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Issue 28 – Wednesday 18th February 2026

Read me now – Urgent and important information

For Funded PVI Providers – EYPP Checks using Adjustment Form

We are still in the testing phase and any EYPP information that has been added is not coming through the system correctly. This part of the form will be up and running for the new financial year (1st April 2026) as shared on the key changes at the recent Business Meeting. We have removed this section for the time being.

Introduction to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – Places available for 26th February!

This 2-hour session led by our EYFS SEND Workers is for all practitioners working with children within PVI or Out of School Clubs, who do not currently have a SENCO Role, but would like to increase their knowledge of SEND. The course explores the roles and responsibilities of those working with children with SEND and how we can support each other and work together to ensure a joint approach to supporting children's needs, whilst also exploring practical ideas to promote equality and inclusion. For more information and to book your place, please [click here!](#)

Regional Early Years NDNA Conference - Tuesday 31st March 2026

Early booking is advised for this regional conference to be held at the HOPE Education Head Office, Pintail Close, Netherfield, Nottingham, NG4 2SG from 9am - 3pm. Speakers include Jude Simpson, Senior HMI Regional Officer for Early Years Ofsted; Pennie Akehurst – Early Years Fundamentals and Jordan Ferns – ‘Growing Talk’ Language and Communication programme and lunch and refreshments are included. Open **specifically for Nursery Providers**, from both City and County, a maximum of 2 people per setting/organisation are invited to attend. NDNA members should have already received an invite and there is a small charge of £20 for non-NDNA members to cover lunch and refreshments. For any queries, or to book if you are a non-member, please contact the Regional Chair - karen@woldschildcare.co.uk

Read what's coming up next - Important but not urgent information

SENCO Network - Thursday 5th March 2026

Running 10am – 12pm via MS Teams for our Network Members, the next Network will welcome a guest speaker from Healthy Little Minds to give an overview of ‘Family Scripts’ and ‘Angels in the Nursery’, adding knowledge to your toolkit, to support you in alternative ways of thinking to address challenges. If you would like to attend, please return a [Network Membership Form](#) before [booking a place](#).

Leadership Network - Wednesday 18th March 2026

The Spring Network is 10am - 12pm, in person, at the Indian Community Centre and will also feature a stall from TTS, highlighting some of their high-quality education supplies, as well as stalls from Oral Health and Healthy Little Minds. If you would like to attend, please return a [Network Membership Form](#) before [booking a place](#).

Office for Product Safety Standards issues Product Recall on Hobbycraft Giant Box of Craft

The OPSS has issued a Product Recall to warn about a safety risk associated with the Hobbycraft Giant Box of Craft relating to vials of coloured sand included in the product, which may be contaminated with asbestos and does not meet the requirements of the General Product Safety Regulations 2005. Consumers are advised to stop using the product immediately and keep it out of the reach of children. Please share this recall with parents and carers to reduce the risk of harm and the recall notice includes instructions on how to either dispose of the product or return it safely to: [Product Recall: Hobbycraft Giant Box of Craft \(2601-0364\) - GOV.UK](#)

Food Standards Agency - Check Infant Formulas

The FSA is asking settings to check and share with parents their infant formula against specific batches of Aptamil and Cow & Gate products listed in the Product Recall Information Notice published on Friday 6 February 2026. Danone's recall has been issued due to potential cereulide contamination, which can cause illness including vomiting and stomach cramps. The issue only affects the batches listed in the [recall notice](#), in addition to the product included in Danone's [earlier recall on 23 January 2026](#). The FSA's advice is to stop using the products and switch to an alternative formula. If formula was prescribed, they should speak to a pharmacist or doctor before changing. If they have recently fed the formula to their baby and are concerned about symptoms, they should contact their GP or call NHS 111.

Additional recalls - This follows recent [recalls from Nestle of SMA infant formula](#) products due to the same contamination issue. The FSA have published the following:

- [Product Recall Information Notice](#) detailing the further recalled batches of Danone infant formula product
- our [infant formula recalls page](#) providing a full list of recalled products and the latest advice
- [news story asking parents and caregivers to check their infant formula products](#)

Agreement Trialling

This term, the focus is on **Communication and Language and Maths** with preschool colleagues, topics selected as interactions and maths provision have been key areas of focus during new and pilot inspections. With reception colleagues, the focus is on **Reading and Understanding the World** due to significant gaps to National in each of these areas. We will also be offering **SEND** support during these discussions.

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| Preschool | Communication and Language and Maths | Wed 4 th March 2026 | Online via Teams | 09:00-11:30 |
| | | Wed 4 th March 2026 | In person at the Indian Community Centre Association, NG5 1QZ | 13:00-16:00 |
| Reception | Reading and Understanding the World | Tues 17 th March 2026 | Online via Teams | 09:00-11:30 |
| | | Tues 17 th March 2026 | In person at the Indian Community Centre Association, NG5 1QZ | 13:00-16:00 |

Read when you get a moment – Information you might find interesting

PVI Sector Annual Business Meeting – Follow Up

Further to our Business Meetings that ran throughout the day on 5th February 2026, you can now download the presentation and frequently asked questions document [here](#). Your Provider Agreement for 2026/27 will be out shortly and you can email eyfunding@nottinghamcity.gov.uk with any queries.

Annual School Funding Briefing for Head Teachers and Business Managers - Follow Up

These briefings for schools took place on 10th February and you can now download the presentation and frequently asked questions document for these briefings [here](#), under the section 'Information for Schools'. Please email eyfunding@nottinghamcity.gov.uk with any queries.

Safeguarding Updates

Out of School Sector Non-Statutory Safeguarding Guidance

This new non-statutory guidance was published in February 2026. For more details including safeguarding and child protection requirements, DSL responsibilities, training, safer recruitment, health and safety and governance please [click here](#).

Call of evidence for Children Public Health Review

Nottingham City Council's Public Health Department is [reviewing its Children's Public Health 0-19 Nursing Service](#), delivered by Nottingham CityCare Partnership. They are seeking feedback from professionals working with children, young people, and families to inform future commissioning. You can [Find out more by clicking here](#)

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