

# 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> January, staff training, setting closed
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:

### Autumn Term 2023

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- Saturday Family Group
- Autumn/Halloween dress up day
- Children in Need spots and pyjamas day
- Saturday Family Group
- Christmas Party (no normal sessions)



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

It's been a wonderful start to the new term, our new starters have all settled well and our 'old' Early Birds have been very supportive in helping them with our routine. We opened the doors to 'The Nest' room for the first time, it has been lovely to welcome one-year olds to the Early Bird Family!

### The Nest

We have had a lovely start to our time in the Nest. Hayley, Caitlin and Sarah have enjoyed welcoming and settling our new little Early Birds. They have been exploring the new environment, we have been following their interests as they have settled and have had some activities that have been very popular such as

- Sand and shells
- Ping pong balls and ramp
- Water play
- Using hand-held mirrors to dig in sand

We have also been riding our wagon (6-seater pram!) and have so far had a trip to the local park and enjoyed a local walk.

### The Fledglings

The Fledglings have also packed a lot in so far this term! We have made the most of the season with our activities:

- Pumpkin paint rolling, pumpkin soup play and making real pumpkin soup! The Early Birds have also enjoyed tasting pumpkin seeds. The children have been using the pumpkins for some woodwork too – hammering in golf tees and using screws and screwdrivers on them. Many thanks for the pumpkin donations.
- We have enjoyed walks to the park and library. We had an autumn walk last week to collect natural objects to explore back at the setting. A big thank you to our parent and grandparent helpers ☺ The children loved the apple pressing experience on Monday, the children all tried the apple juice and agreed it was delicious!
- Dance and movement sessions have been popular, the 'Sticky Kids' activity song is a particular favourite. We have also had fun with parachute games and discos with pompoms and rainbow streamers.
- The puddles outside have provided lots of puddle jumping fun, we also had a foam party with lots of bubbly puddles!
- Inside we have shared lots of cozy story times and played 'What's in the Box?' where staff describe the object, and the children try and guess what is hidden.

### School Reception Applications

If your child was born between September 2020 and August 2021, they will be moving to school reception in September 2025.

Applications open on **Friday 1st November** and the deadline for on time applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Click on the link below for more information



[School Applications](#)



### Saturday Family Group

Our next Saturday Family Group is on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

If you would like to come along, please email to book a place by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**.

There will be autumn and firework themed crafts and activities!



### Photographer

Jenner Mackay James Photography will be visiting us on



**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

If your child doesn't attend on a Tuesday, you are welcome to bring them along for a photo, the booking form is on the entry door. For more information go to

[www.jennermackayjames.com](http://www.jennermackayjames.com)

### Polite Reminders

Please remember to label ALL of your child's belongings, including jumpers, cardigans, Tupperware and water bottles.

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Please send in a tote bag of spare clothes (no drawstring bags please) to include socks and nappies (where applicable).

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Please DO NOT bring toys from home. These can get lost and can cause upset with peers.

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If a comforter is used, please leave this in the bag, not on your child coming in as this can then be used to help them settle if needed.

### Halloween/Autumn Dress-Up Day

We will be marking Halloween with a fancy-dress day on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

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!



### Christmas Tree Walk



We will be walking to Morrisons to choose our Christmas tree on

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Children in Need Spotty Day

We will be raising money for Children in Need on

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Children are invited to wear spots or pyjamas, and we will have lots of spotty and colourful activities throughout the day!

Suggested donation for Children in Need £1 per child.



Have a lovely half term! We look forward to seeing you again w/c Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
The Early Bird Team

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