



The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter

December 2025



Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed
Autumn 2025	Weds 3 rd Sept–Weds 17 th Dec	27 th - 31 st October	Monday 1 st Sept – Home visits, new starters only Tues 2 nd Sept – Open Morning, new starters only, staff training pm
Spring 2026	Tues 6 th Jan–Fri 27 th March	16 th – 20 th February	Monday 5 th Jan – Inset day, staff training
Summer 2026	Mon 13 th April–Mon 20 th July	25 th – 29 th May	Monday 4 th May – closed, bank holiday

Dates for your diary:

Autumn Term 2025

- Thursday 18th December
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Spring Term 2026

- Thursday 15th January
- Thursday 5th March
- Saturday 7th March
- Friday 20th March
- Wednesday 25th March

Summer Term 2026

- Tuesday 21st July

Fledglings Christmas Craft Trail 9.30-11.30
Nest Christmas Stay & Play 9.30-10.45

Application deadline for school reception
World Book Day – dress as favourite book character
Saturday Family Group 9.30-11.30
Red Nose Day
Parents' Evening 5.30-7.30

Summer Party



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

We are having a lovely time in the build-up to Christmas! We have Christmas trees in Fledglings, the Nest and the Aviary! The children have been decorating them every day, which is great for their fine-motor skills.

We had a fantastic Parents' Evening to discuss the children's development. Thank you to parents and the team!

The Nest

We have had a lovely term here in the Nest! We have enjoyed local walks to the library and park and we enjoyed our Christmas trail walk this week. Christmas fun has arrived in the Nest! We have been exploring our Christmas books, decorating our tree and singing Christmas songs using our song bag and bubbles -this has been so popular!

We have also been exploring blue peppermint scented gloop with shiny objects, Christmas painting and playdough.

Polite reminder - please provide healthy, low sugar snacks and fresh fruit for lunch. If you would like another copy of our lunch guidance please let us know.

Hayley, Nest Room Leader



Fledglings

This week the children have been making gingerbread men and sharing The Gingerbread Man story along with props; this is one of our core books. We have also had a walk to town to look at the Christmas lights. We have been exploring different sensory items in the water tray such as flower petals, and lots of the children have been bathing the dolls.

The children have really enjoyed singing and dancing, especially to Christmas music. Animal Boogie is a big favourite! Magnetic shapes have been very popular, making amazing creations such as robots, houses and castles!

Thank you to the parent who read us a Christmas story. Does any other parent want to come in to provide an experience such as playing an instrument, baking or sharing your pet?

Ebony, Setting Leader



School Reception

If your child was born between September 2021 and August 2022 you need to apply for a school reception place by **Thursday 15th January 2025**. You can apply here: [School Applications](#)



September 2026

We will be sending out applications for September 2026 at the beginning of January. The deadline to return your form is **Monday 23rd February**. Places will be offered on **Monday 9th March**. Places must be accepted by **Monday 23rd March**, after which time we will be opening our waiting list

No Phones Please!

Please note that phones are not permitted in our outdoor play areas. Please keep your phone in your bag or pocket when dropping off or collecting your child. ~Thank you~



Kindness Elves

Thank you to those of you that have given donations for our hamper of gifts for St Catherine's Nursing Home. This will be delivered on Friday 12th December and is always greatly appreciated by the residents

Thank you



Christmas Trail

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

Please arrive a couple of minutes before your time slot so we can keep the trail running smoothly.

The Nest Christmas Stay & Play will be running at 9.30-10.45

There will be no normal sessions this day.

Our last day of term is Wednesday 17th December



Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas Love from The Early Birds Team

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We will be back for the Spring term on Tuesday 6th January!

Natasha - Director & Early Years Manager

Syreta - Early Years Deputy & SENCO

Katherine - Finance Manager

Nick - Early Years Educator

Hayley - Early Years Educator, Nest Room Leader

Caitlin - Early Years Helper

Melanie - Early Years Helper

Ebony - Director, Early Years Leader & Designated Safeguarding Officer, Setting Manager

Kirstie - Snr Early Years Educator, H&S Officer

Kerry - Early Years Educator

Sarah - Early Years Educator

Maisie - Early Years Helper

Kateryna - Early Years Helper

Millie - Early Years Helper