



# The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



## March 2026



Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Summer 2026	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April–Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May – closed, bank holiday Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Shepreth visit, setting closed
Autumn 2026	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept – Inset Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – home visits Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept – Open Morning (new starters only)

### Spring Term 2026

➤ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### Summer Term 2026

➤ w/c Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

➤ Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

➤ Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

➤ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

➤ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Parents' Evening 5.30-7.30pm

Duckling hatching experience

Saturday Family Group 9.30-11.30am

Visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park

Graduation/last day of term

Summer Party 9.30-11.30am



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



### The Nest

We have had a wonderful, busy half term in the Nest. We have enjoyed two outings - to our local park and Letchworth library!

This term the children have started to enjoy the warmer weather, making the most of our garden space - football and climbing have been very popular!

The children continue to have a strong interest in sand, and we have followed their lead by moving the play kitchen closer to the sand tray as we found the children were enjoying transporting sand to the kitchen.

The Nest children have been exploring paint in a range of ways which has been very exciting and lots of messy fun!

We kindly ask you to inform us if your child has had an unsettled night/morning or hasn't eaten much as this will help us support your child during their session.

Hayley, Nest



### Fledglings

Wow! What a wonderful half term we have had with lots of exciting opportunities and events such as Pancake Day, World Book Day, Science Week and a trip to our local library! Thank you to our parent helpers and also a big thank you to the step-mum who came in to share stories and rhymes with us.

We have been sequence learning with threading; starting with shape boards then on to big wooden beads and moving to little beads, practicing our pincer grip. This will support writing skills in the future and also supports dressing, including doing up our own buttons. Our younger Fledglings have still been having some nurture small group times to support personal, social and emotional skills, and communication and language. Our oldest Fledglings have been introduced to a step ladder for new risky play promoting gross motor skills, confidence and risk assessment skills, which gives us a dopamine rush (happy brain chemical) from the thrill of climbing high!

Next term we are excited to raise money for our very own duckling hatching experience! We will also be getting ready for school transitions. Please let us know what school your child will be going to in September. Teachers will be invited to Early Birds and your child's key person will be writing a transition report that you can share with your child's new school.

Ebony, Setting Leader



### Sun Safety

As we are moving towards the summer, please remember to provide a named sunhat and apply sun lotion to your child before they start their session.  
Thank you



### Save the Date!

Our Summer Party will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 9.30-11.30am  
More details will follow next term



### Polite Reminder

Please make sure you are on time to collect your child. If you are late it can cause upset to your child while they are waiting and has an impact on the quality of care to the children who remain in the setting, as well as disruption to staff at the end of a session.

### Safety Reminders

Please no smoking or vaping on our premises which includes the car park and garden areas.

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Please do not eat in our gardens as we have children with various allergies plus we want to keep our outside areas clean and tidy for the children to play in!

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Please do not use a device with a camera whilst in the Nest or Fledglings gardens.

Thank you for your help in keeping us all safe!

### Shepreth Wildlife Park Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June



This trip is open to all our Early Birds and their families.  
We would love to see you all there!

Entry price is subsidised plus there is a further discount if you join us on the train! We will send out more details regarding train times etc. nearer the time.

Please remember to return your forms by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.



### Saturday Family Group

Our next group will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 9.30-11.30am

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

The ducklings from our duckling hatching experience will be with us for this group!

Places must be booked, please email

[admin@earlybirdpreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@earlybirdpreschool.co.uk)



Wishing you all a very  
**Happy Easter!**  
We look forward to seeing  
you  
w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April



**Natasha** - Director & Early Years Manager

**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