



The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



February 2026



| Term | Dates | Half Term | Setting Closed ** |
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| 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 Monday 29 th June – Shepreth visit, setting closed |

Spring Term 2026

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

Summer Term 2026

- w/c Monday 1st June
- Monday 29th June
- Tuesday 21st July

World Book Day – dress as favourite book character

Saturday Family Group 9.30-11.30

Red Nose Day – wear something red

Parents' Evening 5.30-7.30

Duckling hatching experience

Visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park

Summer Party

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



The Nest

We have had a lovely start to 2026 in the Nest! The children have returned with new interests which has really influenced our Nest environment, we have been enjoying games with ducks, golf and the parachute. We have visited the local park where we practiced our climbing. As our Nest parents know, we have started to use Tapestry, it has been lovely sharing all the fabulous things your children have been doing – thank you to our parents who have shared some lovely moments from home! It would be great if you could also share how your child has been at home such as sleep, eating etc as this is useful in helping us support them in session. We look forward to what adventures await us after half term!

Hayley, Nest Room Leader



Fledglings

This term water and sand play are still strong favourites in Fledglings, also some of us have been digging in mud with large tools and utensils looking for treasure and worms! Hide and Seek has been very popular out in the garden too, a very fun game creating great excitement and opportunity to practice counting. We have had lots of cutting opportunities at our creative station, snipping at old Christmas cards and some wonderful 3D models have been created too!

Big Bird Watch – some of us made binoculars with cardboard tubes to go bird spotting outdoors and at our nature observation window. We saw birds such as pigeons and robins and we also got excited to spot cats, squirrels and aeroplanes!! We also had a bird scavenger chart to mark which birds we had seen. We learnt some facts about birds and looked at books together. Some of us made bird feeders and hung them out in our nature area.

A big interest in Fledglings is cars, we demonstrated how we can make car tracks in paint. Animals are still a big interest too and this week we have provided farm animals in our small world area.

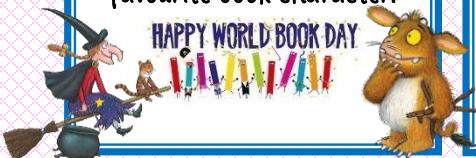
We had two very joyful occasions when an Early Birds dad visited us for a morning and afternoon session to play his guitar which brought us all together singing nursery rhymes and dancing. If you play an instrument, please come and play for us! Or if you have a pet we could meet or an interesting job please speak to us and we can arrange a visit!

Next week is Friendship Week. We will be giving lots of teachable moments for personal, social and emotional skills including kind acts such as helping a friend, making a card or bracelet and practicing affirmations.

Ebony, Setting Leader

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Children are invited to bring their favourite book to preschool to share with their friends and to dress as a favourite book character.

HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY



Friday 20th March

RED NOSE DAY

We will be doing our bit for Comic Relief with fun themed play activities. Children are invited to wear something red.

Suggested donation for Comic Relief £1 per child



After half term...

We will be marking pancake day. The children always love tasting the pancakes and watching them being tossed in the air!

Science Week

We will be investigating the world of science, with lots of interesting experiments for the children to take part in



We have planned another trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park on

Monday 29th June

The visit is open to all our Early Birds and their families and is always a very successful outing! More information will be sent out after half term

Please be aware the setting will be closed on this day.



September 2026 Places

Please remember to return your nursery application slip by **Monday 23rd February**

Offer letters will be sent out w/c **Monday 9th March**

Places to be accepted or declined by **Monday 23rd March**

After this date we will start offering places to families on our waiting list



Saturday Family Group

Our next group will take place on **Saturday 7th March** 9.30-11.30am

This is a lovely way to meet your child's friends and other families.

Activities will take place in the outdoor classroom so please dress appropriately for the weather.

Places must be booked, please email admin@earlybirdpreschool.co.uk

Have a great February half term!
We will be back
w/c Monday 23rd February
Love from
The Early Birds Team xxx

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

Syreta - Early Years Deputy & SENCO

Kirstie -Snr Early Years Educator, H&S Officer

Katherine – Finance Manager

Kerry - Early Years Educator

Nick - Early Years Educator

Sarah – Early Years Educator

Hayley – Early Years Educator, Nest Room Leader

Maisie – Early Years Helper

Caitlin – Early Years Helper

Kateryna – Early Years Helper

Melanie – Early Years Helper

Millie – Early Years Helper