



May 2024

Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Autumn 2023	Weds 6 th Sept – Fri 15 th Dec	23 rd – 27 th October	Monday 4 th Sept – open morning, new starters only Tues 5 th Sept – Inset day, staff training Mon 18 th Dec – Christmas party
Spring 2024	Mon 8 th Jan – Thurs 28 th March	19 th – 23 rd February	Friday 5 th Jan – closed, staff training Friday 29 th March – Good Friday Bank Holiday
Summer 2024	Mon 15 th April – Thurs 18 th July	27 th – 31 st May	Monday 6 th May – closed, bank holiday

Dates for your diary:

Summer Term 2024

- Wednesday 22nd May
- Friday 14th June
- Thursday 27th June
- Thursday 18th July
- Friday 19th July



- Stay & Play Session with parents 10.15-11.15am and 2-3pm
- Visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park (no normal sessions)
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- Graduation (details on invitation)
- Summer Party 9.30-11.30am (no normal sessions)

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

Early Birds Pre-School is Growing!

We are very excited to tell you that Early Birds is expanding! We have finally had confirmation that we will have use of the entire building when the Family Centre moves in the summer. We will therefore be welcoming children aged 1-2 years from September in our new room 'The Nest'. This will coincide with the new childcare funding for children aged 9+ months, which comes into effect from September. Places can be booked NOW so please spread the word amongst friends and family! There will be lots of work carried out over the summer holidays so those of you returning in September will see some changes for the new academic year!

This term

We have had very mixed weather this term. The children have loved playing outside in the sunshine in the last week but before the fair weather arrived, we made the most of the puddles! The mud kitchen has been a popular area outside, as has the sandpit and trapeze swing.

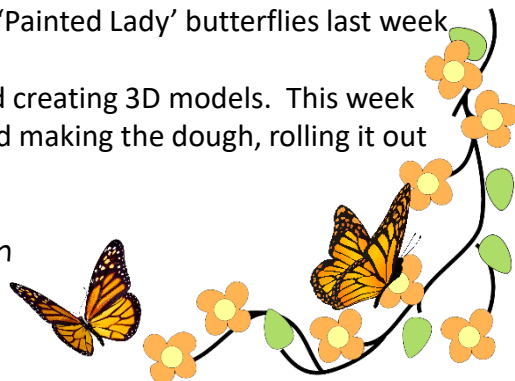
Some of the children enjoyed a trip to St Catherine's Nursing Home earlier in the term, the children behaved beautifully, this visit is always a treat for both the Early Birds and the nursing home residents.

We had a visit from the local PCSO a couple of weeks ago. The children explored the police car, tried on his hat and learnt about his role in the community.

We have been observing the fascinating development stages of caterpillars this half term from tiny caterpillars to chrysalis to butterflies. We released the 'Painted Lady' butterflies last week in the sunshine.

Indoors the children have been having fun with painting and creating 3D models. This week we have been making delicious pizzas! The children enjoyed making the dough, rolling it out and decorating it with lots of healthy toppings.

Have a lovely half term! We will re-open on Monday 3rd June
The Early Bird Team xx





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Tip of the Half Term

Tip of the Half Term - Nurturing School Readiness

As lots of our children are about to embark on an exciting journey into school, we want to ensure they have enough tools in their toolbox to thrive.

To be school ready children DO NOT NEED to:

- Read
- Write
- Be proficient in mathematics.



They will learn this at school!

To be school ready, most children NEED to be able to:

- Be independent in meeting some of their self care needs. For example, put their coat, shoes, jumpers and trousers on, wash their hands, wipe their nose.
- Communicate their needs, for example be able to ask for help when needed or when they need the toilet.
- Listen to and follow instructions.
- Sit at a table to eat lunch/snack.
- Begin to show resilience and a 'have a go' attitude.
- Take turns and share with others.

How you can nurture these skills at home through the POWER OF PLAY:

- Story telling- read to your child daily and have conversations about the story and its illustrations.
- Simple games such as 'simon says' or turn taking building a tower. Introduce to rules and expectations and encourage turn taking.
- Give them time to try to overcome challenges and problem solve in their play, for example use phrases such as 'let's think of a different way' or 'what should we do next time'.
- Set up a tea party – have your guests washed their hands? Do they need help pouring their drink?

We are doing all this and more to ensure the transition into school is a smooth as possible for your child. We are also inviting your child's new schoolteacher into Early Birds to visit, and their key person will share all the amazing things your child can do.

If you have any questions, concerns or something you want us to focus on to support your child's journey into school, please speak to your key person.

We are an Operation Encompass Early Years Setting.

For further information see posters in the lobby or speak to Natasha or Ebony.



Polite Reminders

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before they come to pre-school. Please also provide your child with a named sunhat.

Upcoming...



We are looking forward to our duckling hatching experience starting on 3rd June. Thank you for your sponsor payments which has made this possible.




We can't wait for our trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park on 14th June!

Please remember the setting is closed on this day, there are no normal sessions running.



We will be marking Smile Week w/c 24th June

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
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