



The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter

October



2025

Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Autumn 2025	Weds 3 rd Sept–Weds 17 th Dec	27 th - 31 st October	Monday 1 st Sept – Home visits, new starters only Tues 2 nd Sept – Open Morning, new starters only, staff training pm
Spring 2026	Tues 6 th Jan–Fri 27 th March	16 th – 20 th February	Monday 5 th Jan – Inset day, staff training
Summer 2026	Mon 13 th April–Mon 20 th July	25 th – 29 th May	Monday 4 th May – closed, bank holiday

Dates for your diary:

Autumn Term

- Monday 3rd November
- Monday 10th November
- Friday 14th November
- Monday 1st December
- Wednesday 3rd December
- Saturday 6th December
- Thursday 18th December

- Autumn/Halloween dress up day
- Photographer
- Children in Need Spotty Day
- Christmas Tree Walk
- Parents' Evening 5.30-7.30pm
- Saturday Group 9.30-11.30am
- Christmas party, 9.30-11.30am



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



The Nest

Welcome back to our Nest children and a big welcome to our new starters! The first half of the autumn term has been full of wonder. The children have explored the environment and their interests as they settle into Early Birds.

- We have:
- Been on a trip to the local park
- Enjoyed water play with dinosaurs
- Shared books and songs
- Rolled pumpkins together

We can't wait to see what adventure comes next!



Hayley, Nest Room Leader

Fledglings

All our Early Birds have settled in so well for the year from our existing ones returning from summer holidays, all our new starters, and our Nest children who have transitioned to Fledglings. We are excited to welcome a few more after half term and January!

Our new sensory room, The Aviary (a gentle space filled with the idea of peaceful birds) in our old lobby area has become a very popular place to play for our Fledglings; our Nest children have also liked spending time in there too. The Aviary has a focus on meeting children's sensory needs with some wonderful new resources.

Huge thank you to all our parent and grandparent helpers for assisting us on our Autumn walks, our Early Birds brought back lots of autumn treasures to explore back at the setting in their little brown paper bags, a favourite being conkers!

Fledglings have been doing lots with autumn treasures such as conker rolling in paint, making holes in conkers using our new hand drill and vices, making pinecones bird feeders, seeing what's inside a pumpkin and exploring the contents and making patterns in leaves using hole punchers. We also loved apple pressing making our own apple juice!

Ebony, Setting Leader

School Reception Applications

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they will be moving to school reception in September 2026.



Applications open on **Monday 3rd November**

and the deadline for on time applications is **Thursday 15th January 2026**. Click on the link below for more information
[School Applications](#)



Photographer

Jenner Mackay James Photography will be visiting us on

Monday 10th November

If your child doesn't attend on a Monday, you are welcome to bring them along for a photo, please email for an appointment time.

For more information go to

www.jennermackayjames.com



Staffing Updates

Welcome to Millie who is our new helper in the Fledglings room



Sarah has settled back in Fledglings after a year in the Nest



Congratulations to Natasha who has been with Early Birds for 15 years!

Autumn/ Halloween Dress Up Day

Monday 3rd November,

We will celebrate our first day back with a Halloween/autumn dress up day. Please wear something you already have at home such as onesies, character jumpers, scarves for capes, pumpkin outfits etc (nothing scary please!).



Children in Need

Friday 14th November

Wear something spotty for Children in Need - clothes, pyjamas, socks, ribbons. Please bring a donation for Children in Need.

Suggested donation £1



Speech and Language

Children develop speech, language, and communication skills at different rates, and it's completely normal for there to be variation. However, understanding the typical milestones for your child's age can help you feel confident about their development - or know when to seek a bit of extra support.

We recommend visiting the Speech and Language UK website, where you can find helpful information about what to expect from birth to 5 years, as well as complete a free online progress check. This quick tool allows you to assess your child's communication skills and will give clear guidance on what to do next if there are any concerns.

If you complete the check or have any worries about your child's speech or language development, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's key person. We're here to support you and your child every step of the way. Let's continue working together to help every child grow in confidence and communication!

www.speechandlanguage.org.uk

Have a great half term! We will be back on Monday 3rd November

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