

# The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



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

## Dates for your diary:

### Summer Term 2023

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

- Leavers' Graduation
- Last day of term
- Summer Party, 9.30-11.30am



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

The end of the year always comes around so quickly! There is such a lot to do this last term and staff have been very busy preparing leavers' reports and finishing learning journals which will be going home to our leavers this week. We have had lots of visits from school teachers and have loved hearing from the children about their school visits! We will all give our leavers a good send off at their graduation on Thursday ☺

We have packed a lot in over the last seven weeks!...

- Our duckling eggs arrived at the start of term and all hatched very quickly! The children were all so gentle with them and loved watching them swimming around in the paddling pool. The children all played a part in naming them and came up with Paula, Geoffrey, Quack Quack, ABCD and Pudding! Thank you to all of you for your generous sponsor donations which made this experience possible.
- We learned all about the importance of dental hygiene during Smile Week. We shared lots of teachable moments on oral health and exciting invitations to play. Thank you for all the wonderful photos of the children brushing their teeth at home, they all loved receiving their certificates!
- We had a great time celebrating Pride Month with our Rainbow Day. The children took part in lots of colourful themed activities and shared stories about love and family set-ups.
- We celebrated the start of the Euros with a football day. Staff and children dressed in sports clothes and played lots of ball games, flag play, races and face painting.
- We had a lovely day out visiting Shepreth Wildlife Park in June. The tigers were a particular favourite plus the soft play and train ride! It was nice to have so many parents joining us to make memories!
- We are expanding again! We will be taking over the management of Strathmore Pre-School in Hitchin from September. If you have friends or family in the area please spread the word!





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### Parent Questionnaire

Please complete your questionnaire before your child leaves us.

We really do take on board all your comments, good and bad, so we know where to improve and what to continue doing!

### Artwork

Your child's artwork will be going home this week.

If you have run out of wall space these can be used for special wrapping paper and gift tags!



### Summer Party

Preparations are in full swing for our summer party on

**Friday 19th July. 9.30-11.30am**

There will be lots of fun activities - bouncy castle, scavenger hunt, games, crafts, face painting and water play.

Thank you to 360 Soft Play, Church Farm Ardeley, EV-S Hair & Beauty, Pampered Pets, Little Latte's Coffee & Play, Tesco Baldock, Tanique and Jenner McKay James Photography for their generous raffle donations

Ebony Kirstie Natasha Syreta Katherine  
 Thank you all for your continuing support, and a special thanks to the parents that have helped with visits this year.  
 We wish you all a fantastic summer break!  
 We will be back for the new term on  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
 Love from the Early Bird Team xxx  
 Mick Kerry  
 Hayley Maisie Caitlin Sarah

### Ofsted

As you will know we had our Ofsted inspection yesterday. Thank you so much to those of you that spoke to the inspector or emailed your wonderful comments, we are very grateful for your support.

The report will be ready in about 6 weeks and will be available to read on our website. We are all very proud of our staff and children!



We are an Operation Encompass Early Years Setting.  
 For further information see posters in the lobby or speak to Natasha or Ebony.



### Goodbye and Good Luck to our Leavers

This is always a sad time of the year for us when we get ready to say goodbye to some of our Early Birds.

We will miss you all very much but wish you lots of luck in your new schools and hope you enjoy your next big adventure!



## Tip of the Half Term – Keeping Active

With the summer holiday's approaching fast, it is important to keep your child active. Some benefits of keeping active include:

- Helping to build strong muscles to enhance gross and fine motor skills
- Improves balance and co-ordination
- Helps to develop decision making, concentration and problem-solving skills
- Positive impact on mental health and wellbeing (especially if you are outdoors!)
- Helps improve sleep

### Did you know...

**Pre-schoolers should spend at least 180 minutes (3 hours) a day doing physical activities. This doesn't have to be in one go, but spread throughout the day, and the more they do the better!! Out of the 180 minutes, at least 60 minutes should consist of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity.**

Here are some ideas you could do during your summer:

- Play hide and seek
- Dance
- Go for a walk
- Spend time at a park
- Go for a bike or scooter ride
- Learn some new yoga poses
- Ball games such as football or catch
- Create an obstacle course
- Go to a soft

Please share photos of what your child gets up to over the summer on our Facebook page!



# Happy Summer Holidays!



### The Early Bird Pre-School CIC team

**Natasha** - Director & Early Years Manager

**Ebony** – Director, Early Years Leader & Designated Safeguarding Officer

**Syreta** - Early Years Deputy & SENCO

**Kirstie** -Snr Early Years Educator, H&S Officer

**Katherine** – Finance Manager

**Kerry** - Early Years Educator

**Sarah** - Early Years Educator

**Nick** – Early Years Educator

**Hayley** – Early Years Educator

**Maisie** – Early Years Helper

**Caitlin** – Early Years Helper

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