



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

# Weekly Newsletter 3rd - 7th March

## National News

[Click here to read all the national news this week!](#)

## Local News

[Click here to read all the local news this week!](#)

## Special Feature

[Click here to read this weeks special feature from Superkids Preschool.](#)

## Jobs Board

Please email all job ads to  
[mary@cavanccc.ie](mailto: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

**28th March 2025**

Deadline for Parent & Toddler  
Group Grant application

**4th April 2025**

Deadline for Childminding  
Development Grant 2025





## Parent and Toddler Group Grant



Applications are currently being accepted for the Parent & Toddler Group Grant 2025. The grant is available to existing not-for-profit groups who provide informal support to all families and involve the participation of parents/guardians in the community.

The grant is also open to new Parent & Toddler Groups as well as Buggy Walking Groups. For further information or to request an application form, contact [admin@cavanccc.ie](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie) or 049 436 5856



## Updated Aistear for the ELC sector

Attached please see the information released on the updated Aistear Curriculum Framework.

We also have printed copies available in the office if you'd like to come in and collect one. Feel free to reach out to us!

There is information on key dates, resources and information sessions for early years educators, Family and Child Guides, ongoing supports, and more. For more information, please click [Aistear 2024](#)

## Childminding Development Grant 2025

The Childminding Development Grant 2025 is currently open for applications. All current childminders and childminders planning to open in 2025 are eligible to apply. The grant aims to enhance quality and safety in childminding services and allows for the purchasing of IT equipment to assist with training and registration processes later in the year.

For further information about the Childminding Development Grant or the National Action Plan for Childminding, visit [www.gov.ie/childminding](http://www.gov.ie/childminding) or contact Cavan County Childcare Committee at [admin@cavanccc.ie](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie) / (049) 4365856.

## Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2025 2026 (Continuing Students)

Continuing Students (existing students who successfully received NSLF funding for Academic Year 2024/2025 and wish to continue to receive funding for NSLF for Academic Year 2025/2026)

Pobal will contact continuing students directly in early summer asking individuals to verify their continuing eligibility for NSLF. Once eligibility is confirmed a new letter of Conditional Funding will issue to the student for the academic year 2025/2026.

Training for continuing students will happen at a later stage and you will be notified.

# Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2025 2026

Training will be held on the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) Registrations, Employment Record and Student Applications training on **10 and 11 March 2025**. Applications for the NSLF for the academic year 2025/2026 will open shortly. The training will cover the following:

- What is the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund
- Registering to the NSLF Portal
- Completing the Employment Record
- Student Applications
- Demonstration of the NSLF Portal

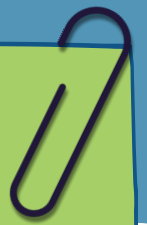


Those wishing to make an application **must** meet the following eligibility criteria for the NSLF:

- be working with children in a Tusla-registered Early Learning and Care (ELC) or School Age Childcare (SAC) service,
- the service in which the applicant is working in, must have a **current** signed Core Funding contract with DCEDIY.
- Applicants must have worked within an ELC or SAC service for the six months **prior** to their application.
- Applicants must have a current application/offer for 2025/26 entry to a Level 7/8 Degree course approved by the Qualification Advisory Board (QAB) that is eligible for NSLF.
- be a new entrant to an Approved Course for the academic year commencing 2025/2026 (Autumn 2025)
- not be an ELC educator or SAC practitioner currently undertaking the completion of an Approved Course or an equivalent degree; and
- not be an ELC educator or SAC practitioner who has already completed an Approved Course or equivalent degree.
- For clarity purposes, at time of application an applicant must not hold (or be undertaking) an Approved Course at level 7 or level 8 in Early Learning and Care

The links to the training webinars are available on hive.

# Helping your Childs Transition to Primary School



The transition from pre-school to primary school can be one of the most important transitions that your child will make. By providing this programme for you, we can support you to support your child to make a smooth transition between pre-school and primary school. The success of this transition can benefit your child all the way through primary school providing better outcomes for your child socially, emotionally and educationally.

National Parents Council (NPC), will be running FREE online webinars on this transition during the week of the **10th of March 2025**.

If you would be interested in attending (virtually) one of these webinars please register your details [here](#).

Please note these sessions will be interactive allowing parents to participate and hence places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



## HR Training



Join us for an informal online session Tuesday 11th March at 7pm covering important HR topics, including auto-enrolment for pensions and how it will impact your service. This session is a great opportunity to get up to date on key changes and their implications.

Follow this link to book on your place:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1263786642869?aff=oddtcreator>

## AIM Information Sessions



We're excited to offer two FREE online information sessions on the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM):

### AIM Parents Information Session

 Tuesday, 1st April  7:00 PM

### AIM Providers Information Session

 Wednesday, 2nd April  7:00 PM

Both sessions are designed to provide valuable insights into AIM and how it supports inclusion in early years settings.



## Support Pathways for Children, Young People, and Families

This resource offers essential information on the available services and supports for children with additional needs in our region.

Access the full document here: [[Support Pathways Booklet](#)]

We also have printed copies available in the office if you'd like to come in and collect one. Feel free to reach out to us!

## Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike Scheme

The Wibbly Wobbly Bike Programme is designed for pre-school children aged 2½ to 6 years to promote active lifestyles through fun balance bike activities.

The programme is subsidised by Cavan Sports Partnership and Cavan County Childcare Committee. Pre-schools must ensure adequate insurance for activities, and may be asked to complete evaluations.

**There is still some months available for your service to receive the bikes. If you would like a direct link to your area please contact us.**





## Feature of the Week: SuperKids' Enchanting Fairy Garden!

A Touch of Fairy Magic at SuperKids Preschool!

At SuperKids Preschool in Munterconnaught, the children's imaginations have been soaring with excitement about fairies and fairy gardens!

It all started indoors, with magical play and fairy tales sparking their curiosity. But soon, an even bigger idea took shape—creating a real fairy garden outside!

With creativity at its heart, each child painted their own special stone to add to the magical space. From tiny fairy doors to beautifully decorated pathways, their enthusiasm brought the garden to life.

Gráinne and the children worked together to make this enchanting fairy retreat a place for everyone to enjoy, explore, and dream. Now, the fairy garden is a wonderful spot for imagination and play, where little fairies might just be hiding!

A huge well done to all the little creators for their hard work and creativity!

Check out some photos of their magical creation below!

Do you have a special story to share from your service? We'd love to feature it in our next newsletter! Email [mary@cavancce.ie](mailto:mary@cavancce.ie) to be included.







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# LOCAL NEWS

## Parenting Cavan

PARENTING CAVAN

presents

A MORNING OF  
BABY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING  
MOO MUSIC, SENSORY PLAY &  
BABY MASSAGE

Event for soon to be parents  
and for parents &  
babies 0-36 months

Venue:

Johnston  
Central Library  
Cavan Town

Time:

10am- 12.30pm

Date:

1st of April 2025

Booking essential !

reserve your place by email to:  
[parentingcavan@cld.ie](mailto:parentingcavan@cld.ie)

Parenting Cavan are having a morning for parents and parents to be. This will be a morning of baby activities designed to help both parent and baby.

It will be held in Johnston Central Library on 1st April between 10-12.30pm. To reserve a place email [parentingcavan@cld.ie](mailto:parentingcavan@cld.ie) or check out their [Facebook](#) page.

## St Patrick's Day Parade

St Patrick's Day Parade in Cavan town is back with a bang! The festivities span the entire weekend, with events happening Friday, Saturday and Sunday, culminating with the parade at **1:30 pm Sunday 16th March**.

There are a host of activities planned, with funfair, music and dance ceili's planned. If you are interested in entering a float to promote your service, more details can be found [here](#). Check out their [Facebook](#) for the full lineup of events planned.



**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](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie)**

### **Bad Joke of the Week**

**Q: Where do Bad Rainbows go?**

**A: To Prism. It's a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.**



### **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](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie)**

**Regards, Cavan  
County Childcare  
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