

# Book Review

## ***Be Back Soon: Anna Wilson and Jenny Bloomfield***

Our Assistant Head Teacher and Early Years Lead at Mundella School, was immediately drawn to this book. She shared her love of seeing the birds in the Spring, hearing the morning chorus and her sense of joyfulness that “the birds had returned after their winter migration”.

Be Back Soon is one of those gentle, reassuring picture books that feels like a big, comforting hug.

The story follows a young child whose parent needs to go away for a while. Even though they say they'll be back soon, the child can't help wondering what if they forget? Or what if something goes wrong? It's such a familiar worry for little ones, and the book captures those feelings beautifully. Such worries will be familiar to those working in an early year setting and Louisa could see how the book would support exploring those feelings with children in a safe way.

Anna Wilson's text is simple, rhythmic, and easy to read aloud. The repeated reassurances and gently reminding children that being apart doesn't mean being forgotten.

The story is beautiful illustrated by Jenny Bloomfield. The pictures bring the story to life. They're soft, warm, and full of emotion — you can see exactly how the child is feeling on each page. The cosy scenes and subtle details give plenty to talk about together while reading.

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*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss*