

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

MARCH TOPIC: NEW LIFE AND SPRING



In March we will be focusing on new life and the beauty that is all around us in nature. We will be seeking to develop a love of nature in our children and a sense of being responsible for the care of the world that they live in.

MARCH: HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME THIS MONTH?

Talk about signs of Spring and new life and draw attention to these when out and about: flowers blooming, baby animals appearing in fields etc.



Numbers- Draw children's attention to the numbers that are all around them. Point out numbers when out and about and count out things together.

Drawing- Encourage your child to draw pictures and begin to add detail e.g. legs, arms, facial features on people

LIFE SKILLS: SNACK TIME

Snack time–The children have been practising washing up and putting dishes away, taking their first steps towards independence. They are also now cutting up their fruit.

GETTING READY TO LEARN

Your child received a home learning pack at our Come and Play Session last week. The activities in these packs are designed to help support your child and reinforce the learning we have covered in school. Have fun at home!

ECO WEEK: MONDAY 9TH – FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

Our focus will be 'growing and learning together'. Please use this as an opportunity to talk to your child about how we can help look after our world. There will be exciting ECO activities each day.

ECO WALK TO SCHOOL: On **Thursday 12th March**, we will have our annual walk to school day. Staff will meet children (**accompanied by an adult**) at the parent and baby parking spaces at Tesco at 8.40am and we will all walk to school together. Staff will bring over the hi-viz vests to put on the children. If parents/carers are unable to do this with their child, they should just drop their children off at the normal time at the nursery.

Friday 13th March – Wear Green be Green Day. We encourage your child to take part by wearing something green to school - even a hair clip or socks. This will also coincide with celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

STAFF TRAINING DAY: MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2026

The children are off school on Monday 2nd March 2026.

ST PATRICKS WEEKEND HOLIDAYS

Please remember that school will be closed on **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March.**

COME AND PLAY SESSION 2- TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 12:45-1:20 PM

Come and Play Session 2: A parent/grandparent/aunt/uncle is invited into school to play with the child for the last half hour of the day on **Tuesday 24th March.** These sessions run from 12:45 until home time at 1:20pm.

FERMANAGH FUN FARM: MONDAY 30TH MARCH

On **Monday 30th March,** the children will be travelling to Fermanagh Fun Farm by bus, leaving school at 9.30am. We will be bringing lunch with us and will return for 1:10pm.

HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS

Clothing- As the weather gets warmer, we will be spending more time outdoors.

Please ensure that if your child brings home wet clothing, that their drawer is replenished with clean clothing. **All items must be named.**

Tired Children- Children who arrive very tired find the nursery day more challenging, struggling to regulate and enjoy play; a lie in after a restless night's sleep may help.

Meetings- As always, can we remind you that staff are available to discuss your child and offer support. Please inform your child's teacher if you would like a meeting. The teachers **cannot** have these meetings at the **start** of the school day or at **collection time** when they are busy with the other children.

CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES

Please be mindful of pregnant mothers or staff in our school and **DO NOT** send your child to school **with any of the following (click on link if unfamiliar with symptoms):**

[**Slapped Cheek**](#)

[**Cytomegalovirus \(CMV\)**](#)

[**Rubella**](#)

[**Chickenpox**](#)

[**Hand, Foot and Mouth**](#)

PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL BY EMAIL/PHONE CALL AT THE FIRST SIGN OF THESE ILLNESSES OR VIRUS

AUTISM NI AWARD

Enniskillen Nursery School has recently achieved Autism NI's Impact Award for Education (2026-2029), demonstrating our commitment to inclusion for autistic and neurodivergent pupils, and their families.

Staff received tailored training from Autism NI and implemented a bespoke action plan of adjustments across the school, to build a more inclusive environment.

Autism NI's Director of Development, Christine Kearney said



“We are delighted that Enniskillen Nursery has achieved the Impact Award. Through their training and action plan, the school has implemented a range of practical and meaningful changes to promote accessibility. By achieving the Impact Award, they have shown a clear commitment to building an inclusive culture for their pupils.”

Staff have also undertaken TEACCH Training; the Education Authority's Social, Behavioural, Emotional, Wellbeing and Neurodiversity Training; ASD Tiers 1 and 2 Training; training on Developing a CALM Plan. They are about to embark on training with an OT specialising in Autism, Sensory Integration and Attention Autism on Monday 2nd March 2026.

Autism NI work alongside autistic people and their families, and build partnerships that champion better understanding, accessibility, and services for our autism community.

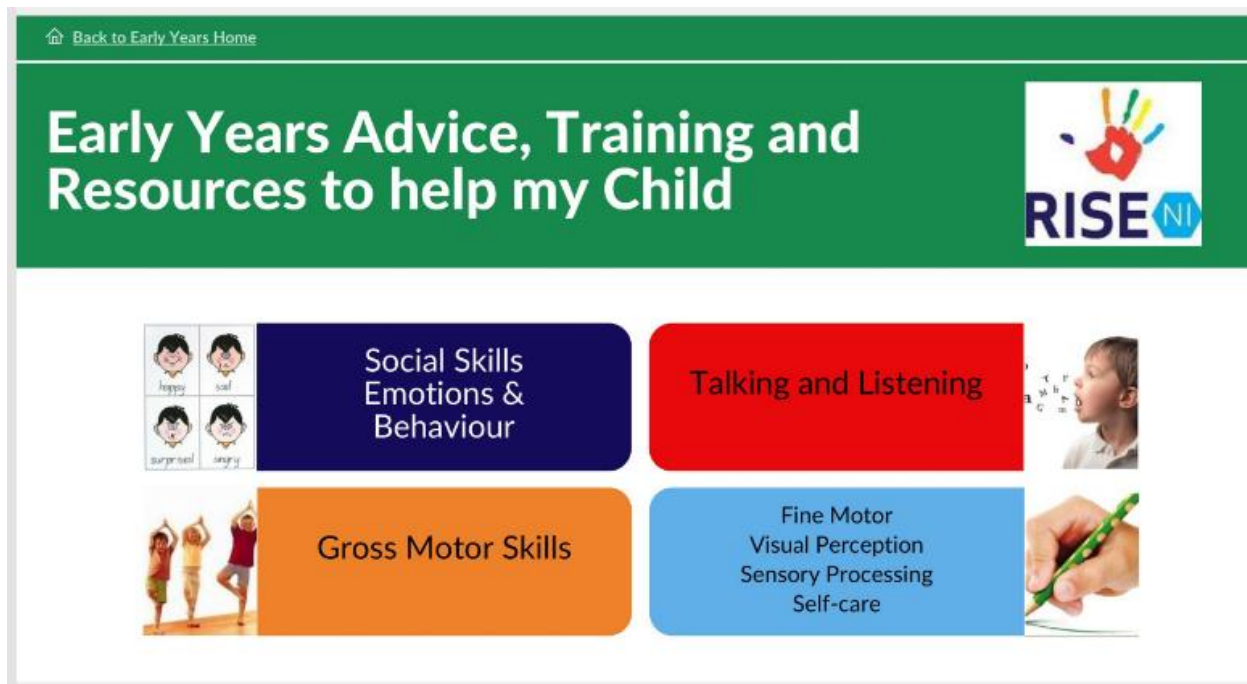
Our nursery school provides an inclusive, predictable and nurturing environment where children presenting with an autistic profile are understood, supported and celebrated. Staff use consistent, evidence-based strategies to support communication, emotional regulation and sensory needs, enabling the child to feel safe, confident and ready to learn. Our nursery staff are to be commended.

RISE NI FOR PARENTS

Below is a website where parents and carers will find many useful tips and guidance. I recommend that you visit this site. I have put a link to it on the school website- **HOME PAGE**.

<https://view.pagetiger.com/RISENI/parents>

Below is an example of some of the pages to support PARENTS.



HOLIDAYS

Staff Training Day: Monday 2nd March 2026

St Patrick's Weekend: Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March 2026

Last Day of Term: Wednesday 1st April

Easter Holidays: Thursday 2nd April to Friday 11th April

Term 3 Begins: Monday 13th April 2026

MARCH 2026

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ECO Week			Walk to school (8.40 am)	Green Day- wear green			
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