



May 2025

Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Summer 2025	Tues 22 nd April – Fri 18 th July	26 th – 30 th May	
Holiday Club	Mon 28 th July – Fri 1 st Aug Mon 4 th Aug – Fri 8 th Aug		

Dates for your diary:

Summer Term 2025

- Monday 26th – 30th May
- Sunday 15th June
- Wednesday 18th June
- Friday 18th July
- Saturday 19th July

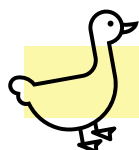
CLOSED for Half Term

Father's Day

Father's Day Picnic

Last day of term

End of Term Summer Party (details on back page)



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

All the children in the setting have been particularly fascinated by the eggs in the incubator, discussing how the eggs needed to stay warm until they hatched—a process that can take up to 28 days! Each day, the children eagerly checked for any signs of ducklings starting to peck their way out of their shells. Once the ducklings hatched, we examined the eggshells closely and talked about the yolk inside, which provides the energy the ducklings need to use their egg tooth to break free from the shell. After hatching, the ducklings were moved into their 'brooding pen' under a warm lamp. The children especially enjoyed watching them each day as they pecked at their food, drank water, and cuddled up together to sleep. During the session, the children had the chance to watch the ducklings take a swim in the paddling pool. They were delighted by the splashing and diving, watching with fascination as the ducklings explored the water!

Fledglings adventures last month:

Following on from our ducklings experience we have introduced caterpillars that the children have been observing and patiently waiting for them to cocoon and turn into butterflies. The fledglings have shown such an interest in animals recently that Charlotte bought her dog in for another visit – throwing balls and play fetch!

The children have also loved exploring our newly developed mud kitchen. They have been using flowers, water, mud and other natural resources to support their learning and interests. Lots of the Fledglings children have also been building, constructing and problem solving with loose parts such as hoses, working together they have been using these to transport water in the garden.

The Nest's adventures last month:

This past month the children in the nest have been exploring their new garden area. They have enjoyed painting on the fence with water and exploring on their ride on toys, developing their gross motor skills.

They have also been getting messy this term, exploring rice play, crazy foam, sand and gloop.

This month the children have been working on their core songs and have shown a big interest in our music box, with various objects for reference.

This half term the children have been also developing their health and hygiene skills. Using the new sink to practice washing their hands before meal times and faces after mealtimes.

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Hot Weather

Please ensure you dress your child appropriately for the weather, along with spare clothes and socks for water play. Suncream to be applied before your child attends and for children attending all day we will reapply after lunch. Sun hats will need to be provided and a water bottle to ensure children stay hydrated throughout the day.

Saturday Family Groups

Date for our last Saturday group is: Saturday 7th June with Charlotte and Shay 9:30-11:30am, if you would to book on, then please email us or speak to a member of staff.

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



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.

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

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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Tip of the Half Term - Nurturing School Readiness

As lots of our children are about to embark on an exciting journey into school, we want to ensure they have enough tools in their toolbox to thrive.



To be school ready children DO NOT NEED to:

- Read
- Write
- Be proficient in mathematics.

They will learn this at school!

To be school ready, most children NEED to be able to:

- Be independent in meeting some of their self care needs. For example, put their coat, shoes, jumpers and trousers on, wash their hands, wipe their nose.
- Communicate their needs, for example be able to ask for help when needed or when they need the toilet.
- Listen to and follow instructions.
- Sit at a table to eat lunch/snack.
- Begin to show resilience and a 'have a go' attitude.
- Take turns and share with others.

How you can nurture these skills at home through the POWER OF PLAY:

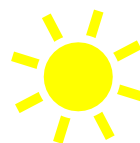
- Story telling- read to your child daily and have conversations about the story and its illustrations.
- Simple games such as 'simon says' or turn taking building a tower. Introduce to rules and expectations and encourage turn taking.
- Give them time to try to overcome challenges and problem solve in their play, for example use phrases such as 'let's think of a different way' or 'what should we do next time'.
- Set up a tea party - have your guests washed their hands? Do they need help pouring their drink?

We are doing all this and more to ensure the transition into school is as smooth as possible for your child. We are also inviting your child's new school teacher into Early Birds to visit and their key person will share all the amazing things your child can do.

If you have any questions, concerns or something you want us to focus on to support your child's journey into school, please speak to your key person.

Summer Party!

You are all invited to come along and join us for our Summer Party!



Saturday 19th July 9:30am-11:30am

Tickets available to buy from the office. Please purchase these by Friday 13th June. £5 per ticket, per family.

We are also asking for the following to contribute to some of our stalls:

Bottles of drink A filled jar of your choice Any company donations for our big raffle