

NSPCC Number Day 2026 Under 5's Resources



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It's never too early to make the link between numbers and money with children

Habits formed in childhood can last a lifetime. It is important to start teaching and talking about money with children from a young age.

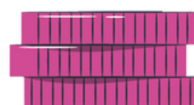
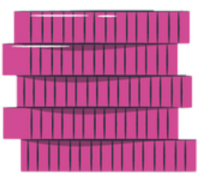
Research shows that financial habits begin to form as early as ages 4-7. And yet, financial education is not taught in primary schools through a consistent curriculum and learning experience. This puts some children at a disadvantage compared to their peers and can impact their financial confidence as they grow older.

Teaching and talking about money at home and at school encourages open communication. It helps children feel comfortable discussing financial choices and seeking advice, fostering a supportive environment where they can learn and grow.

We've put together some fun activities to help to start conversations with children aged 4 to 7 about money at school and at home.



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Milo's money match game

Cut out the cards on the next two pages. These could be used to play a game of 'snap', or they could be used to play a find the pairs game too.

Can your child find the coins which are the same? Can they match the coin to correct value? If you want to go one step further, help your child put the coins in order of value.

These games provide a good opportunity to have a discussion with children about coins, which ones they know, which ones they are unsure of. Older children will be able to talk about the value of the coins and which ones are worth the most, maybe even making some simple equivalences i.e. two 1p coins are the same value as one 2p coin etc.

Activity

Ask child what their favourite coin is and why. Is it because of the value, or the colour, the size, the shape etc.

Having a discussion in depth about the coins we use will be a really important foundation for children to be able to understand more later when they are engaged in spending, especially in an increasingly cashless society. Understanding value is a very important concept to grasp.

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LifeSavers is our financial education programme, delivered free to primary schools across the UK. We work directly with teachers, educators and schools to provide a wide range of curriculum linked classroom resources and practical activities to engage children with financial education from a young age.

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