

# EARLY YEARS news

## A HELPING HAND

Holding cutlery for the first time is a challenging milestone. Often children give up on eating because it's too tricky. We met the owner of the start-up company Nana's Manners, Kathrun Baldrey-Chourio, who is on a mission to help children use cutlery the right way. Children love this chunky knife and fork set, which even includes stickers to match the right hand to the right utensil. We are hoping it catches on. [nanasmanners.com](http://nanasmanners.com)



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## LUNCH BOX ENVY

Designed to make sandwiches more appealing, the Lunch Punch will easily cut through two slices of bread and the filling while keeping the sandwich light and fluffy. *Lunch Punch* £12 [eatwell-uk.co.uk](http://eatwell-uk.co.uk)

## GETTING USED TO SCHOOL

It takes a few weeks to settle into any new routine and getting used to school is one of the biggest life hurdles. This sticker book will help children get to grips with the routine of it and all the fun that can be had. *All About School* by Galt, £2.99.



## Word Count

Boost your child's development by having them wear this clever new device that tracks the number of words they hear and say each day. It's guaranteed to make you interact with your child more. Ashen Ganatra, speech and language therapist for the NHS and Kiki's Clinic says: 'By focusing on the power of everyday routines, conversations and play, Starling makes language and literacy learning a fun and natural part of every child's day.' £149 [versame.com](http://versame.com)

## A HEAD START

This is a fun first reading and spelling game, which encourages letter recognition and teaches basic phonetic word-building.

*Match and Spell* £7.50  
[orchardtoys.com](http://orchardtoys.com)



## Let's Explore

No more tired legs with this fabulous trailer, which is surprisingly easy to pull, even on rough terrain. Suitable for up to two children aged 12 months+. Go anywhere *Yippie Yo Crossbuggy* from £418.50 for the basic model in silver metallic. [yippieyo.com](http://yippieyo.com)

## Babysitting Brilliance

We like the sound of Bea & Co, a members' agency offering super-special babysitting. Their 70-strong team of 'Creatives' are all West End performers and are matched with the children they look after – so a 6-year old girly girl will be teamed with a Dancing Queen while a 4-year old boy will be paired with an imaginative acrobat who will bring dinosaur hunts vividly to life. [beaandco.com](http://beaandco.com)



## DINOSAURS TAKEOVER

We are embracing all things dinosaur! Inject a bit of silliness with this fab dinosaur tail, keep kids dry with this cute umbrella or adorn their bedroom with these great prints and cushions. *Dinosaur tail* £20 and *umbrella* £15 [nbmshop.co.uk](http://nbmshop.co.uk); *Ceratops print* £18; *Cushion* £24 [chacomletras.com](http://chacomletras.com)



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