Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close

Parental Consultations -for children who are **new** to all the nursery rooms are week commencing **10th November.** Look out for your email inviting you to book a time with your child's key person.

Rosie Hayes our music therapist will be in school every Friday from the **5th November.**

Forest School -sessions delivered by Get Out More will run from **4th November –2nd December** on Tuesday mornings for children in the 3-5 year old rooms.

Parent Café ! -for all parents/ carers on Monday **10th November** at 9.00am. Come along for a coffee and a chat.

Two's Talking-is an interactive workshop for parents and children in **red and purple rooms** which offers practical tips and activities to help two year old children's with communication, language and literacy skills. Each week you will receive a free book and goodies. Starting on **Wednesday 12th November 9.00-10.00am** for 4 weeks.

The BBC'S Early Words Together is an interactive workshop for parents and children in **blue, yellow and green rooms** which offers practical suggestions to help over 3's with communication, language and literacy skills. Starting on **Tuesday 18th November 9.00-10.00am** for 5 weeks. Each week you will receive a free book and goodies.

Children in Need Day-Friday 14th November wear your favourite clothing or something that is either spotty, yellow or both! We will also have dressing up outfits on the day.

Wednesday 26th November - Individual photographs of children with Tempest Photography, look out for more information nearer the time.

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Stay and Play sessions for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers will run on **Tuesday** mornings from the **18th November—16th December 9.30– 11.00am,** look out for dates and times advertised on the flyers or on our Facebook page. The sessions on the **25th November and 2nd December** will include **Imagination Library Story Telling Sessions for children 0-2 years.** Book a place and find out about simple activities to enhance each story at home.

Strong Close Christmas Fayre is on **Wednesday 3rd December 3.30—4.30 pm** to fundraise for the school summer trip, with stalls, hamper, raffle and more

Wednesday 10th December -we will be visited by **Shooting Stars Entertainment** for their production called **Searching for Santa.** When Santa goes missing a group of friends set off on an magical adventure of nursery rhymes to the North Pole. This show will be held during both morning and afternoon sessions.

Toilet Training and Dummies Workshop -find out useful tips on how to support toilet training and helping your child stop using a dummy, which can inhibit your child's speech and negatively affect their oral health if used for too long. Come along to our workshop on **Wednesday 10th December at 12.45pm.**

Wednesday 17th December is Christmas Party day - the morning party will be for children who attend in the mornings and the beginning of the week and the afternoon party will be for children who attend in the afternoons and the end of the week. Party clothes can be worn.

Friday 19th December - school closes for the Christmas holidays and re-opens again on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**

This Half Term in Red, 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 orange overleaf please email office@strongclose.co.uk or call 01535 605272. Thank you

Jeśli potrzebujesz tlumaczenia na jezyk polski uzyj numeru.

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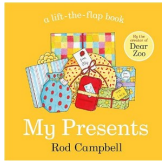
THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

Red and Purple Room – 2-3 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

You may notice your child wrapping themselves or objects, this is known as an enveloping schema. They might drape fabric, wear hats and scarves, hide under blankets or build dens. This play supports Physical Development as they move and handle materials and Personal, Social and Emotional Development as they build confidence and a sense of security. It also links to Understanding the World through exploring spaces and objects and Expressive Arts and Design as they use imagination to create and explore enclosed spaces. They might like covering every inch of a piece of paper in paint.

Introducing new knowledge and skills



This half term, our core story in the **red** and **purple** Rooms is **My Present by Rod Campbell.** This colourful picture book follows a child receiving birthday presents, with interactive flaps that engage children's curiosity and link closely to the ***enveloping schema*** many are currently exploring. The story supports early language development, imagination, and fine motor skills as children predict, reveal and discuss what's inside each flap.

How you can help support your child's learning

We will be learning the names of the different objects and using descriptive language to describe them. Reading stories is an important part of language and child development and can be scheduled into your child's daily routine, particularly at bedtime.

Find out more about bedtime story and routine tips with Tiny Happy People at **https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/routines**

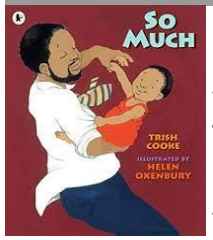
Blue , Yellow and Green Rooms—3-5 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

There has been lots of talk in **blue** and **yellow** rooms about the children who have celebrated their birthdays at nursery. Adding to this the children have been having lots of parties in both the mud kitchen and home corner and making buns in the playdough area. To build on this interest and deepen their knowledge we will be talking about foods that are healthy and unhealthy. As well as talking about looking after our teeth.

The children in **green** room have been singing lots of nursery rhymes and moving their bodies to music. We have also been exploring how different instruments sound. To deepen their knowledge the children will be developing their body awareness whilst moving to music and learning how to keep healthy.

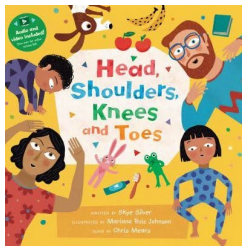
Introducing new knowledge and skills



So Much is the core story in **blue** and **yellow** room this term, it is written by **Trish Cooke and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury .**

This adorable book is full of sing-song rhythmic text, repeated phrases and Caribbean dialect. This cumulative story captures the joy of being a baby in a large extended family. The children will be able to talk about family memories such as places they have visited. We will be exploring feelings such as happy and sad. We will be talking about birthdays and helping our persona doll celebrate their birthday by making invitations, cards, writing shopping lists for party food and wrapping pretend presents. A small group of children will also go to Asda to buy ingredients to bake a cake for the party.

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes written by Skye Silver is the core story in **green room** this half term. It is an adapted version where we will follow a family throughout the day in their diverse community as they engage in healthy habits. We will be learning the names of our different body parts as well as how to keep our bodies and minds healthy.



How you can help support your child's learning

Please ensure you make use of our wonderful school library. Reading books at home regularly is one of the most important activities you can do to support your child's language development. You could also play listening games on the way to school to find out more go to **https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/whats-that-sound/znnqmfr**

We are now well into the season of autumn and the days are becoming colder. To further develop your child's self -help skills you could encourage them to put on their own coat before going outside. Pick up a leaflet in our entrance hall way about the two different methods that will help your child to put on their own coat independently.

Please log in securely to your child's observations on Early Essence through our website at **https://strongclosenscc.co.uk/** to see what your child has been doing at nursery. Don't forget to share with us what your child does at home!