

The Early Bird Pre-School (Strathmore) Newsletter



July 2025

Dates for your diary:

Autumn Term 2025

- Monday 1st September
- Tuesday 2nd September
- Wednesday 3rd September

Home Visits – Setting closed for normal sessions
Open morning for new starters 9:30am-11:30am (*This is for new children only and an adult must stay with the child during this time*)
First day of term

October Half Term Monday 27th-Friday 31st – Setting closed

- Wednesday 17th December
- Thursday 18th December

Last day of term
Christmas Party morning 9:00am-11:30am (more information to follow)

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

A big thank you to all the wonderful dads and mums who joined us for our special Father's Day picnic in the garden! It was such a lovely afternoon of laughter, sunshine and spending time together. The children were so proud to make and share their pinwheels and fruit kebabs which were a big hit. It was heart-warming to see so many smiles and special moments shared.

What a fantastic day out we also had at Shepreth Wildlife Park! A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who joined us – it made the experience even more special. The children loved spotting meerkats, owls, bats, bunnies and even a sleepy tiger! The train ride, soft play area and of course, an ice cream treat made it a perfect day out.

Fledglings adventures last month:

Our curiosity took us deep under the sea last month as we learnt all about sea animals! The children enjoyed discovering fascinating facts about creatures like octopuses, turtles and jellyfish.

We set up imaginative invitation to play scenes featuring ocean themed sensory trays, toy sea creatures and lots of water play. A highlight was mark making on see through plastic sheets, which really captured the children's creativity and let them "draw underwater" just like marine artists! We've been making the most of the summer sunshine with lots of outdoor fun. One of our favourite activities has been building dens using string, clips and blankets. The children have worked brilliantly in teams, creating cosy little hideaways and using them for quiet reading, role play and even a few pretend campfires. These moments have really supported the children's communication and problem-solving skills.

The Nest's adventures last month:

Our little ones have absolutely loved water play! They've been mastering the art of tipping and pouring using jugs, engaging with sea animal toys, and experimenting with spray bottles. Through all that water fun, they're enhancing their fine motor skills, sensory processing, and imaginative storytelling.

Hats, bags, and dramatic expressions are everywhere! This playful spark inspired us to evolve our **Home Corner**, where children dress up, mimic daily routines, and explore social roles. We've introduced short mindfulness sessions using calming props—soft pillows, gentle bubbles, and sensory items—to help children begin learning self-regulation and emotional awareness. These moments of stillness guide children to tune into their breath and notice their bodies.

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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!

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 an Operation Encompass Early Years Setting.

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



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



Summer Party Reminder



Date: Saturday, 19 July 2025



Time: 9:30 – 11:30 am



What's On:

- Glitter tattoos
- Tin Can Alley
- Bouncy Castle
- Raffle – big prizes, tickets £5 per strip, drawn on the day

The Early Bird Pre-School Strathmore team

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

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