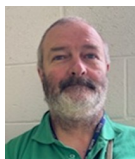




Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close



For all **returning children**, we will be reminding parents of their child's next steps, previously discussed at the end of the summer term, these will take place week commencing 31st August.



John our gardener will be at school every Friday both morning and afternoon from Friday **4th September**. He will be helping the children to look after our allotment.

Rachel our Artist in Residence will be at school every Wednesday. This half term she will be working with the children in **blue, yellow and green** rooms.



We will continue to visit 5 Rise Nursing Home on alternate **Thursday mornings** from **24th September**.

Parent Cafés! MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning **9.00am Thursday 24th September**. Their will be a focus on **50 Things to Do Before You're 5** during the café



Black history month is the **1st-31st October** it honours the history of Black communities and recognises great achievements made by Black leaders.

If your child attends for full days you may be entitled to **free school meals**. You can apply on line at <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/> or speak to the office for more information.



CBeebies Parenting through the Tiny Happy People website—skills for starting school offers free, fun activities and resources with tips and advice to support children's development. To find lots of resources to help your child with starting school why not visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/topics/>



Welcome to another exciting year at Strong Close Nursery School.



Good attendance gives your child the best possible start in life and prepares them for the future. Please find the times of the school day below.

Morning session drop off is from 8:45-9.00am when the register closes and pick up is from 11.35- 11:45am when the doors close.

Afternoon session drop off is from 12:30-12.45pm when the register closes and pick up is from 3.20-3:30pm when the doors close.



Parking information for school

look out for your letter and map explaining the best options of

where to park. Please note that the **front carpark** and the **double yellow** lines outside school are for disabled blue badge users only. There will be daily checks by school staff and illegally parked cars will be reported to the police. Thank you as parking is also an issue at all local schools.

Friday 23rd October - School closes for the half term and re opens on **Tuesday 3rd November**.



Why not download the 50 Things to do Before You're 5 app for lots of age appropriate ideas of activities, places to visit and things to do with your child.



Watch out for our **What's Happening** emailed to you every week for ideas about what the children have been interested in at school, how we then develop their learning through play and how you can develop these ideas at home. You can also find copies on our Facebook page /website or in the main entrance as a hard copy.

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This Half Term in Red, Orange, Purple, Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms

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We will also keep you updated through our weekly 'What's Happening' - copies are emailed to all parents/main carers and are available on our website and Facebook pages.

For all bookable activities in turquoise overleaf please email office@strongclose.co.uk or call 01535 605272. Thank you

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

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Red and Purple Room – 2-3 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

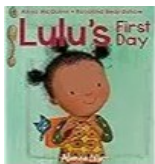
As children return and new starters join us, we'll be focusing on helping them settle into simple, familiar routines to create a sense of safety and security. We'll support emotional development by naming feelings, offering comfort, and encouraging self expression through play. With consistent reassurance and kindness, children will build trust, gain confidence, and begin to enjoy their new environment.



Introducing new knowledge and skills

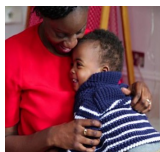
This term we will be welcoming back our returning children and helping new children to settle, to learn the routines and become independent at school. We look forward to spending time with you all and finding out about your interests.

Our core story this term in red, orange and purple is *Lulu's First Day* by Anna McQuinn and Illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw. Lulu is very excited to be starting school, where she will be able to stay by herself and make lots of friends. The children will have the opportunity to explore the environment and to make their own choices. We will tell the story during group times and the children will have the opportunity to talk about what they like about being at school.



How you can help support your child's learning

Please send in a family photo or email a copy to office@strongclose.co.uk so that we can celebrate families with your child and help them with their transition into or return back to school.



THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

Blue, Yellow and Green Rooms—3-5 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

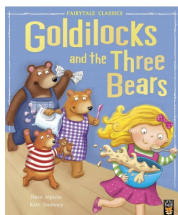
For all of our children this half term will be an important time as they are either starting nursery for the first time or returning after the summer break. We will be concentrating first on welcoming back our existing children and then settling our new starters on a gradual basis. Then we will help children to manage their feelings and behaviour as they learn to cooperate and look after the environment. In addition,



we will be introducing them to the routines and expectations of school for example, preparing snack, how to put on an apron and their coat, replacing and helping to put the toys away, cleaning and tidy up time.



Introducing new knowledge and skills

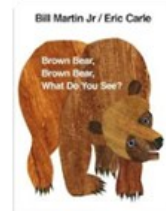


Our core story this half term in blue and yellow rooms is *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. The children will be given the opportunity to listen to this traditional tale and then retell the narrative in their own words using props. They will also

have the opportunity to act out the story in the home corner and help to make porridge for snack. We will be singing songs about bears and counting how many bears they can see. We will be developing the children's fast recognition of up to three objects without counting them. This is known as subitising. We will be exploring sizes and talking to the children about the language of size such as big, bigger, biggest. The children will have the opportunity to talk about being kind and what it is to be a good friend. We will learn about bears, where they live and what they like to eat.



Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? is the core story in green room this half term written by **Bill Martin Jr.** and **illustrated by Eric Carle.** It is an engaging picture book combining, rhyme and rhythm, animals, colours and lots of describing words. We will be encouraging the children to join in with the repeated refrain, "What do you see?" and learning the signs for each animal. We will also introduce sequencing and gross motor movement activities linked to the story.



How you can help support your child's learning

Photos of the children's families

We would like to create family boards within each of the nursery rooms. This will give us the opportunity to talk to the children about their families, people who are special to them and about similarities and differences between families. Please ask the adults in nursery to take your photo or you could email them to office@strongclose.co.uk so we can print them to add to the display.



Reading at home. Your child will be given a free book bag to join the school library, so you can borrow our core and other stories to share with your child at home. You can also look out for books about starting nursery, which will help support your child. In addition we will sign up all the children attending Strong Close Nursery School to the **Imagination Library** where each child will receive a free book every month in the post.

Please put your child's name in any important clothing like coats; permanent marker pens are the easiest method and are usually available in local shops.

