

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update – May 2026

Included this month: National Childminding Week, early years skills bootcamps, warm weather health, Hampshire SENDIASS, adult learning in libraries

Celebrating National Childminding Week: 11 – 17 May 2026



The theme of this year's national week celebrates the 'Magic of Childminding' and aims to raise awareness amongst parents, stakeholders and supporters of the truly unique benefits childminders bring to children, families and their communities.

For further information visit [Magic of Childminding campaign - Coram PACEY](#)

Sign up for late spring skills bootcamps

Among the skills 'camps' in Hampshire there are Early Years and Childcare or Play work ones, for people looking to start, develop or change their career. Participants will be able to access a funded 3-week course that provides training and skills to prepare them for a role in an early years and childcare or wraparound care setting, or to become a childminder.



The next bootcamps are starting from **11 May 2026 in various locations**. For more information or to book onto the Skills Bootcamps:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp/allskillsbootcamps>



Warmer weather... watch out, ticks are about!

Always check your body for any signs of ticks at the end of a day in the countryside, and if you do find any ticks feeding, remove the tick promptly with tweezers, clean the bite site with an antiseptic wipe and watch for any symptoms of Lyme disease, remembering to consult your GP if you feel unwell. The infection can be serious if not treated.

The [three-minute video](#) will give you details on how to remove the tick and things to look out for. NHS [Lyme disease](#) information.

Also, don't forget to check your child's **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)** vaccine status: [NHS website](#). These viruses can thrive more in the warmer weather.

Hampshire SENDIASS workshops and videos for parents/ carers

Hampshire SENDIASS run free fortnightly sessions for those responding to a draft EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) document, to help meet the critical time frame for replies. Other workshops are held monthly – including those for families considering an EHCP application.



Check out their website for further details <https://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops/> and their YouTube channel for their range of informative videos including Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) www.youtube.com/@PolarisSENDIASS



Hampshire Adult Learning in Libraries Courses

Check out the range of short, online courses available for parents and carers across Hampshire libraries

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/services/learning-in-libraries>