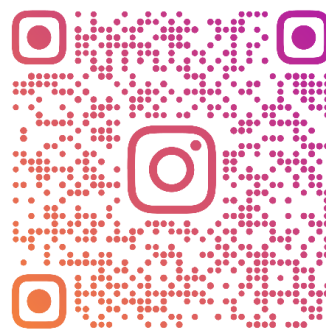




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Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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For information on services and supports for children, young people and families see [Wexford CYPSC](#)

For information on parenting supports and programmes, see [Wexford Parents Hub](#) or access on [Facebook](#)



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EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► SETU Open Day - Cancelled



Due to circumstances outside of our control, SETU has decided to postpone our Wexford Campus Open Day & Try Event, which was scheduled for Wednesday 7 October.

We will confirm a new date in due course, and we look forward to welcoming you and prospective students to our Wexford campus then.

Kind Regards,

SETU Schools Liaison Team

► National Breastfeeding Week 2026

WEXFORD CELEBRATES NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2026



"Every step forward:

Strengthening support for babies and families"



COFFEE MORNINGS IN WEXFORD

Thursday
Information Morning

October 1st

10:30-2pm

Gorey Library Foyer
Y25 WK37

Friday

October 2nd

10:30-12:00

Clonard Community Centre,
Shamrock Room, Wexford,
Y35YV0F

Monday

October 5th

10am - 11:30am

Brandon House Hotel
New Ross
Y34KR62

Wednesday

October 7th

10:30-12:00

Kilcannon Garden Centre
Enniscorthy
Y21X889

Wednesday

October 7th

10:30-12:00

Ashdown Park Hotel
Gorey
Y25V1D6

Thursday

October 8th

10:30-12:00

Gorey Youth Needs Group
Y25Y5C1



Cuidiú
Caring Support for Parenthood



La Leche League of Ireland
Breastfeeding Help & Information



► 16 Days of Activism 25 November 2026 - 10 December 2026



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST DOMESTIC, SEXUAL & GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

25th November 10 am

Volvo Cars Wexford
Ferrybank, Y35 RH73

COME ALONG FOR A CHAT, LIVE MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS.



OUR SPEAKERS:

1. Opening by **Mayor Vicky Barron**
2. **Catherine McCurdy**
Director of Services
Wexford Women's Refuge
3. **Clare Williams,**
Chief Executive Officer,
Wexford Rape Crisis,
4. **Dr Kenny Doyle**
Head of Programmes
Men's Development Network CLG
5. **Kay Bradley**
President
Sorooptimist International Wexford



► Gorey Family Resource Centre

Hi all,

Ready to see what's happening in the Centre?

Choose the button below that works best for you.

Mobile version if you open it on your mobile phone or the PC version if you open it from a laptop or desktop.

You are receiving this email as you are currently on our mailing list. If you no longer wish to receive these updates, please let us know and we will remove your details from future mailings.

If you or someone you know would benefit from our supports, please feel free to share our information or get in touch with us directly.

Kind regards,

Gorey Family Resource Centre

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WEBINARS & TRAINING

► Introduction to Kinship Care

INTRODUCTION TO KINSHIP CARE

JOIN OUR FREE WEBINAR AS PART OF
GLOBAL KINSHIP CARE WEEK 2026



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global  KINSHIP
care week

We will cover:

- Kinship Care Ireland- who are we and what do we do
- What is kinship care- formal & informal
- The benefits & challenges of kinship care
- The voice of kinship carers & young people in kinship care
- In the interim of policy- what can we do as practitioners to better support kinship families in our community?
- Hear about the exciting new Kinship Care resources launched as part of Global Kinship Care Week 2026

TUESDAY

6TH OCTOBER 2026

10:30am-12:00pm

**REGISTER BY EMAILING:
INFO@KINSHIPCARE.IE**



► Helium: FREE Online Autumn workshops



Inspiring life through art

Please see below details for our FREE Online Autumn workshops for children and young people with long-term physical health conditions.

Online Workshops

Distance Creates Winter Saturdays – Online(Ages 6–8)

Workshop Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 November, 5, 12 December

Workshop Times: 09:30-10:30am New activity every Saturday – do it anytime!

Distance Creates Winter Saturdays – Online(Ages 9–12)

Workshop Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 November, 5, 12 December

Workshop Times: 11:00-12noon New activity every Saturday – do it anytime!

Youth Online Autumn Camp – Online (Ages 13-16)

Workshop Dates: 27, 29, 31 October

Workshop Times: AM: 10:00 - 11:30 AM: 12:30 - 14:30

[Book your ONLINE space HERE!](#)

INFORMATION/RESOURCES

► **Helium: You asked- we listened! New Updated Professional Referral Pathway!**



Inspiring life through art

We have made some changes to our professional referral form from the valuable feedback we have received from professionals over the last number of months to help support those who need it most.

Referrals can be made by healthcare workers, artists, community workers, consultants, G.P's, nurses, youth worker, social workers and support workers.

[Make a professional referral to Helium here!](#)

If you know a young person you would like to refer but feel there may be barriers to participation, please don't hesitate to reach out.

► New STAR resources available in Wexford Libraries

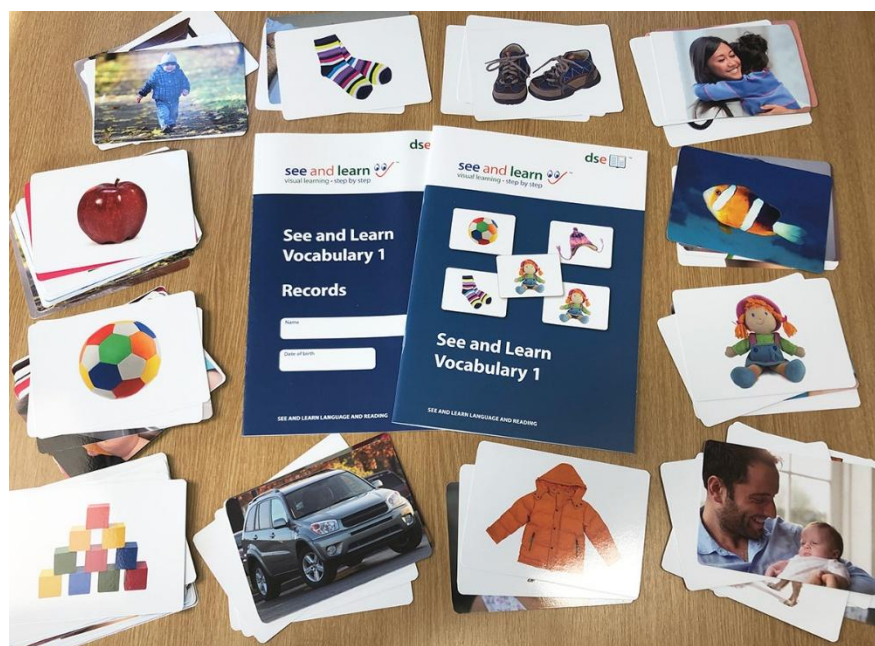


Wexford Libraries is delighted to announce the arrival of the following See and Learn Speech, Language and Reading sets:

- ✓ See and Learn Speech Sounds
- ✓ See and Learn Combining Sounds
- ✓ See and Learn Saying Words 1
- ✓ See and Learn Saying Words 2
- ✓ See and Learn Saying Words 3
- ✓ See and Learn Vocabulary 1
- ✓ See and Learn Vocabulary 2
- ✓ See and Learn Vocabulary 3
- ✓ See and Learn Phrases 1
- ✓ See and Learn Phrases 2
- ✓ See and Learn Phrases 3

These resources are available to borrow for free from all library branches and mobile libraries with a STAR membership card.

STAR cards can be obtained from your local library, or mobile library in County Wexford.



RESEARCH/REPORTS

► Achieving Change for Children - Research Report



Barnardos recently hosted an “*Achieving Change for Children*” event which showcased the findings from the use of standardised measures across Barnardos’ family support services.

I am pleased to share a copy of those findings with you - [Research & Evaluation Studies - Barnardos](#)

At the event, Dr. Gráinne Hickey, Research Manager, Barnardos, presented on the introduction of standardised measures in our intensive family support services and the collection of outcomes data for *1,262 parents and children* attending Barnardos services. The data shows that Barnardos’ family support services are *achieving outcomes* for families with significant vulnerabilities. Importantly, the findings also demonstrate *statistically significant* improvements in child and family wellbeing after receiving support, indicating that Barnardos’ intensive family support leads to reduced risk and stronger protective factors in children’s lives.

The event featured presentations from Dr Emer Smyth (ESRI), Dr Stella Owens (Tusla), Dr John Canavan (University of Galway) and Professor Harry Ferguson (University of Birmingham), who shared insights on family support outcomes, child poverty, evidence-based practice and relationship-based approaches to working with vulnerable children and families.

These findings provide strong evidence of the positive difference our services are making in the lives of vulnerable children and families.

MEN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING

► Engage - Connecting with Men Training

You are invited to apply for a place on ...



Connecting with Men

Date: 9th of November 2026

Time: 09:15 – 16:30

Venue: Kilcannon Garden Centre, Enniscorthy, Y21 F5D7

Aim of the Workshop

The aim of this workshop is to assist a broad range of practitioners and service providers to explore the world of males, and to develop practical strategies for effectively engaging with them around health and wellbeing issues. It focuses on the engagement process (i.e. **WHY** and **HOW** to build relationships with men) rather than offering a new or revised health programme (i.e. **WHAT** to offer them).

Objectives of Workshop

The key objectives for this workshop are to:

- Reflect upon how to create a 'safe space' for working with men.
- Gain a common understanding of what men's health is and why it is important.
- Explore how gender influences the values and attitudes that men develop in relation to their health, and how this influences their health behaviours.
- Identify some of the determinants that shape health outcomes for men.
- Reflect on participants' own value base, experience, skills, attitudes towards and expectations of men.
- Explore what a 'male friendly' health programme or service looks like in practice.
- Signpost participants to further sources of help, advice, guidance and support.

Who Should Attend?

This workshop will be of interest to a broad range of service providers and practitioners who wish to connect in more meaningful ways with men.

Cost

The 'Connecting with Men' workshop is free for all participants.

Further Information

To apply for a place on this workshop or for further information, please contact:

Ollie Walsh 087-4492285 Ollie.Walsh@hse.ie



POST NATAL SUPPORTS

► Mummy and Mini Strength & Flow Exercise Programme

Mummy & Mini Strength & Flow Exercise programme



Presentation Arts Centre,
Enniscorthy
Y21 X889



7th of October – 11th of
November, 10.30-11.15am
(6 Week programme)



For postnatal women,
aiding them back into a
physical activity routine
while removing the
barrier of childcare



€30 for 6 weeks

Registration: through Eventbrite



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LITERACY

► Numeracy Community of Practice



Our next Numeracy Community of Practice will take place on **Tuesday 6 October, from 12.30 - 1.30 pm via Teams.**

This session will focus on Maths Week and will be a chance to share ideas, activities and examples that help promote adult numeracy in a fun, practical and non-threatening way.

Have you run a Maths Week activity before? We would love to hear from you. This could include:

- Estimation activities (e.g. Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin)
- Guess the Value of the Shopping Basket
- Numeracy events or competitions
- Practitioner staff training activities
- Any other ideas that worked well with learners

Contributions can be informal and just 3-5 minutes. Slides are welcome but not required.

The aim is to build a bank of ideas and inspire centres and practitioners who would like to get involved in Maths Week this year.

If you would be willing to share an activity or example, please get in touch.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to any colleagues who may be interested in joining the session.

Join the session:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/391029952599975?p=kPFa8IAiBCPwzzXBt9>

Not yet a member of the Numeracy Community of Practice?

Sign up here to receive invitations and updates about future sessions: [Numeracy CoP registration link](#)

RECRUITMENT

► Youth Project Co-Ordinator Vacancy – Youth New Ross



JOB DESCRIPTION of Youth Project Coordinator YNR JOB DETAILS

Name of Employer: Youth New Ross CLG
Job Title: Youth Project Coordinator (YPC)
YNR Department: Youth Services
Reporting to: CEO of YNR
Type of Contract: Permanent, Part-time Role with a 6 month-probationary period
Number of Hours: 28 hours per week
Location: Predominantly at The Bullawn, New Ross, Co. Wexford, Y34 YH26

***Application Details: Please email recruitment@ynr.ie for an application form or download from our website youthnewross.com**

***Application Process: Please email completed application form to recruitment@ynr.ie with a cover letter.**

***Closing date for applications is Friday, the 16th of October 5pm. Late applications will not be considered.**

Salary Starting point is dependant on experience.	
Actual Salary Range From Pt 1. €35,871	To Pt 6. €41,600.00
Salary Starting point: Starting on Point 1 (negotiable depending on experience/expertise)	
Actual Annual Leave: 20 Days	
Other Benefits: Paid Sick Leave, Paid Maternity Leave and other attractive family friendly leave post 6 months service	

Role:

This is a key position with direct responsibility for planning (with the management team) managing, developing, leading and delivering the UBU Youth Project at YNR and will include any new initiatives secured by YNR e.g. successful tendering or expansion.

The Youth Project Coordinator will have exemplary administration skills, communication skills, procedural & policy application, strong academic ability in formal English & maths and time management skills.

The YPC will have a committed belief in the children's rights, a strong knowledge of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – the Children's Rights Charter, and the 5 National Outcomes as per the Young Ireland (continuation of BOBF National Policy Framework Doc)

WEXFORD LIBRARIES

► Wexford Town Library Events



Baby Tummy Time, every second Friday - 11.00am-11.45am.

Join us for a Baby Tummy Time session in Wexford Library.

According to the HSE, Tummy time helps to strengthen baby's head, neck, and back muscles. Your baby can begin tummy time as a newborn and continue to do it throughout their first year.

We will provide books for babies and there will also be books on parenting available to borrow. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and babies.

Regular Events



Rhyme Time, every Wednesday, 11.00am-11:30am. Suitable for children aged 0-3

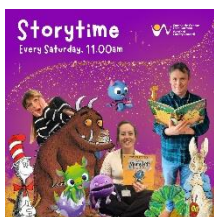
These fun, free and interactive Rhyme Time sessions are perfect for babies and toddlers. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. **No booking required.**



Lego Free Play, every Saturday from 11am-3.00pm. Suitable for children aged 5+

LEGO Freeplay tables available in Wexford Library on our Children's floor area from 11.30am to 3pm. LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. Get Creative! This session is suitable for ages 5yrs +.

No Booking Required. Please note that children must be supervised at all times.



Storytime, every Saturday - 11.00am-11.30am

Join us in Wexford Library every Saturday at 11.00am for lots of Storytime fun!

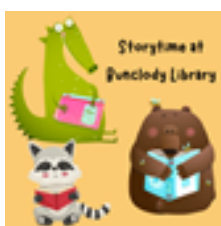
Suitable for 4 - 7 year olds. **No booking required.**

► Bunclody Library Events



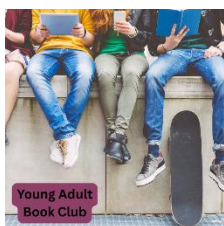
Rhymetime for ages 0 to 5 years - every Wednesday at 11.15am

Join us for Rhymetime every Wednesday when will have lots of fun nursery rhymes and stories suitable for babies and toddlers followed by a Duplo play session. **No booking required.**



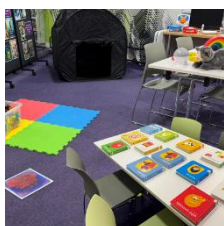
Saturday Storytime for ages 3 to 7 years - Saturday 10th October, 11.00 to

11.40am Join us every Saturday morning at 11.00am for stories perfect for ages 3 to 7 years. No need to book - all welcome!



YA Book Club for ages 13 to 15 years – Friday 9th October, 4.15 to 4.45pm

Join us for this month's YA book club! New members are always welcome.



Sensory Friendly Hour. Every Saturday from 4.00 to 5.00pm.

Sensory friendly hour is observed in Buncloody Library. We encourage you to come along and relax in the calm environment of the library. **No booking required.** All welcome!

Sensory Basket

A sensory basket containing various sensory toys/books available for children to use while visiting the library. Just ask at the desk.

Enniscorthy Library Events



Interactive Story Time at Enniscorthy Library

Join us in Enniscorthy Library every Saturday at 11am for our Interactive Story Time! Perfect for 3-5 years old but fun for everyone!

All welcome and no booking required.

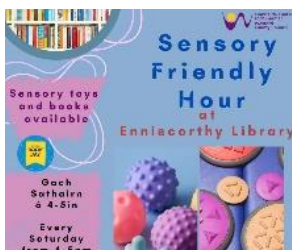


LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

Enniscorthy Library invites you and your family to join us for a session of LEGO Free Play, LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. This session is suitable for ages 5+.

Please note we're closed for lunch from 1pm-2pm.

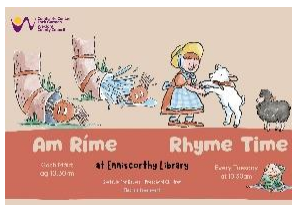
No Booking Required



Sensory Friendly Hour at Enniscorthy Library - Every Saturday from 4-5pm

Sensory Friendly Hour will be observed in Enniscorthy Library.

We encourage you to come along and relax in the calm environment of the library. **No booking required. All welcome!**



Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time at Enniscorthy Library - every Tuesday at 10.30am

Join us in Enniscorthy Library for songs, stories and rhymes!

Perfect for up to 3 years old but fun for everyone!

Through rhymes children naturally learn essential skills for communicating such as turn-taking and joining in.

All welcome and no booking required.

► Gorey Library Events

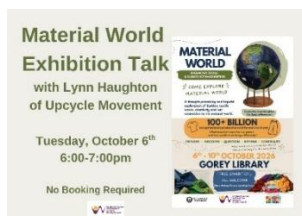
October Events at Gorey Library

Adults One-Off Events for October:



Dearest Child with Rachel Uí Fhaoláin:

Friday, October 2nd at 2:30pm



Material World Exhibition and Talk:

Starting Tuesday, 6th October at 6:00pm



Hands on Harp:

Saturday, October 17th at 10:30am



Gaeilge inár Saol Book Talk with Molly Nic Ceile:

Tuesday October 13th at 7pm

Children's One-Off Events for October:



Nature Explorers Halloween:

Tuesday, 27th October at 4:00pm

All Ages Welcome



Trick or Treat with Spooky Storytime:

Saturday October 31st at 2:00pm

Storytime at 3pm



Mid-Term Creativity Day with Wiggle

Friday October 29th

12:30pm Animal Mash-Ups Workshop

Ages 4-6

2:30pm Tinfoil printing Workshop

Ages 8-12



Children's Chess Workshop:

Saturday, October 17th at 11:00am

Ages 8-14



Wonderlarking Workshop with Eve McDonnell

Saturday, October 10th at 3:30pm

Ages 8-12

Regular Adult Events



Lifting the Lid Public Piano: First Monday of the Month at 2:30pm



Ciorcal Comhrá: First Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm

AND NEW: Second Tuesday of the Month at 2:00pm



Happy to Chat Coffee Morning: Second Monday of the Month at 11:00am



La Leche League Breastfeeding Support: Second Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am



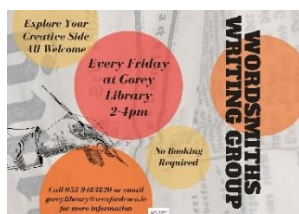
Gorey Library Film Club: Second Thursday of the Month at 2:30pm



Scrabble Club: Every Tuesday at 7:00pm



Knitting Circle: Every Friday at 11:00am



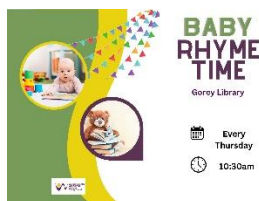
Wordsmiths Writing Group: Every Friday at 2:00pm

Regular Children's Events:



Children's Storytime: Every Tuesday at 11:00am

Age: 3-5

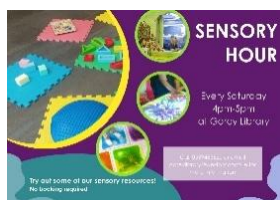


Baby Rhyme Time: Every Thursday at 10:30am

Age: 0-3

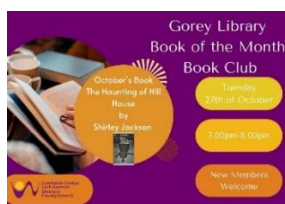


LEGO Freeplay: Every Saturday at 10:30am



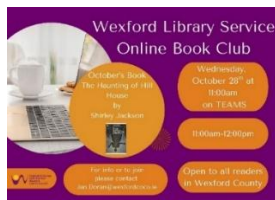
Sensory Hour: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

Adult Book Clubs and Reading Circles:



Book of the Month Book Club:

Last Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm



Wexford Library Service Online Book Club:

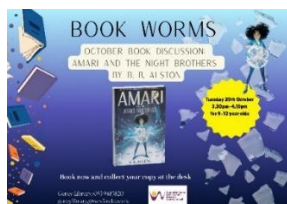
Last Wednesday of the Month at 11:00am

Children's Book Clubs and Discussion Groups:



Graphic Novel Book Discussion: NEW DAY! First Saturday of the Month at

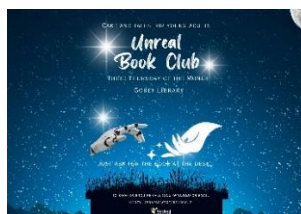
Age: 9-12



Book Worm Book Circle:

Last Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

Age: 9-12



YA Unreal Book Club:

Third Thursday of the Month at 4:30pm

Age:12-15

► New Ross Library Events



Summer Stars Celebration and Draws. Saturday 3 October 11.00am - 12.00pm.

Come and celebrate 2026 Summer Stars Reading Adventure with us at New Ross Library.

Join us for our Summer Stars draws, and bookmark competition reveal.

This event is free and suitable for all ages!

For more information <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4614599>



The Almost Every Saturday LEGO Club. Saturday 3 October, 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

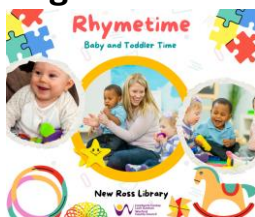
Join us for a bit of LEGO fun, this week we have LEGO Mystery Cards and LEGO Minifigure Paper Crafts.

Suitable for ages 6 - 10 years.

Booking essential.

Book online or phone 053 919 6722 - <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4614610>

Regular Events



Rhyme Time at New Ross Library, Thursday at 11.00am - 11.30am.

Join us for Rhyme Time in New Ross Library every Thursday morning. These fun, free and interactive sessions are perfect for babies and toddlers.

Suitable for children aged 0 - 4 years.

Please note that children must be supervised at all times.

No booking required.



Sensory Hour at New Ross Library. Every Saturday from 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Sensory Friendly Hour will be observed in New Ross Library.

We encourage you to come along and relax in the calm environment of the library.

No booking required.



Let's Go Wonderlarking!, Saturday, 10 October 10.00am-11.00am

Join best selling children's author, Eve McDonnell for a magical, eye-opening worldbuilding workshop searching for the wonder in nature.

Suitable for ages 7 - 12 years.

Booking essential. Book online or phone 053 919 6722 -

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4614591>



Little Movers Tummy Time for ages 0-2 years. Saturday 10 October, 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

Come along and tap tiny toes on the magic floor. We will have songs, rhymes, and interactive floor play.

Suitable for ages 0 to 2 years.

Booking is essential. Book online or phone 053 919 6722 -

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4614611>



Epic Reads Junior Book Club. Saturday 31 October 10.30am-11.30pm.

We are inviting you to join our Epic Reading Adventure this year.

We have selected 60 classic and favourite books for our Epic Reading List that we believe every child should read before leaving primary school.

We would love to hear what our young readers think of the books we have chosen.

Before our club meets in on October 31, why not drop in and borrow a book of your choice!

Suitable for ages 9 to 12 years.

Booking is essential. Book online or phone 053 919 6722 -

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4615053>