



NST Newsletter: Monday 12th May 2025

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Dates for Next Year's SBM Network Meetings

We have set the dates for next year's SBM Network meetings, which will all be taking place 9.00am to 11.30am, here at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre:

- Autumn Term – Thursday 11th September 2025
- Spring Term – Wednesday 14th January 2026
- Summer Term – Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Diary invites have been sent out to SBMs but if you have not received the invites, please let [Emily](#) know and she can forward them to you.

GDPR Refresher Training for DPOs – Thursday 13th November

We have set a date for our annual GDPR refresher training for DPOs, which will be taking place on Thursday 13th November, 9.00am to 11.30am, at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre. Huge thanks to our wonderful ADPOs Carolyn Marshall (Melbury) and Julie Naidu (Forest Fields) for delivering this training for us!

DPOs should have received a diary invite for this training but if you haven't, please let [Emily](#) know and she can forward this to you.

ID Requirements for DBS Checks

Following a request from one of our SBMs for clarification about the IR required for DBS checks, please see the advice below from Carol McCone on this matter:

The DBS requirements for ID are on the Gov.UK website, see section on Identity Checks at this link [ID checking guidelines for Standard/Enhanced DBS check applications from 22 April 2025 - GOV.UK](#). I would use this, as it is a statutory requirement.

I've also included the link for proving Right to Work in the UK - [Prove your right to work to an employer: Overview - GOV.UK](#), which again is a statutory requirement and details what is appropriate as proof.



Your Invitation - Literacy Excellence Centre Launch

Dear colleagues,

Following our recent conversations, I am writing to invite you to the launch of a new partnership which has been developed to provide schools with literacy CPL, resources, research and specialist support, from Early Years through to Key Stage 4.

Building on the work of the English Hub, the **Literacy Excellence Centre (led by Carl Pattison)** will respond to school and MAT needs on all things literacy - English, Reading, Writing, Phonics, Oracy & Leadership.

We would be delighted if you joined us for in-person LEC launch event on 21st May. If you are unable to attend this date, we will be holding an online launch on 5th June.

**JOIN US on 21 MAY (3.00-4.30pm) in-person
or 5 JUNE (2.00-3.00pm) online**

- See what the new LEC will provide for schools and educators.
- Hear the latest literacy thinking and research.
- Get a specialist insight into writing and vocabulary.
- Receive the calendar of CPL and collaborative learning opportunities.
- Unlock priority access to our first services.

CONFIRM YOUR PLACE [HERE](#)

[LEC Introduction Launch Flyer](#)



Watch a 2-minute introduction from Carl here >> [Literacy Excellence Centre | Flying High Partnership](#)

I know you were also interested in the writing programme and we can provide any further information at the launch if that would be helpful.

We hope to see you at one of our launch events.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch for further information.

Best wishes,
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Thrive Online Training Sessions – Monday 12th and Thursday 16th May

We have received details of two free online training sessions which are being run by Thrive, which are taking place this week – see below for further details and booking links:

Mental Health Awareness Week (12th-18th May) is just around the corner and this year's theme is 'community'.

A strong sense of community - where children and young people feel safe, supported and valued - is key to mental wellbeing, healthy brain development and academic success.

To mark the week, Thrive is offering **two free webinars** designed to help early years practitioners and school staff create learning environments where children and young people feel accepted, appreciated and free to be themselves.

Plus, everyone who registers will receive a **free e-guide** with practical strategies and activities to help create a sense of belonging.

[How to create a sense of belonging in the early years](#)

Monday 12th May, 16.00-16.45 BST
 Every child needs to feel that they belong – to know they are safe, seen and significant. Join us as we explore how to create a genuine sense of belonging in early years settings and why this is crucial for mental wellbeing and healthy brain development.

Register

[How to create a sense of belonging in schools](#)

Thursday 15th May, 16.00-16.45 BST
 Explore how to create a genuine sense of belonging in schools. We'll expand on previous conversations about the importance of belonging, sharing fresh strategies underpinned by neuroscience and Thrive's relational approach.

Register

Can't join live? Sign up anyway and we'll send you a recording of the webinar and your free e-guide.

Best wishes,

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Free online professional development events: The University of Nottingham's Primary Education Network for 2024-25

For some years, our partnership work has included the Primary Education Network (PEN). This is an opportunity for school colleagues to come together for free events that offer both professional development and local networking. In the past, meetings have focused on topics such as, refugee education, the use of technology to support children's writing and ensuring representation of diversity in schools.

The current format is an hour's online session (MS Teams) featuring some expert input and the opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards.

This term's event focuses on **forest schools and outdoor learning**. Dr Jenny Elliott, a qualified forest school practitioner, has been working this year with a Nottingham school and will be sharing her experiences and advice on making connections with nature and developing sustainable behaviours through outdoor learning.

This event will take place online, through MS Teams on **Thursday 5 June, from 4pm-5pm**. If you would like to come, please indicate by clicking on one of the following links and we will send you an invitation and link.

[YES I will be attending the PEN event on Thursday 05.06.25](#)

[NO I will not be attending the PEN event on Thursday 05.06.25](#)

Feel free to forward this to any other colleagues who you think may be interested. We hope to see you there!

Finally, you may also be aware that another aspect of the PEN is our primary blog, which has covered a multitude of primary-related themes with over 80 posts. All of the posts are available to read here: <https://blogs.nottingham.ac.uk/primaryeducationnetwork/>. If you are interested in discussing a contribution, please contact rupert.knight@nottingham.ac.uk

Best wishes,

The University of Nottingham Primary Education Team

Summer Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

The following Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book via our booking platform, Universe. Click on the hyperlinks below for further details/to book in:

- Languages Network – [Tuesday 20th May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm](#)
- Phonics Network – [Wednesday 21st May, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- PE Network – [Monday 2nd June, 12.45pm to 3.15pm](#)
- English Network – [Tuesday 3rd June, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- PSHE Network – [Thursday 5th June, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- Assessment Leads Network – [Friday 6th June, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Art Network – [Monday 9th June, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Music Network – [Tuesday 10th June, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Design and Technology Network – [Wednesday 11th June, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Curriculum Leads Network – [Friday 13th June, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Inclusion Network – [Tuesday 17th June, 4.00pm to 5.00pm](#)
- RE Network – [Wednesday 18th June, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- Diversity Network – [Monday 23rd June, 1.00pm to 3.00pm](#)
- Science Network – [Tuesday 24th June, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Computing Network – [Thursday 3rd July, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- Early Years Network – [Thursday 10th July, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)

Jane Gill will be running her summer term **Maths Network** on the following date:

- [Monday 16th June, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)

If you have any queries or if you experience any issues when using these booking links, please let [Emily](#) know.