



# Planner 2025-2026

## Curious Minds Celebrating STEM Every Day

The Curious Minds programme supplies the tools to empower primary schools in teaching science, technology, engineering and maths, allowing teachers to spark fun and curiosity both inside and outside the classroom.

Curious Minds invites you to:

- Download a range of engaging STEM education resources.
- Register your school for a free STEM education Continuous Professional Development (CPD) course in partnership with ESERO Ireland.
- Visit a Discover Centre for a captivating informal STEM learning experience.
- Celebrate your school's STEM achievements by applying for a Curious Minds Award.
- Join us for our exciting online Science Week show and activities.

Learn more at: [www.curiousminds.ie](http://www.curiousminds.ie)

## ESERO Ireland

The Curious Minds programme is run in partnership with ESERO Ireland which uses space to inspire and engage young people in science and technology found in the world around them. Access Space themed resources, activities, games, images, videos and projects for your classroom at [www.esero.ie](http://www.esero.ie)

## Curious Minds Awards Teacher Briefing Dates

Wednesday November 26th @ 3:30pm  
Platinum Awards Applicants

Wednesday January 21st @ 3:30pm  
Gold/Silver Applicants

Wednesday March 25th @ 3:30pm  
Gold/Silver Applicants

## Platinum Awards Dates

Platinum Award Sign-Up Deadline:  
Friday 17 October 2025

Submission of pre-Platinum application form:  
Friday 24 October 2025

Submission of full Platinum Award application:  
Friday 1 May 2026

## Dates to Remember



### SEPTEMBER

**September 1:** Curious Minds Awards Registration Opens  
[www.curiousminds.ie](http://www.curiousminds.ie)

**September 1:** Registration is open for Curious Minds CPD  
[www.curiousminds.ie](http://www.curiousminds.ie)

**September 1:** ReellIFE SCIENCE Science Video Competition begins  
[www.reellifescience.com](http://www.reellifescience.com)

**September 8:** ESA Astro Pi – Mission Zero Coding Challenge launch  
[www.esero.ie/projects](http://www.esero.ie/projects)

**September 11:** ESA Moon Camp launch  
[www.esero.ie/projects](http://www.esero.ie/projects)

**September 17:** ESA Climate Detectives Kids launch  
[www.esero.ie/projects](http://www.esero.ie/projects)

**September 19:** ESA Mission X: Train like an Astronaut launch  
[www.esero.ie/projects](http://www.esero.ie/projects)

### OCTOBER

**October 4 - 10:** Space Week 2025 – Living in Space [www.spaceweek.ie](http://www.spaceweek.ie)

**October 4 - 10:** ESERO Space Goes to School Programme [www.spaceweek.ie/space-speaker-in-your-classroom](http://www.spaceweek.ie/space-speaker-in-your-classroom)

**October 7:** ESERO on Dream Space LIVE for Space Week Special  
[www.esero.ie/news-events](http://www.esero.ie/news-events)

**October 10:** ReellIFE SCIENCE Video Competition deadline  
[www.reellifescience.com](http://www.reellifescience.com)

**October 11 - 19:** Maths Week  
[www.mathsweek.ie](http://www.mathsweek.ie)

**October 11 - 26:** EU Code Week  
[www.codeweek.eu](http://www.codeweek.eu)

**October 12 - 18:** Earth Science Week  
[www.earthsciweek.org](http://www.earthsciweek.org)

**October 13 - 29:** Bioeconomy Week  
[www.irishbioeconomy.ucd.ie/biw/](http://www.irishbioeconomy.ucd.ie/biw/)

### NOVEMBER

**November 3 - 7:** Plan your Science Week Activities [www.scienceweek.ie](http://www.scienceweek.ie)

**November 9 - 16:** Science Week  
[www.scienceweek.ie](http://www.scienceweek.ie)

**November 11:** Curious Minds Science Week Show

**November 10 - 14:** Science Week ESERO Space Goes to School Programme  
[www.esero.ie](http://www.esero.ie)

**November 10:** The START Competition Registration opens  
[www.startcompetition.com](http://www.startcompetition.com)

**November 12:** Meet the Scientist Wednesday Webinar series begins  
[www.meetthescientist.ie](http://www.meetthescientist.ie)

### DECEMBER

**December 5:** ESB Science Blast – Dublin Event Deadline  
[www.esbscienceblast.com](http://www.esbscienceblast.com)

### JANUARY

**January 7 - 10:** Stripe Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition  
[www.btyoungscientist.com](http://www.btyoungscientist.com)

### FEBRUARY

**February 10:** Safer Internet Day  
[www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/](http://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/)

### MARCH

**February 28 - March 6:** Engineers Week  
[www.engineersweek.ie](http://www.engineersweek.ie)

**March 2 - 6:** Engineers Week ESERO Space Goes to School Programme  
[www.esero.ie](http://www.esero.ie)

**March 2 - 4:** ESB Science Blast – Dublin Event  
[www.esbscienceblast.com](http://www.esbscienceblast.com)

**March 5:** ESB Science Blast Dublin Gaelscoileanna Event  
[www.esbscienceblast.com](http://www.esbscienceblast.com)

**March 14:** ESB Science Blast – Belfast and Limerick Event Deadline  
[www.esbscienceblast.com](http://www.esbscienceblast.com)

**March TBC:** Scratch Competition Entries Due  
[www.scratch.ie/competition](http://www.scratch.ie/competition)

**March 22:** UN World Water Day  
[www.h2oheroes.ie](http://www.h2oheroes.ie)

**March 26:** The START competition deadline  
[www.startcompetition.com](http://www.startcompetition.com)

### MAY

**May 1:** Curious Minds Awards – Application Deadline  
[www.curiousminds.ie](http://www.curiousminds.ie)

**May 5:** ESB Science Blast – Belfast Event  
[www.esbscienceblast.com](http://www.esbscienceblast.com)

**May 15:** The Start Competition Award Ceremony  
[www.startcompetition.com](http://www.startcompetition.com)

**May 15 - 24:** Biodiversity Week  
[www.biodiversityweek.ie](http://www.biodiversityweek.ie)

**May 19 - 21:** ESB Science Blast – Limerick Event  
[www.esbscienceblast.com](http://www.esbscienceblast.com)

### JUNE

**June TBC:** Curious Minds Award Ceremony  
[www.curiousminds.ie](http://www.curiousminds.ie)

### JULY/AUGUST

**July 31:** ESA Climate Detectives Kids final submission date  
[www.esero.ie](http://www.esero.ie)

**Curious Minds / ESERO summer courses**  
[www.curiousminds.ie](http://www.curiousminds.ie)

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