful phrases through the following link. [Games – Seachtain na Gaeilge](#)

FRÁSAÍ GAEILGE/IRISH PHRASES

Dia Dhuit - Hello

Slán - Bye

Conas atá tú ? – How are you ?

Tá me go maith - I am good

Le do thoil – Please

Go raibh maith agat – Thank you



LOCAL



Invest in Play ADHD Focused Parent Support Programme
Cavan Town - Teach Oscail FRC
Thursday March 12th 10:00am-12:00pm

The Invest in Play ADHD Parent Programme is designed to support parents and caregivers of children with ADHD to better understand their child's behaviours, emotions, and strengths through evidence-based, neuro-affirmative strategies. This 12 week course is suitable to families with children aged 2-6yrs.

Lynette Ray 0868230983 lray@archways.ie
Pam Fausset 0868230938 pfausset@archways.ie

The Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive offers free early support to parents/carers across a range of interventions offered both online and in-person.

This includes information workshops, four evidence based parent support programmes (Incredible Years ADHD, Triple P ASD, Invest in Play ASD/ADHD and Parents Plus ADHD) These supports are provided to assist parents/carers of children with neurodevelopmental differences including ADHD and Autism with or without a diagnosis

To register your interest scan the QR code below to complete an expression of interest form or visit www.changinglivesinitiative.com for more information



A project supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).



Cavan Tidy Towns' Litter Pick

Saturday 7th of March
Meeting in **Supervalu**
car park @ **9am**



TEACH OSCAIL

BABY & TODDLER GROUP - MARCH -

10:00am - 11:30am

March Schedule

- 10th March - Sensory Play
- 17th March - Office Closed
- 24th March - Rice Krispie Treats
- 31th March - Music Morning

Any questions?
Contact Aiste on **049 437 2730**



The Crafty Cuppa Club

Looking for relaxed and friendly afternoon out?
Join us every
Monday from 2pm - 4pm
at Focus Family Resource Centre, Killeshandra
for a craft, chat and a welcoming cuppa.



Bring along whatever you enjoy:

Knitting & crochet

Sewing, embroidery & cross stitch

Painting or sketching

Card making etc.

Or even bring your crossword book!

Or simply come along for a cup of tea and a good conversation.

Come for the craft ... stay for the chat!

For more information contact Focus Reception on 049 436 4065

Cavan Community News



We encourage all community childcare services to check out the latest edition of the Cavan Community ENews. Compiled weekly by Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN), this newsletter features updates from over 500 local groups, partner agencies, and funders. It's a useful resource for staying informed about local initiatives, events, and supports that may benefit the families you work with. [Click here to view this weeks newsletter.](#)



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything Childcare related!



**Remember you can also send on any job vacancies you have and anything else about your service that you would like us to share to:
admin@cavanccc.ie**



Did you know we are now on Instagram? Follow us for all the updates!

Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information:

- [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](#)
- [Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings \(2012\)](#)
- General Covid-19 queries:
Contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday / [HSE Covid 19](#)

**As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on:
Tel: 049 436 5856
Email:
admin@cavanccc.ie**

**Regards, Cavan
County Childcare
Committee**