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 2nd September.

Sunflower Stay and Play sessions for children with Special Educational Needs aged 0-4 is on **Thursday 11th September at 9.30am, Tuesday 21st and Thursday 25th September at 1.00pm** in sunflower room. Places are limited so please email or ring the number at the bottom of the next section to book a place.

John our gardener will be at school every Friday both morning and afternoon from Friday **5th 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, this term we will be visiting on alternate **Wednesdays** from **24th September.**

Parent Cafés! MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning **9.00am Thursday 25th 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 at **https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/** or speak to the office for more information.

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. Thank you as parking is also an issue at all local schools.

Friday 24th October - School closes for the half term and re opens on **Tuesday 4th November.**

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 **fhttps://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/topics/**

Watch out for our **What's Happening** emailed to you every week for ideas about what the children have been interested in at nursery, 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, Purple, Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms

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Let's Celebrate

In All Areas

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 tlumaczenia na jezyk polski uzyj numeru.

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THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

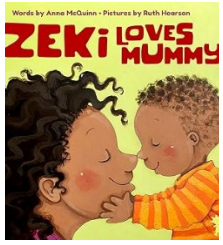
Red and Purple Room – 2-3 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

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.

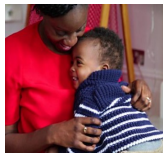
Introducing new knowledge and skills

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



This half term, our core story in the **Red** and **Purple** rooms is ***Zeki Loves Mummy*** **by Anna McQuinn.** Through activities inspired by Zeki's day, like yoga, painting, and shared reading, we'll support children's physical, creative, and communication skills. These familiar experiences will help them settle in and make connections to their own routines.

How you can help support your child's learning

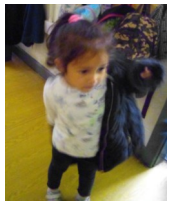


Please send in a family photo or email a copy to office@strongclose.co.uk so that we can celebrate families with your child and help them with their transition into or return back to

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

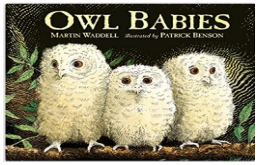
Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

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

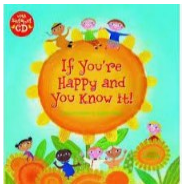


learn to cooperate and look after the environment. In addition, we will be introducing them to the routines and expectations of nursery for example preparing snack, how to put on an apron and their coat, replacing and helping to put the toys away and cleaning and tidy up time.

Introducing new knowledge and skills



This half term our core story in **yellow** and **blue** is **Owl Babies** by **Martin Waddell** and **illustrated by Patrick Benson.** This book is a modern classic that reassures young children that Mummy always comes home. It explores separation and the worries that some children may experience during their settling period. We will be helping children to form relationships with their key person and other adults in nursery along with making friends. We will also be helping the children become familiar with the school environment and staff by having visits each week from the different adults who help run our nursery such as the Headteacher, office staff, cook and caretaker so the children all become familiar with a variety of jobs people do at nursery. We will also be counting to 3, finding out about the value of 3 and comparing sizes.



If You're Happy and You Know It is the core story in **green** room this half term. The book is sung by **Susan Reed** who believes that music and story broaden our understanding of the world. In this multicultural version of the traditional song, children all over the world clap hands, stomp feet, pat heads and more. The children will have the opportunity to explore beat and rhythm, imitate and develop their own movements along with learning new related vocabulary.

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 nursery 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.