



# The Early Bird Pre-School (Strathmore) Newsletter

## February 2026

Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Spring 2025	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan–Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	
Summer 2025	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> April – Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May – closed, bank holiday
Holiday Club	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> July – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> July Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug		

### Dates for your diary:

#### Spring Term 2026

- W/C 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Friendship Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Valentines Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Pancake Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Lunar New Year
- 1<sup>st</sup> March St David's Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March Science Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> March St Patricks Day
- 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> March Global Recycling Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day

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

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy and enjoyable few weeks across both our Nest and Fledglings rooms and would love to share some recent highlights with you.

#### Nest Adventures

Our Nest children have been exploring through sensory and physical play. They have enjoyed puddle jumping, music and movement sessions, visits to the new sensory room, and physical play using the soft play blocks. Creative experiences included mark making, making playdough, and exploring coloured rice to celebrate Chinese New Year. Story time was brought to life through *Dear Zoo*, using props to support engagement and understanding.

#### Fledglings Adventures

The Fledglings have spent time exploring the new sensory room, and we would like to thank parents for their contributions, which enabled us to purchase new resources such as a spinning chair, sensory sock, stepping stones, and a mini trampoline. Cooking activities included making oat cakes, flatbreads, and bagels while trialing a new recipe. The children also explored loose parts and transient art, took part in Bird Watch Week by learning about local birds, and enjoyed outdoor construction and role play, particularly caring for babies.

#### Storytelling Week

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who came in to read stories and to those who joined us on our walk to the library — it was a great success. Our Nest babies will be visiting the library this week. The children also enjoyed watching videos of staff reading stories, especially those read in French, and we would love to hear your feedback.

### Wet suits / Puddle suits

Even though we are seeing the weather improve please can we make sure that the children all have appropriate weather for playing outside in wet weather. Can you also check your child's bag regularly and replenish with spare clothes (particularly socks). Bags will be sent home each session. Thank you

### Contactable During Session

Please ensure that whilst your child is at Preschool, you or someone is still contactable in case of an emergency with your child. Please let us know if you have new contact details.

### Saturday Family Group

Our next stay and play session will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 930am-1130am. Please email to let us know that you will be attending so we can plan accordingly.

### Session Request form - September

Please can you return your session request forms asap.

Deadline: for returned forms - February 23rd  
Allocation - w/b 17th 9<sup>th</sup> March  
Acceptance deadline - 23<sup>rd</sup> March



### 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.

### World Book Day

We will be dressing up as our favourite Book Characters - please feel free to bring in your child's matching book too! Fledglings parents are invited to come along to read to the children from 3pm - please speak to a staff member to book this in for this



### 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



### Waffle the Travelling Dog

The children have recently been introduced to Waffle (name voted by the children), our new travelling dog! If you are going on holiday and would like Waffle to join you then please do let us know!

**Natasha** - Director & Early Years Manager

**Denisse** - Director & Early Years Manager

**Becky** - Setting Leader & Safeguarding Officer

**Charlotte** - Deputy Leader & SenCo

**Jess** - Nest Room Leader & Health and Safety Officer

**Shay** - Early Years Educator (Fledglings)

**Katherine** - Finance Manager

**Morgane** - Early Years Educator (The Nest)

**Latisha** - Early Years Educator (Fledglings)

**Aimee** - Early Years Educator

**Megan** - Early Years Educator (Fledglings)

**Krystal** - Early Years Helper

**Emily** - Early Years Educator (Fledglings)

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