



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

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

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

September 1: Registration is open for Curious Minds CPD
www.curiousminds.ie

September 1: ReelLIFE SCIENCE Science Video Competition begins
www.reellifescience.com

September 8: ESA Astro Pi – Mission Zero Coding Challenge launch
www.esero.ie/projects

September 11: ESA Moon Camp launch
www.esero.ie/projects

September 17: ESA Climate Detectives Kids launch
www.esero.ie/projects

September 19: : ESA Mission X: Train like an Astronaut launch
www.esero.ie/projects

OCTOBER

October 4 - 10: Space Week 2025 – Living in Space
www.spaceweek.ie

October 4 - 10: ESERO Space Goes to School Programme
www.spaceweek.ie/space-speaker-in-your-classroom

October 7: ESERO on Dream Space LIVE for Space Week Special
www.esero.ie/news-events

October 10: ReelLIFE SCIENCE Video Competition deadline
www.reellifescience.com

October 11 - 19: Maths Week
www.mathsweek.ie

October 11 - 26: EU Code Week
www.codeweek.eu

October 12 - 18: Earth Science Week
www.earthsciweek.org

October 13 - 29: Bioeconomy Week
www.irishbioeconomy.ucd.ie/biw/

NOVEMBER

November 3 - 7: Plan your Science Week Activities
www.scienceweek.ie

November 9 - 16: Science Week
www.scienceweek.ie

November 11: Curious Minds Science Week Show

November 10 - 14: Science Week ESERO Space Goes to School Programme
www.esero.ie

November 10: The START Competition Registration opens
www.startcompetition.com

November 12: Meet the Scientist Wednesday Webinar series begins
www.meetthescientist.ie

DECEMBER

December 5: ESB Science Blast – Dublin Event Deadline
www.esbscienceblast.com

JANUARY

January 7 - 10: Stripe Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition
www.btyoungscientist.com

FEBRUARY

February 10: Safer Internet Day
www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/

MARCH

February 28 - March 6: Engineers Week
www.engineersweek.ie

March 2 - 6: Engineers Week ESERO Space Goes to School Programme
www.esero.ie

March 2 - 4: ESB Science Blast – Dublin Event
www.esbscienceblast.com

March 5: ESB Science Blast Dublin Gaelscoileanna Event
www.esbscienceblast.com

March 14: ESB Science Blast – Belfast and Limerick Event Deadline
www.esbscienceblast.com

March TBC: Scratch Competition Entries Due
www.scratch.ie/competition

March 22: UN World Water Day
www.h2oheroes.ie

March 26: The START competition deadline
www.startcompetition.com

MAY

May 1: Curious Minds Awards – Application Deadline
www.curiousminds.ie

May 5: ESB Science Blast – Belfast Event
www.esbscienceblast.com

May 15: The Start Competition Award Ceremony
www.startcompetition.com

May 15 - 24: Biodiversity Week
www.biodiversityweek.ie

May 19 - 21: ESB Science Blast – Limerick Event
www.esbscienceblast.com

JUNE

June TBC: Curious Minds Award Ceremony
www.curiousminds.ie

JULY/AUGUST

July 31: ESA Climate Detectives Kids final submission date
www.esero.ie

Curious Minds / ESERO summer courses
www.curiousminds.ie

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