



# Home is where the start is: a world of possibilities

**An online family festival of fun and learning**

Free sessions running from Thursday 13 -  
Saturday 15 February 2025

# The festival

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Our free online family festival celebrating the role of parents and carers as their child's first and most enduring educator is back for the third year running!

During this fun family event, which will take place via Zoom and is aimed at parents and carers of under-fives, we will share information and advice about how you can support children's learning and development at home through lots of exciting sessions for you and your children.

Activities will include fun communication and language sessions, ideas to encourage your family to connect with nature, and much, much more. We are also delighted to have Professor Sam Wass and the author Michael Rosen delivering sessions for us.

The three-day online festival will run from Thursday 13 February to Saturday 15 February 2025, and you can book to attend as many or as few free sessions as you like.

The event is supported by the DfE Voluntary and Community Sector Fund, and free tickets can be booked at [\*\*bit.ly/FamilyFestival2025\*\*](https://bit.ly/FamilyFestival2025)



# The line-up

## Thursday 13 February

- **12.30pm - 1pm:** Neil Leitch - CEO Early Years Alliance
- **1pm - 1.45pm:** *Music and movement, rhythm and rhyme* with Boogie Mites
- **2pm - 2.30pm:** An introduction to BBC Tiny Happy People
- **6pm - 7pm:** Family Connect: How babies communicate before words

## Friday 14 February

- **10am - 11am:** *Nurture with nature* with Shropshire Wildlife Trust
- **11.30am - 12.30pm:** Storytelling with Jamel C Campbell: Olu's Teacher
- **1pm - 1.45pm:** *Get talking with Sound Play!* With BBC Tiny Happy People
- **2.30pm - 3.30pm:** Diverse developmental pathways

## Saturday 15 February

- **9am - 10am:** Family Connect - The importance of play
- **11.30am - 12.15pm:** Time for a snack!
- **1pm - 2pm:** Poems and stories with Michael Rosen



# Spread the word

We want to make sure that as many families as possible benefit from our free online festival!

Your organisation can help spread the word by sharing information about Home is where the start is with your parent networks or posting on social media.

**Click on the images below** to access a free poster and social media graphic which you are welcome to use.

## Poster



## Social media graphic



We've also suggested some posts below in case of use!

- *We can't wait for @EYAlliance's FREE online festival for families, Home is where the start is: A world of possibilities, all about supporting early development! The event is taking place from 13-15 February – sign up for your free sessions at [bit.ly/FamilyFestival2025](https://bit.ly/FamilyFestival2025)*
- *Calling all parents/carers of under-fives! Don't miss out on @EYAlliance's FREE online festival for families, Home is where the start is, all about supporting early development! Pick and choose your free sessions on early learning and development at: [bit.ly/FamilyFestival2025](https://bit.ly/FamilyFestival2025)*