



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2026-2027
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W/C 14 Sept 2026

- Friday 25 Sept

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Diary Dates

The Whole
School Attendance for
week commencing 14
September was 98.2%



Nursery 2027

Nursery Application forms for a September 2027 start are now available on the school website. The closing date for applications is 31 January 2027.

Reception 2027

Children born between 1/09/22-31/08/23 start full time school in September 2027. Please apply online at [Solihull.gov.uk](https://solihull.gov.uk)
The closing date for applications is 15 January 2027. Offers will be made 16 April 2027.

Year 2 Parents - Junior School Applications

The Portal is now live for you to apply for your child's Junior School place from September 2027. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2027. Please click [here](#) for further details and to apply.

Information Evening

A huge thank you to all parents who attended our Information Evening on Wednesday. It was lovely to meet so many new parents and see some familiar faces. We hope you found the evening useful. The presentations can be found on our [website here](#).

INFORMATION
EVENING

EHCP Drop In

An EHCP drop in will be taking place on 25th September between 9.30am – 12.00pm at The Loft in Chelmsley Wood. The team will be advising SEND parents on October and Christmas holidays and what is available to them.

Please switch off your engine outside school

As the weather gets colder and wetter, we know it can be tempting to sit in the car with the engine running while waiting at school. However, we ask that all parents and carers switch off their engines while stationary, wherever possible. Exhaust fumes from petrol and diesel vehicles contribute to unnecessary air pollution around the two school entrances, where our children are walking and waiting. Switching off your engine while waiting can make a positive difference.
For those driving electric vehicles, thank you for already helping to reduce exhaust emissions.
Let's work together to keep the air around our school as clean and healthy as possible for everyone!

Mrs Harlow and the Eco Team

Parent Survey- Early Years and School Aged Children

Please can we ask parents to take a moment to complete the survey [here](#)
Solihull Council are seeking the view of parents/carers on the early years and school age childcare offer in Solihull. Thank you

Help for families with food, money and everyday essentials

As the new school year gets underway, schools may be identifying children and families who are struggling with the cost of living. Here2Help provides and catalogues information, advice and practical support on a range of issues including money, food, energy costs, housing and wellbeing. Crisis and Resilience Fund also offers crisis support.

For more information click [here](#).

Curriculum Overviews for Parents

Autumn Term 1 Curriculum
Overviews are available to view on our website [here](#)



Walking to School



Walking to school has many benefits and parents and carers who walk to school with their children often see this as some of the most precious time they have with them. Solihull MBC have lots of supportive information for parents by clicking on the link below.

[Starting school with Small Steps | Road safety advice for road users | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 25 September 2026 – 9.00am

We will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday 25 September at 9.00am in the school hall for Macmillan Cancer Support. We would kindly ask that you bring in a cake donation anything from cupcakes, muffins to flapjacks, home-made or shop brought (a reminder that we are a nut-free school). Children are invited to 'dress-down' and wear the Macmillan colours of pink/purple/white or green. A £2.00 donation would be gratefully received – please hand to your class teacher on the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Weekly Attendance w/c 14 September 2026	%
Nursery	92.5
Reception	98.5
Year 1	99.5
Year 2	98
Overall Attendance	98.2%

Nursery



We have had another fun week in Nursery, settling in and getting to know each other. This week, we continued to think about our Nursery rules and how important it is to follow these. We have been very impressed about how independently the children have been coming into the classroom in the morning, carrying their own belongings and putting them away – well done Nursery! The children have also created some wonderful paintings this week and we have put some of these up in the classroom so the children can be very proud of their work – I actually think we have a class of artists! We have had great fun using playdough again this week. The children enjoyed looking at our own facial features in mirrors and adding these to our playdough faces. Using playdough has great benefits to help develop the children's fine motor skills, as they manipulate the dough in different ways including pulling, stretching, pinching and rolling. Next week, is our 'What to do about poo!' week! We will be thinking about how we know when we need the toilet, reinforcing using the toilet and talking about the importance of washing our hands. If you have not yet done so, please could we ask you to send in a photograph of your child and their family. During the week beginning Monday 21st September, the children will be showing these photos in small groups and talking about who is in their family. For this purpose, please do write on the back who each member of the family is so we can support the children. Finally, we would like to thank all the parents who were able to attend our Information Evening earlier this week. It was lovely to welcome you into school and talk to you in more detail about Nursery.

Reception

The children have settled beautifully into Reception and have been busy exploring, learning and making new friends. We are so proud of them! This week we began our phonics journey, learning the sounds s, a, t and p. The children have had lots of fun practising writing the sounds on whiteboards and even in sand and glitter! Have a go at practising these sounds together at home. Can your child spot them in books, on signs or even in their name? In Maths, we have been learning all about subitising – being able to recognise how many objects there are without counting them. Our focus has been on 2 and 3. We discovered that it doesn't matter how counters are arranged – there are still the same number! The children then showed their understanding using finger paints to make their own arrangements of 2 and 3. Quickly show your child some dots or objects. Ask, "Is it 2 or NOT 2?" or "Is it 3 or NOT 3?" Can they recognise the amount without counting? We have been learning how to find a safe space, in PE. We enjoyed a listening game where the children had to move out of their hoops and quickly find a new safe space. They were fantastic listeners!

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Curriculum Evening. It was lovely to meet you and share more about your child's learning in Reception. If you were unable to attend, don't worry! The PowerPoint will be available on the school website for you to look through.

Next week we will be launching our new topic and diving into the wonderful world of *Where the Wild Things Are*! We can't wait to see where our imaginations take us...

A little reminder: Every Friday we will be visiting The Nest, so please send your child in with a pair of named wellies in a named carrier bag each Friday.

Year 1



What a fantastic week of learning we have had in Year 1! On Monday, we travelled back in time and experienced what life was like in a Victorian school. Our Victorian workshop was a wonderful start to our learning about the Victorian era, and the children thoroughly enjoyed experiencing what school was like in the past. In English, we have been writing lists of the objects that Floyd threw into the tree in the story *Stuck*. We also used our imaginations to think about what we would throw into a tree if our kite became stuck! In Maths, we have been learning about number lines. We created our own number lines and have been focusing on accurate number formation. In Art, we created large snail spirals using chalk and oil pastels. The children enjoyed experimenting with different colours and creating their own unique spiral designs. In Science, we have been learning about wild plants. We discussed the wild plants that we already know and began thinking about where we might find them in our environment.

Looking ahead to next week in English, we will be focusing on sentence structure and remembering to include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In Maths, we will be identifying odd and even numbers and using practical resources to help us recognise them. In Art, we will be using our outdoor environment to produce large-scale spirals, using different parts of our bodies to create our designs. In History, we will be learning about the life of Queen Victoria, continuing our learning about the Victorian era. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a very drama filled week this week, we started our week with the story of *The Three Little Pigs* – we recapped our knowledge of this story and used our acting skills to act out the story; we had some very convincing Big Bad Wolves! Following this, we decided to change either the characters or materials to allow us to write our own versions of the story. In Maths, we have been recapping our number facts within 20 and then extending this knowledge to addition and subtraction within 100. We have been fantastic scientists this week and started our first investigation of the year, our long-term investigation will allow us to discover how we will change over the course of our final year at Streetsbrook. In Art, we have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy and Alice Fox, both artists use the natural world around them to create their artwork – in the coming weeks, we will also be creating pieces of art inspired by them. We ended our week with a day full of drama and history, Florence Nightingale visited us and taught us all about her life and the changes she made to hospitals – in a couple of weeks, we will compare the life of Florence Nightingale to the life of Mary Seacole. Also, thank you to all of the parents who attended our information evening this week.

Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare we have been exploring the book 'Find Your Happy'. We have been thinking about ourselves, our families and friends around us.

Aswell as looking at our family photographs in our Rockets family album we have also been drawing family members and talking about them using lots of descriptive language. We used the paint pens to paint our self-portraits using a mirror to guide us, deciding which skin tone and hair colours we needed to use. We then used natural items such as stones, twigs, leaves and cones etc to build 3D pictures of our family members. We had so much fun working together with our friends to make a giant piece of collaborative artwork using household items such as forks, whisks and spatulas to print interesting patterns with paint. We designed our picture and shared ideas along the way to build our artwork up into a fabulous giant mural. Next week we will continue to read our themed book but also begin to explore the Autumn season. We look forward to seeing your Autumn collections bag, we've been hearing all about the fun you've had gathering items so far. Please send in wellies for your child as we will be accessing the woodland area over the next few weeks to further explore the season.





Sharmans Cross Junior School

Patience • Independence • Empathy
Responsibility • Determination

Open Day

Come and see what makes
Sharmans Cross Junior School
a great place to be!



Tuesday 6th October

9.30am
(Session 1)

5.00pm
(Session 2)



We kindly ask that you do not arrive before 9.15am,
as this allows us to safely settle all of our children
into school before welcoming visitors.



<https://sharmanscross.greenhousecms.co.uk/>



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HEALTHY PARENT CARER COURSE



The Course:

- ✓ Free for Parent Carers
- ✓ once a week for 6 weeks, 2.5 hrs per week
- ✓ Delivered by Parent Carers
- ✓ Designed by Exeter University and Parent Carers
- ✓ Every Monday 12th October - 9th November 9:30 - 12
- ✓ Whar Hall community centre Whar Hall Road Solihull B920PG
- ✓ to sign up please fill out the form <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/cV79Jb9Pzb>

You need to look after yourself too!

Solihull Parent Carer Voice C.I.C are delivering a course for parent carers around their own well-being. This parent-led programme is helping to improve the well-being of parent carers of children and young people with SEND.

EHCP & Send Support Drop-In 25th September 2026

Worried about your child's learning or development? Got questions about SEN support or EHCP'S?

Do you live in Solihull or does your child attend a Solihull school?

Come along and meet representatives from Solihull services to ask questions, seek advice, and talk about your child's needs — whether they are receiving SEN Support or have an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan), with or without a diagnosis.

This is a great opportunity to:

- ✓ Get information
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Share concerns
- ✓ Access local support

Everyone welcome - no booking required!

**Friday 25th September 2026
9.30am - 12:00pm The loft West Mall
Chelmsley Wood Solihull B37 5TN**