

Job of The Week

Early Years
Teacher

Key Skills

- knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses
- sensitivity and understanding
- the ability to work well with others
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to understand peoples reactions
- the ability to come up with new ways of doing things
- to be flexible and open to change
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Salary

£27,000 - £40,000

Working hours

32-40
between 8am – 6pm
on a rota basis

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Early Years Teacher



Work

You could work your way into this role by starting as a nursery worker or teaching assistant and doing a part-time degree in childhood studies or child development.

University

You'll need to get a early years teacher status (EYTS) by completing a course in early years initial teacher training (EYITT). There are several ways to do this:

- study an undergraduate degree in a subject related to early childhood studies or child development, along with course placements.
- take an EYITT course after you finish your first degree
- complete part-time teacher training, if you already have a degree and are working in an early years setting.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) or equivalent, including English, Maths and Science.
- 2 to 3 A Levels, or equivalent, for a degree

Volunteering

You'll usually need experience of working with children and young people.

You can get this through:

- paid work
- volunteering at a school
- youth work
- a holiday scheme

Career path and progression

Once qualified you could:

- move into management of a nursery or group of nurseries
- work as a supply teacher
- do further training to become a primary school teacher or play therapist
- move into teaching early years courses at university

Day to Day tasks

As an early years teacher, you'll:

- plan and prepare activities, materials and lessons
- teach children in a safe and positive environment
- speak to parents and carers about their children's development
- monitor children's progress and report any issues
- work with colleagues on curriculum planning
- supervise nursery workers, teaching assistants and volunteer helpers

Working conditions

You could work in a nursery or at a school. Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding. You may need to wear a uniform.

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Primary and nursery education teaching professionals	
Weekly Pay £780	Annual Pay £40,560
Hours/Week 28h	Hourly Pay £28
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 4.3%	Replacement 57.7%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 4.3% over the period to 2027, creating 22,700 jobs. In the same period, 57.7% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 301,500 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Services to buildings Employment activities Public admin. & defence Retail trade 	
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Child and early years officers	
Weekly Pay £540	Annual Pay £28,080
Hours/Week 33h	Hourly Pay £16
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 4%	Replacement 48%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 4% over the period to 2027, creating 1,600 jobs. In the same period, 48% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 19,400 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social work Residential care Health Education Public admin. & defence 	
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Teaching assistants	
Weekly Pay £400	Annual Pay £20,800
Hours/Week 29h	Hourly Pay £14
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 5.4%	Replacement 53.8%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 5.4% over the period to 2027, creating 25,100 jobs. In the same period, 53.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 250,200 job openings.</p>	
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Labour Market Information

Primary and nursery education teaching professionals

Primary (and middle school deemed primary) and nursery education teaching professionals plan, organise and provide instruction to children at all levels up to the age of entry into secondary education.

Common tasks in this job:

- prepares and delivers courses and lessons in accordance with curriculum requirements and teaches a range of subjects;
- prepares, assigns and corrects exercises and examinations to record and evaluate students' progress;
- prepares students for external examinations and administers and invigilates these examinations;
- maintains records of students' progress and development;

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Child and early years officers

Child and early years officers work with babies and with children up to 14 years of age (or 16 for those with special needs), providing support, help and advice to individuals or within a family context.

Common tasks in this job:

- deals with issues relating to poor attendance at school;
- works with social worker to identify, plan and deliver appropriate support to families facing a variety of difficulties;
- advises clients and their families on available resources;
- writes up case notes, prepares reports, keeps up-to-date records on clients;

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Teaching assistants

Teaching assistants assist teachers with their day-to-day classroom work and with routine administrative tasks.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists teacher with preparation or clearing up of classroom;
- looks after lesson materials such as paper, pencils and crayons;
- listens to children read, reads to them or tells stories;
- assists children with washing or dressing for outdoor and similar activities;

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Teaching assistant: Louisa's story

Leicester Uni – Teaching



Teacher training: This is Primary PGCE

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EYFS Classroom Tour



Video tour of EYFS - 2021

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