



## Autumn 2025

### Dates for your diary:

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➤ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

October Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup>-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> - Setting closed

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### Diwali

- Bonfire/Firework Night
- Remembrance Day
- World Kindness Day
- Children in Need
- Parents Evening
- Saturday Stay and Play
- Last day of term
- Christmas Party morning 9:30am-11:30am (more information to follow)

### The Early Bird Pre-School Strathmore latest news . . .

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some time together. It has been so lovely welcoming everyone back through our doors and seeing the children settle back into the rhythm of nursery life with such excitement.

This term is already filled with adventure, curiosity, and lots of seasonal learning. Here's a little glimpse into what the children have been exploring so far:

#### nest icon The Nest

Our youngest children have been busy discovering the world around them in hands-on, playful ways. Recently they have:

- Gone on a tractor hunt - sparking lots of pointing, laughter, and language-building moments.
- Explored autumn resources like leaves, conkers, and pinecones – perfect for little hands to feel and investigate.
  - Set off on an autumn walk to notice the changes in the world around them.
  - Enjoyed time in the garden, building confidence in moving, climbing, and balancing.
  - Practiced tipping and pouring, developing early math's and fine motor skills.
- Painted on a large scale, giving children space to express themselves with big movements and bold colours.

#### fledgling icon Fledglings

Our older children have embraced independence and teamwork in their play and projects. They have:

- Helped make banana bread and banana & oat balls for snack - a delicious way to practice measuring, mixing, and patience.
- Stepped into nature with an autumn walk, noticing colours, textures, and seasonal treasures.
  - Explored the outdoors with curiosity and confidence.
- Joined in making their own playdough, taking pride in creating something they could use in play.
- Begun exploring our core books, with The Gruffalo quickly becoming a firm favourite for story time and role play.

#### apple icon Apple Adventures

A huge thank you to Glyn, who visited to show the children how apples are pressed into juice. Every child was able to watch the process and taste the freshly pressed juice – such a memorable experience.

Following this, we have woven apples into many areas of learning:

- Apple printing - exploring patterns and mark-making.
- Building with apples and cocktail sticks – problem-solving, balancing, and lots of giggles when towers toppled.
- Apple crumble - measuring, stirring, and sharing the results together.
- Apple threading - working on focus, fine motor skills, and perseverance.
- Apple-scented cloud dough - a rich sensory experience sparking imaginative play.

#### heart icon Thank You

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. It's a joy to see the children thriving, exploring, and growing in confidence each day.

We look forward to sharing more of their adventures with you as autumn unfolds.



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## Tapestry

We love to hear what the children get up to at home, please add photos or comments on Tapestry to keep us updated. If your child has a new interest or has learnt a new skill, we would also love to hear about it. Don't forget to upload bits over the summer holidays!

We are an Operation Encompass Early Years Setting.

For further information see posters available or speak to Natasha or Denisse.



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## Safeguarding Reminder:

**\*No phones are to be used on our premises, this includes our garden.**

**\*Please close the garden gate behind you as you leave our premises.**

**THANK YOU**



## We are a Nut Free Setting



Please do not provide nuts or food containing nuts in your child's lunch box as we have children with serious allergies

## Saturday Stay and Play

Join Becky, Megan and Morgane at our next stay and play on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

## Speech and Language Development: Information for Parents

Children develop speech, language, and communication skills at different rates, and it's completely normal for there to be variation. However, understanding the typical milestones for your child's age can help you feel confident about their development - or know when to seek a bit of extra support.

We recommend visiting the Speech and Language UK website, where you can find helpful information about what to expect from birth to 5 years, as well as complete a free online progress check. This quick tool allows you to assess your child's communication skills and will give clear guidance on what to do next if there are any concerns.

[www.speechandlanguage.org.uk](http://www.speechandlanguage.org.uk)

If you complete the check or have any worries about your child's speech or language development, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's key worker. We're here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Let's continue working together to help every child grow in confidence and communication!

## The Early Bird Pre-School Strathmore team

<b>Natasha</b> - Director & Early Years Manager	<b>Denisse</b> - Director & Early Years Manager
<b>Becky</b> - Setting Leader & Safeguarding Officer	<b>Charlotte</b> - Deputy Leader & SenCo
<b>Jess</b> - Nest Room Leader & Health and Safety Officer	<b>Shay</b> - Early Years Educator (Fledglings)
<b>Katherine</b> - Finance Manager	<b>Morgane</b> - Early Years Educator (The Nest)
<b>Latisha</b> - Early Years Educator (Fledglings)	<b>Aimee</b> - Early Years Educator
<b>Megan</b> - Early Years Educator (Fledglings)	<b>Krystal</b> - Early Years Helper

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