

The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter

October 2023



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:

Autumn Term 2023

- Tuesday 31st October Halloween/Autumn Dress Up Day
- Wednesday 1st November School reception applications open
- Saturday 4th November Saturday Family Group 9.30-11.30am
- Wednesday 15th November Photographer
- Friday 17th November Children in Need Spots/Pyjamas Day
- Wednesday 29th November Parents' Evening 5.30-7.30pm
- Friday 1st December Walk to Morrisons to buy Christmas tree 9.45am
- Monday 18th December Christmas Party 9.30-11.30am (no normal sessions)

Spring Term 2024

- Monday 15th January Application deadline for school reception place
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day – dress as favourite book character
- Friday 17th March Red Nose Day
- Thursday 25th April Parents' Evening 5.30-7.30pm

Summer Term 2024

- Friday 19th July Summer Party 9.30-11.30am (no normal sessions)

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

We have had a lovely start to the new academic year, our new cohort have settled incredibly well and last year's children have done a wonderful job helping them to become familiar with our routine.

Messy play has been very popular this half term. We have played with crazy soap foam, rice play, gloop and paint. We enjoy messy play throughout the year, so please remember not to send your child to pre-school in their best clothes!

Lots of children have been bathing dolls in water and caring for them with the doctor's kit, wrapping them in blankets and feeding them.

We have enjoyed some lovely autumn walks, the children hunted for autumn treasures and experienced the sites and sounds of the season. A big thank you to all the parent helpers that volunteered - without you these outings would not be possible.

We have been sharing lots of stories, a particular favourite this half term is 'Monkey and Me', the children love joining in with the animal actions. There has been lots of singing as always, our Early Birds love joining in with 'Sticky Kids' and singing along to 'Let it Go' from Frozen.

We celebrated Porridge Day on 10th October – the children had porridge with blueberries for morning snack and made some delicious flapjack to take home. We also shared the fairy story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and played with porridge oats in the tuff tray and feeding teddy bears and dolls.

Thank you for sharing photos of your pets with us for World Animal Day on 4th October. The pictures are on display in the classroom and the children have loved telling us all about them! We practiced mindful animal movement, played with the small world animals, making enclosures for them and we made footprints in paint with wild animals. 'Animal Boogie' was a hit too!

We hope you have a lovely half term. We will be back for the second half of the autumn term on Monday 30th October

School Reception Applications

If your child was born between September 2019 and August 2020, they will be moving to school reception in September 2024. Applications open on **Wednesday 1st November**

and the deadline for on time applications is Monday 15th January 2024. Click on the link below for more information



[School Applications](#)



Photographer

Jenner Mackay James Photography will be visiting us on

Wednesday 15th November

If your child doesn't attend on a Wednesday, you are welcome to bring them along for a photo. Siblings are also welcome. Please contact us for an appointment For more information go to



www.jennermackayjames.com

Parents' Evening

We will be holding a Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 29th November 5.30-7.30pm**

You will be able to book a 15 minute slot to spend time with your child's key person and go through your child's Learning Journal. *Please note, parents only, no children please.* Time slots will be made available nearer the time



Saturday Family Group

Our next Family Group is on

Saturday 5th November 9.30-11.30am

If you would like to come along, please email us to book a place admin@earlybirdpreschool.co.uk

Pumpkin Donations

We would be grateful for pumpkin donations - all shapes, colours and sizes welcome!
Thank you



Christmas Tree Walk

We will be walking to Morrisons to choose our Christmas tree on **Friday 1st December**

If you can help please let us know. We will be leaving the setting at 9.45am and the walk takes approximately an hour



Polite Reminder

Please make sure your child has a change of clothes (including socks) in their bag. If your child is still in nappies, please also provide wipes.
Thank you



Halloween/Autumn Dress-Up Day

We will be marking Halloween with a fancy-dress day on **Tuesday 31st October**

Children can wear their favourite Halloween or autumn themed fancy dress outfit or a onesie or coloured jumper. Please don't spend money especially for an outfit and nothing too scary please!



Car Park Safety

If you walk to the setting, please walk along the footpath and not across the car park.
Please make sure you close the gate to the pre-school behind you

We are a Nut Free Setting

Please do not provide nuts or food containing nuts in your child's lunch box as we have several children with serious allergies

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

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