



CONFERENCE
2025
EASTWOOD HALL

A day designed to **challenge assumptions** and **strengthen practice** in how we support young children's **early writing** and mark making journeys.

DERBYSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
EARLY YEARS STRONGER PRACTICE HUB
Supporting & Empowering **Early Years**

Early Years... Curriculum Conference

Developing Super Scribes and Storytellers

Writing in the early years is not simply about putting pencil to paper; it is a complex process that draws on physical, neurological, linguistic, and creative foundations laid from birth. Throughout the day, we will explore how these foundations interconnect and how educators can nurture confident, capable writers through evidence-informed practice. Key topics include:

- **Unpicking the Writing Framework 2025** – understanding expectations and aligning them with developmentally appropriate practice.
- **Primitive reflexes and physical development from birth** – how early movement patterns and motor milestones underpin fine motor control, mark-making, and writing readiness.
- **Phase 1 phonics** – strengthening children's auditory discrimination and oral language skills as a basis for transcription and composition.
- **Transcription and composition** – exploring the balance between mechanics and creativity, and how we can support both strands holistically.
- **Hand dominance** – recognising and supporting the emergence of handedness in young children.
- **Practical application** – translating theory into meaningful, playful strategies that inspire children to see themselves as writers and storytellers.

Take Home

Strategies to embed into your everyday practice, helping children to flourish as super scribes and imaginative storytellers

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Fri 28th Nov 2025

9.00am - 4.00pm



All Early Years Settings

For those working with children aged **3-5**

