

Vacancy Bulletin

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Early Years and Childcare



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The deadline
to advertise in
the next bulletin
is 10.00am
26th October
2026

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**TUES 6
OCTOBER**
3.30pm-
6.30pm

Yate Library,
44 West Walk,
Yate Shopping
Centre,
BS37 4AX

EARLY YEARS CAREERS EVENT



START YOUR CAREER IN EARLY YEARS

Have you considered a career working in a pre-school or day nursery, or as an Ofsted registered childminder?

Join us at our free Early Years Careers Event to explore a range of opportunities in childcare and early education.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Meet local employers and training providers.
- Find out about roles across the sector, from apprenticeships to qualified practitioners.
- Talk to our friendly team about becoming a self-employed, Ofsted registered childminder.
- Learn about free childcare entitlement funding for working parents.

HOW TO ATTEND

There is no need to book, just turn up.

For more information email us at:

✉ earlyyears@southglos.gov.uk

or visit our working in early years and childcare webpage at:

🌐 www.southglos.gov.uk/working-in-childcare

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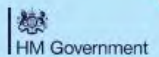
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Find out about working in childcare and search nationwide vacancies [Do something big - Early Years Careers](#)

Do something big, work with small children



**Search:
Early Years
Careers**



Be part of something BIG

Working in early years and childcare is unique and rewarding. You get to make a difference that lasts a lifetime by being part of a child's early education. No two days are the same helping young children to grow, learn and flourish.



**Work in a nursery
or preschool**

Enjoy a rewarding role with variety, creativity, and options to progress. You'll work in a team and make a real difference by providing early education to children aged 3 months to 5 years old.



**Become a
childminder**

As a Childminder, you'll provide personalised early education and childcare to small groups of children of different ages. You'll have the freedom to run your own business and work flexibly.



**Work in before or after
school clubs**

Combine great flexibility with the chance to share your passion with primary school children whether that's sports, music or nature.

To find out more about a career in early years, explore apprenticeship opportunities, or to search for roles near you, head to gov.uk/early-years-careers



**Search:
Early Years
Careers**



Are you an employer with a childcare vacancy to advertise? Click [here](#) to find out how to post on [DWP Find a Job](#)

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Committee Support & Guidance

As an Officer of the Committee, do you fully understand the roles and responsibilities of a voluntary organisation? Do you know about the VLE and the information available to you? Are you confident that you can recruit replacements when your time as a Committee Officer is up?

Do you feel you need some advice?
For further information please contact:

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Alaine Page alaine.page@southglos.gov.uk 01454 863355



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FREE Level 3 qualifications

FREE courses for jobs in early years

Take the first step to
your dream job or
working with children



Benefits of gaining a Level 3 qualification

- Gaining a Level 3 qualification could boost your income by 16% and help you stand out to employers.
- The courses are designed to help you improve your job opportunities and could lead to earning a higher wage.
- Working with children in nurseries, schools and hospitals can be extremely rewarding.
- These qualifications are equivalent to an advanced technical certificate or diploma, or A levels.

Why choose to study with us



SGS College has chosen a range of Level 3 qualifications in the Early Years sector to help improve your job prospects. These courses are a combination of online and blended learning. Choose from:

- Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Autism
- Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Mental Health
- Level 3 Diploma Early Years Practitioner



If you are interested in one of our Level 3 courses, please contact us and we will be able to let you know if you are eligible for full funding.

www.sgscol.ac.uk/freecoursesforjobs

Email: info@sgscol.ac.uk

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Could you become a **Childminder?**

We are looking for people in South Gloucestershire who want to help give children the best start in life by becoming an Ofsted registered childminder

Do you:

- Want to be your own boss?
- Work from home?
- Choose your working hours to fit around your family?
- Want a career that is financially rewarding?

Are you:

- Wanting to play a hugely important role in a child's learning and development?
- Looking for a job where you can have fun!?
- Do you want to create wonderful memories for yourself and the children in your care?
- Are you passionate about giving the children the best possible start in life?

We'll give you:

- A mentor to help guide you through the process of registering with Ofsted
- Support from a dedicated Setting Support Officer
- Free 24/7 access to our Virtual Learning Environment
- Access to a programme of virtual and in person training courses
- Lots of opportunities to network with other childminders in the South Gloucestershire



Contact us at earlyyears@southglos.gov.uk on 01454 863355

to request a copy of our Pre-Registration Information Booklet for Prospective Childminders

The Local Authority are offering a Start Up Grant to newly registered childminders who meet the criteria of the grant and successfully register with Ofsted from 1 July 2026. Please contact earlyyears@southglos.gov.uk if you would like more information.

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**Do you know
about the support
available from the
Business Development
Team**

If there is anything we can help you with please contact us!

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EARLY YEARS

FIND OUT MORE, JOIN OUR CALL

The need for qualified staff in the early years sector will rise from September 2025 with the increased demand for childcare places

Support is available for filling your vacancies and converting interested local jobseekers into qualified team members

**Could you spare 20 minutes
to hear about an innovative
recruitment solution?**

DWP have collaborated with SGS College and South Gloucestershire Council to deliver a streamlined routeway. Its success will rely on the involvement of childcare providers

A number of short Teams calls are scheduled, open to all childcare providers

Please email: swap.asg@dwp.gov.uk for dial-in details



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Youth Guarantee programme - supporting young people into work

The Youth Guarantee programme supports 18- to 21-year-olds, including young people with special educational needs, disabilities, or mental health challenges to move into paid work, training, or further education.

The programme offers tailored guidance, confidence building activities and personalised pathways ensuring each young person has the right support at every stage of their journey. Businesses can play a vital role by offering 8-week work placements, helping young people gain experience while supporting local talent to thrive. There is also a limited employer bursary to cover costs incurred by businesses hosting placements. If your organisation is interested in providing a work placement or finding out more, please email business@southglos.gov.uk.



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YOUTH GUARANTEE
Funded by UK Government

SUPPORT LOCAL YOUTH

Offer a Work Placement

Could your business offer an opportunity to a young person who just needs a chance?

South Gloucestershire Council is looking for employers to host 8-week placements as part of the Youth Guarantee Programme – supporting 18–21-year-olds in South Gloucestershire who are not currently in education, employment or training, and who may face additional barriers such as Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or mental and emotional health needs.

Support offered

- ✓ Training and awareness for employing a diverse range of potential employees
- ✓ Exploring alternative recruitment routes, including work experience and apprenticeships
- ✓ Full guidance and support throughout

To get involved

please contact us at business@southglos.gov.uk

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Funding secured by **WEST** MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY OF ENGLAND

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ALONG!**

South Gloucestershire
Council
Delivering with you



**DROP IN
ANYTIME**
between
9am and
12:30pm



Need support for your family?

Drop in and chat with our friendly team

From pregnancy through to teenage years, Compass can give advice and signpost families to the right help and support available in South Glos.
Drop-in sessions available weekly at local One Stop Shops:

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YATE
BS37 4DQ
THURSDAYS

For more information visit:

www.southglos.gov.uk/Compass-drop-in
or scan the QR code



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Pre-Schools



ABACUS PRE-SCHOOL - Maternity Cover - Pre school Practitioner

Contact - Jayne Baggott - enquiries@abacuspreschool.co.uk or call 01454867285

We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Maternity Cover Pre School Practitioner to join our setting in Emersons Green. This role offers an exciting opportunity to support the development and well-being of young children in a nurturing and stimulating environment. As a practitioner you will work closely with the team to create a safe, engaging, and inclusive space where children can explore, learn, and grow.

★ Hours Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

★ Term time

★ Maternity Cover Position

Requirements

★ Previous experience working with children in a nursery or early childhood setting is highly desirable

★ Childcare qualifications and early years experience

Salary Upon Application -

Join us in making a positive impact on young lives! This paid role offers valuable experience in early childhood education while contributing to the growth of our youngest learners.

Closing Date 23/11/26

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Contact: **Michele** 07443 640 027 littleacers@lachildcare.co.uk

Vacancy: **Pre-school Manager** (*Job description available on request*)



LA Childcare is recruiting!

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a **Pre-school Manager** within our amazing Ofsted graded **OUTSTANDING** setting, as sadly our current manager is leaving in December. We are based in the grounds of Bowsland Green primary school, Bradley Stoke, and are extremely fortunate to have plenty of outside space, which has recently been beautifully extended, providing new and exciting play opportunities for our children. We also enjoy our off-site **Woodland Walk** sessions. The position is for 5 days per week and is **term time only**. The successful candidate would ideally start in January 2027, however ideally you could start earlier than this if possible, to enable our current manager to demonstrate the role, thus ensuring a smooth handover.

The ideal applicant must hold a level 3 or above childcare qualification and will have sound knowledge and or qualifications with regards to safeguarding of children, however, we will arrange current advanced safeguarding training, pertaining to the position, if required. You should also preferably have experience of managing a setting, either as manager, deputy, or third in charge.

The new Manager will be supported by the experienced Managers at our other two settings.

**A minimum of level 3 childcare qualification is essential.*

Ultimately, we are seeking an enthusiastic, passionate person to manage and work in our 'child led' Pre-school, following the '**Teaching In the Moment**' model; we can offer training and support in this area. You will be working as part of an experienced, friendly and fun-loving team, to support them to deliver high-quality childcare, learning and development for all of the children in our care.

Most importantly you should be 'child centred', enjoy being outdoors, getting messy and having fun!

If this sounds like it could be you - do get in touch with **Michele** for an informal chat to discuss the role further.

L A Childcare is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of all children in our care. We have a passion for promoting a high level of childcare in a safe stimulating environment which promotes the 'Teaching In The Moment' model. Any employment offer will be subject to satisfactory enhanced DBS and safer recruitment checks, in-line with statutory EYFS requirements.

Hours: 8.45am - 3.15pm (*there may be some flexibility with these hours*)

Rate of Pay: To be discussed

Closing Date: As soon as position is filled

Interview Date: TBA

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Contact: Donna on 07837 707 331 or littleacorns@lachildcare.co.uk



Vacancy: **PRE-SCHOOL DEPUTY MANAGER** - (*Job description available on request*)

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a **Pre-school Deputy Manager** within our amazing setting, as sadly our current deputy needs to leave suddenly. We have a lovely pre-school environment, with extended outside play space, and our own vegetable garden, based at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke. The position is for 4/5 days, term time only, to begin ASAP.

The ideal applicant will hold a level 2 or above childcare qualification and will have sound knowledge and or qualifications with regards to safeguarding of children, we will arrange current advanced safeguarding training, if required. Experience in leadership is desirable, however not essential, so for anyone seeking to advance within their career path from practitioner or room lead, this could be the ideal opportunity for you!

We are seeking an enthusiastic, friendly person to work in our 'child led' Pre-school, supporting our manager and team to continue to deliver exceptional children's care, learning and development. We follow the '*Teaching In the Moment*' model and can offer training and support in this area. You will be working as part of an experienced friendly and fun loving team, to support learning and development for all the children in our care. You will also build and develop relationships with their families. Most importantly you should be 'child centred', enjoy getting messy and of course having lots of fun!

If this sounds like it could be you - do get in touch for an informal chat.

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Hours: 8.45am-3.15pm (There may be some flexibility if needed)

Rate of Pay: To be discussed

Closing Date: As soon as position is filled

Interview Date: To be arranged on contact

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Frenchay Preschool, The Old Frenchay Primary School, BS16 1NB

Contact: Lucy Foley 07920 885185 lucy_foley@hotmail.com

Frenchay Preschool are looking for a pre-school practitioner. Level 3 qualified. SEND experience preferred.

Hours: 8.30-3.15 Monday to Friday all year round

Rate of Pay: Dependant on age and experience

Closing Date: 19/10/26

Interview Date: To be arranged

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St Augustine of Canterbury Pre-school, Downend

Qualified Early Years Practitioner

We are looking to appoint a Qualified Early Years Practitioner to join our amazing and friendly staff team at our popular, committee run, community pre-school. We are committed to providing a nurturing and high-quality learning experience for all children within our care and are seeking a practitioner who shares our values. This is a part-time position, for 2-3 days each week, during term time.

Essential criteria: Level 3 or equivalent qualification in Early Years Education.

Desirable criteria: Enhanced DBS, Safeguarding training and Paediatric First Aid.

Hours: Part time; 8.15am-4pm, 2-3 days per week. Term time only.

Rate of Pay: Dependent on qualifications & experience. Contracts to be discussed at interview.

Closing Date: When position is filled.

Interview Date: To be arranged on application.

Please contact Preschool Manager, Kelly on 0117 9561166 or email staugustinesstaff@gmail.com for further details and job description.



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Winterbourne Early Years Centre

The Greenfield Centre

Park Ave

Winterbourne

BS36 1NJ

<https://winterbournepreschool.co.uk/>

Winterbourne Early Years Centre are very excited to be looking for a qualified practitioner wanting to be part of our amazing Centre. We need someone who is passionate about child led learning, an individual who has had previous experience working in early years with a minimum of a Level 3 qualification and able to work within a team.

We are very passionate about the outdoors and enjoy providing Forest School experiences, so this person should be supportive of this and ideally willing to participate in off-site experiences themselves.

We would love to introduce a new member to our team and are looking forward to the new and exciting ideas that someone can bring.

Working hours: 8.45am-3.15pm Mon-Fri (happy to discuss 4 or 5 days)

Pay: Level 3 qualified is £14.16 per hour

Holiday and overtime is additional 😊

Contact: Lisa (Centre Manager) 01454 773781

enquire@winterbournepreschool.co.uk

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We are looking for an enthusiastic and creative member to join our team. Previous experience is not essential. If you are keen to help us to continue our vision at Zion, we would love to hear from you.

Zion Community Pre-school



A community focused and friendly early years setting in the heart of Frampton Cotterell.



Zion Pre-school is managed by a committee and is located in the heart of Frampton Cotterell village. We have established excellent links with our local primary school, and we offer opportunities for our children to enjoy activities with external providers to encourage their communication, social, emotional, language and numeracy skills. We are a small, friendly team and can offer you the chance to develop your practice and learn new skills. We are passionate about providing a fun, active and stimulating environment for our children and you could be part of it!

Hours: 0 hours contract- BANK STAFF

Opening hours: 9am – 12pm on Mondays and Fridays. 9am – 3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Rate of pay: £12.71 per hour

Deadline: When position has been filled

Interview date: TBC

Please contact our Pre-school Manager, Vicky Glanville on 07715 467 764 or email enquiriesforzionpreschool@mail.com for further details and job description.

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☀️ We're Hiring! Join Our Preschool Team ☀️

Position: Qualified Level 2 or 3 Early Years

Location: Zion Community Pre-School, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol

Start Date: To be confirmed

Pay: Dependent on qualifications and experience

Are you passionate about supporting young children in their early development? Do you believe in nurturing creativity, confidence, and curiosity in a safe and caring environment? If so, we'd love to hear from you!



About Us

At Zion Community Pre-School, we are looking for a hardworking, professional and enthusiastic individual to become part of our small but confident team. At the heart of the community, and feeding into the local primary schools, we care for children aged 2-4 years old, in an inclusive, engaging and stimulating space where every child is encouraged to thrive. Our team is dedicated, supportive, and committed to making each day meaningful for the children in our care.

The Role

We are looking for a kind, enthusiastic, and reliable individual to join our close-knit team. You will work alongside experienced staff to plan and deliver fun, educational activities, support children's development, and help maintain a positive and engaging learning environment.

Key Responsibilities:

- Supporting children's learning through play and planned activities
- Promoting a safe, secure, and nurturing atmosphere
- Building strong relationships with children, parents, and colleagues
- Assisting with observations, assessments, and record keeping
- Contributing to daily routines, including meals, toileting, and hygiene

Hours: To be confirmed

Get in touch! To apply or find out more, please contact Vicky the Pre-school manager on; 07715 467764 or e-mail at enquiriesforzionpreschool@mail.com

Requirements:

- A recognised Early Years qualification (Level 2 or 3 preferred)
- Experience working with children aged 2–5 years (desirable)
- A genuine love of working with children
- Strong communication and teamwork skills
- Commitment to safeguarding and promoting child welfare

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Nurseries

Anchor Day Nursery, Kingswood, Bristol. BS15 4RD

Contact: Natalie Stenner, 01179 615784,

anchordaynursery@hotmail.com

We are seeking an Early Years Educator/Qualified Early Years Educator, to support staff lunch breaks. Supervise children aged 0-4 years, with mealtimes, garden, free play, sleep time etc

Hours: Monday to Friday, 11am-2.30pm, 51 weeks of the year. Extra hours can be given if wanted

Rate of Pay: Depending on qualification/Experience

Interview Date: TBC upon application



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The Priory Day Nursery, 99 Gloucester Road North, Filton, BS34 7PT

Nursery Practitioner or Nursery Assistant Practitioner

Qualified or unqualified (we can also support training to start a childcare career)

Do you enjoy working in a child-led way? Would you like to be part of a collaborative team working in a homely environment? Are you positive, enthusiastic and reliable?

Bristol Childcare is an established family-run business with three nurseries around the city. We are looking for committed and reliable childcare practitioners to join us at The Priory in Filton.

We believe in our ethos of 'Small, Homely, Flexible', including self-reflection and continuous improvement at all levels, whilst involving staff in decision making around policies, procedures and nursery changes. You will truly feel part of our welcoming, friendly and supportive team. The family atmosphere is apparent across the whole nursery.

If you have a sense of fun and a love of working with children, then get in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you.

See our full advert here:

www.bristolchildcare.co.uk/work-for-us/

Contact: Saffia Bullock, Managing Director

saffia.bullock@bristolchildcare.co.uk

01454 614 273

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CHERRY TREE DAY NURSERY in YATE, est.1995

Small private day nursery, has the following all year round employment opportunities:

PART/FULL TIME NURSERY NURSE

Ideally level III qualified, may consider other qualification/experience

Working hours & days are negotiable

Are you energetic, want to be part of a team that are passionate in providing a nurturing, caring and happy environment where individuals flourish?

Number of working days/hours/pay is negotiable for the right candidates

Apply with CV to 7 Lodge Road, Yate, Bristol BS37 7LE

Cherrytreedaynursery7@gmail.com OR 01454 228665



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First Friends

First Friends Nursery-Mangotsfield

Contact: Emma Nichols Email-info@firstfriendsmangotsfield.co.uk **0117 9573799**

Vacancy: nursery practitioner – level 3 or above

Are you passionate about supporting young children to help guide and nurture them in early development? We are looking for an enthusiastic, kind individual to help plan and deliver fun, educational activities, supporting development and engaging children in different learning opportunities within our nursery.

Hours: 15 - 20 hours per week- days to be discussed

Rate of Pay: £13.34 per hour

Closing Date: End of October

Interview Date: November

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Tiddlypeeps Forest School
The Log Cabin, Tortworth Primary School, GL12 8HG
forestschool@tiddlypeeps.co.uk
07496268441

Organisation: Tiddlypeeps Forest School

Contact: Ellie Brackstone or Hannah Porter, phone 07496268441 or email forestschool@tiddlypeeps.co.uk

Vacancy: Bank staff

Hours: Bank/ad-hoc hours, Monday–Thursday, during term time. Hours will vary according to the needs of the setting and your availability.

Rate of Pay: To be discussed

We are looking for a caring, enthusiastic Level 3 Early Years Practitioner to join our nature-based preschool. Support children aged 2.5–5 years to explore, play and learn outdoors through child-led experiences, developing confidence, independence and a love of nature.

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Breakfast, Afterschool & Holiday Club



St. Peter's Anglican Methodist VC
Primary School

Dream, Believe, Achieve

"All things are possible." Mark 9:23

After School Club Play Leader

Part-time post for 14.83hrs a week (term time only) commencing 2 November

Working Hours 3.10-6.00pm Monday – Friday

Starting salary: £10,250

Fixed Term contract until 31 August 2027 (extension of contract subject to budget/funding)

Executive Head Teacher: Mr Paul Smith
Bank Road, Pilning, South Gloucestershire, BS35 4JG
Tel: (01454) 631137

Email: office@stpetersprimary.co.uk

Website: www.stpetersprimary.co.uk

Are you passionate about creating a stimulating, safe and nurturing environment where children can flourish? If so, we would be delighted to hear from you.

St Peter's Primary School and Nursery is seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated After School Club Leader to join our team. This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced childcare professional to play a leading role in delivering high-quality wraparound care for children aged 3 to 11 years.

As After School Club Leader, you will help create an engaging setting where children feel supported. You will lead a range of engaging activities, support staff and ensure that every child receives excellent care within a welcoming and inclusive environment.

St Peter's Primary is a vibrant single form entry school set in a fantastic location with superb school grounds, on the outskirts of Bristol and near the interchange of the M4 and M5. The school works in partnership with another local Outstanding school and this is an exciting time in the development and growth of the school.

What offer:

- A welcoming, caring, and inclusive school community, supported by a dedicated and highly committed staff team
- A genuine commitment to professional growth, with access to high-quality training and development opportunities
- A generous pension scheme through the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)
- Well-being support and health benefits through an Employee Assistance Programme

Please email the school office@stpetersprimary.co.uk for full details and an application pack. Please note that CV's are not accepted.

Completed application forms should be sent to office@stpetersprimary.co.uk by 5 October

Applications are welcome from all sections of the community irrespective of gender, ethnic origin, age, sexuality, religion/belief or disability

All appointments advertised in this bulletin are subject to satisfactory enhanced DBS checks and safer recruitment in-line with statutory EYFS requirements

Month to Advertise	Cut-Off Date by 10.00am
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December 2026	25 November 2026
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