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International Day Of Play Schools Celebration - Play Scotland



Celebrate play and Champion children's rights

Thursday 11 June is the International Day of Play, and we would love for your school to join in the celebrations.

Play is not a break from learning – it is how children learn, connect and thrive.

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How much screen time should toddlers have?



The [World Health Organisation](#) recommends that children aged 2-4 should have no more than an hour of screen time per day. Here's why:

- When it comes to developing speech, language and communication skills, watching a screen isn't nearly as helpful as talking face to face to a real person, or sharing a book. So it's important to spend time talking and chatting to your toddler and reading with them whenever you can – we've got lots of [tips for how this can fit into daily life](#).

If you've been wondering how much screen time is too much, or whether toddlers should have screen time at all, you're not alone.

ParentClub looks at how to make the most of screens with your toddler – whether that's smartphones, tablets, laptops, computers, games consoles or TV. We also look at why it's important to balance screen use with other activities, and why putting away your phone every so often is a really great thing to do.

[Screen use for toddlers aged 2-4](#)

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Consultations

School Aged Childcare Consultation – there is still time to have your say

The Scottish Government published a formal consultation seeking views on a definition for school age childcare on Friday 20 February 2026.

This consultation is still available on the [Scottish Government website](#) and the [Scottish Government's consultation portal](#), and will be open until Monday 18 May 2026.

The Scottish Government believe this is an important and positive step towards a proportionate regulatory framework for school age childcare which recognises School Aged Childcare as a unique service, with workforce skills and qualifications suited to the delivery of services for school age children.

They would greatly appreciate a wide range of views and experience from across the sector to help to inform the development of our work.

If you have any questions relating to the consultation, please contact the team at sacc_consultation@gov.scot

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Funding opportunities

Fuelled for Fun Summer and October 2026

Funding for 2026 has been set at **£50,000**, made available by Perth and Kinross Council to support children, young people and their families during school holiday periods.

This funding will support the **targeted provision of free, nutritious meals**, alongside respite and childcare opportunities, for children aged **2 to 15**

years from low-income families across Perth and Kinross.

What funding is available?

Funding during the **Summer 2026** and **October 2026** school holiday periods will open for applications on Wednesday 6 May 2026 for groups planning to run eligible activities during these holiday periods.

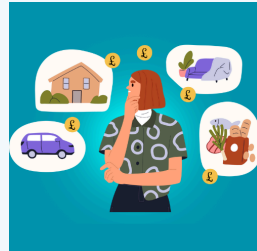
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