

The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



December 2024



Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Autumn 2024	Weds 4 th Sept – Tue 17 th Dec	28 th Oct – 1 st Nov	Monday 2 nd Sept – Home visits, new starters only Tues 3 rd Sept – Open Morning, new starters only, staff training pm Weds 18 th Dec – Christmas party
Spring 2025	Mon 6 th Jan–Fri 4 th April	17 th – 21 st February	Friday 3 rd January, staff training, setting closed
Summer 2025	Tues 22 nd April – Fri 18 th July	27 th – 31 st May	Monday 5 th May – closed, bank holiday

Dates for your diary:

Autumn Term 2024

- Last day of term
- Wednesday 18th December
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Christmas Craft Trail (Fledglings) (no normal sessions)
Christmas Stay & Play (The Nest) (no normal sessions)

Spring Term 2025

- Wednesday 15th January
- Saturday 1st February
- Thursday 6th March
- Friday 15th March

Application deadline for school reception place
Family Group, 9.30-11.30am
World Book Day – dress as favourite book character
Red Nose Day

Summer Term 2025

- Saturday 19th July

Summer Party

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

Christmas has been the theme at Early Birds this term!

All our Early Birds have been exploring festive loose parts and real Christmas trees. We have also shared lots of Christmas/winter themed books and stories.



The Fledglings have been particularly busy baking an array of delicious cakes and biscuits; they have made snowman scones, mince pies, gingerbread men and Christmas shortbread.



There have been some wonderful invitations to play in the Nest Room for the children to explore, including decorating the real Christmas tree, singing lots of Christmas songs, using the instruments and bells, investigating Christmas tins and trying on Christmas hats.



Thank you to the parents that helped with our Christmas tree walk. It was a shame the Christmas trees weren't available that morning, but we managed to get one later in the day and everyone enjoyed the fresh air!



We have enjoyed welcoming parents to our Stay & Play sessions, it's a great chance for you to share time with your child at pre-school and see what we get up to! We will arrange more later in the year if you weren't able to make it.



 **Christmas Trail**

Plans are well under way for the **Fledglings' Christmas Trail on Wednesday 18th December**

You will be given your time slots this week. Please arrive a couple of minutes before your session starts so we can keep the trail running smoothly.

The Nest Christmas Stay & Play will be running on the same day

There will be no normal sessions this day. Our last day of term is Tuesday 17th December

Kindness Elves

The Kindness Elves at Early Birds will be delivering their hamper of gifts to **St Catherine's Nursing Home on Friday 13th December.**

If you would like to donate a gift please bring it in before then. Thank you to those of you who have already donated!

If your child was born between September 2020 and August 2021 you need to apply for a school reception place by **Wednesday 15th January 2025.** You can apply here: [School Applications](#)



Polite Reminders

Warm Clothing



Our children love spending time in the garden space and outdoor area. Please make sure they have appropriate clothing for the colder weather!

Environment

Please help look after our environment! There has been rubbish from birthday treats and food wrapping left in the reception area, front garden and car park. We need to be careful about allergies and keeping our environment clean for us and our neighbours, so please put rubbish in the bin or take it home with you. There are bins in both toilets in the reception area.

Thank you!

Welcome Kateryna

We are pleased to welcome our new staff member, Kateryna, who is based in the Fledglings Room. Please say hello if you see her! 🙌



Congratulations

to Maisie and Caitlyn who have embarked on the Level 3 childcare qualification. They have had excellent feedback from their tutor - well done!


Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas


We look forward to seeing you again on **6th January** for a fun-filled New Year!

Love from **The Early Birds Team xxx**

The Early Bird Pre-School CIC team

Natasha - Director & Early Years Manager	Ebony – Director, Early Years Leader & Designated Safeguarding Officer
Syreta - Early Years Deputy (The Nest) & SENCO	Kirstie -Snr Early Years Educator, H&S Officer
Katherine – Finance Manager	Hayley – Room Leader, The Nest
Nick - Early Years Educator (Fledglings)	Kerry – Early Years Educator (Fledglings)
Sarah – Early Years Educator (The Nest)	Maisie – Early Years Helper (Fledglings)
Caitlin – Early Years Helper (The Nest)	Kateryna – Early Years Helper (Fledglings)