



# Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Diary Dates

|               |                          |              |                             |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| - Tues 6 Oct  | Year 1 Workshop – 9.00am | - Thu 15 Oct | Reception Workshop – 9.00am |
| - Thu 8 Oct   | PTA Meeting – 2.00pm     | - Fri 16 Oct | PTA Disco – Yrs 1 & 2       |
| - Thu 8 Oct   | Harvest Assembly         | - Thu 22 Oct | PTA Non-uniform day         |
| - Tues 13 Oct | School Photos            | - Thu 22 Oct | Last day of term            |

### PTA DONUT SALE AFTER SCHOOL – FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2026

To help raise funds for the Sports Hall Project, the PTA will be holding a Donut sale after school today. Donuts will cost £1.00 each and payment by card is preferable (if paying by cash, please ensure you have the exact change). A huge Thank You to Asda for donating the donuts.



### School Photographs



Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 13 October to take individual and sibling photographs. **Please can we ask all children to be in full uniform on this day even if it is normally their PE day.** Thank you

### Inset Day – Friday 23 October

A reminder that School & Childcare finish for the half term break on Thursday 22 October and will reopen on Monday 2 November.

**Streetsbrook Childcare is open on Friday 23 October for holiday club only**



### PTA AUTUMN FUNDRAISER

*Keep a look out for Autumn fundraiser events for you to do with your child during October half term - further details coming out soon!*

### Parking Issues

If you witness an incident which you perceive to be dangerous, please report it to the following email address :mail:

[shirley@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:shirley@westmidlands.police.uk)



### Harvest Assembly

A reminder that the Harvest Assembly will take place on Thursday 8 October – please click [here](#) for the letter sent home detailing the donation requests. Many thanks for your support.

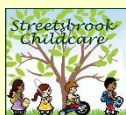


### Afterschool Clubs

To book a place in on of afterschool clubs, please [click here](#) to access the Extra Curricular Clubs page of our website for details of how to book.

### October Half Term Holiday Club

There are limited spaces now left for October Half Term Holiday Club **(we are full on Tuesday and Wednesday).**



If you would like to book a place, please click on the link below and complete the form. Once we have received your form, we will send you an invoice to confirm your place, which must be paid within 3 days of receipt to secure your booking:-

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/g2eRYA0dCk?origin=lpr>  
[Link](#)

### Numbots



I'm delighted to inform you that we are continuing to use an online learning platform called NumBots.

The aim of this app is to support your child's understanding of number bonds and to help their addition and subtraction skills.

These are the essential building blocks for higher-level maths concepts, so we are excited by the impact that NumBots will have on your child's learning. You will find your log in details on your child's reading log wallet, on a sticker. It has been fantastic to see so many children logging on and playing different levels this week, thank you so much! Please remember this is not compulsory but is there to enhance your child's learning and increase their Maths fluency.

Miss Cartwright, Maths Lead

**Nursery** Thank you to everyone for sending in photos of our Nursery children with their families. We shared these in small groups this week and it was so lovely to see how proud everyone was to show their photo and talk about who is in their family.

I cannot believe how quickly the weeks are flying by! The children are now fully into the swing of Nursery life and we are so proud of how independently they are coming into the classroom in the mornings. This week, as well as talking about their families, the children have continued to explore the learning environment. At our Maths area the children have been using tools to find a range of numbers hidden in rice which has been a lot of fun! The children have also continued to love spending time in our outdoor area and the mud kitchen is proving to be a firm favourite with the children exploring our resources and making some wonderful 'food'!

Next week, we are going to be thinking about Autumn. If you fancy going on an Autumn walk this weekend (weather dependent!) then we would welcome the children to bring in any of their Autumn finds – this could be leaves, twigs, acorns, pinecones etc. If you do bring any in, please do explain to your child that they will be used for the whole class to explore! Thank you!



## Year 2

This week has felt very autumnal in our learning – In English, we have been basing our writing and role play around the story *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell. We have been acting out the story, sequencing it and recording the main events to help us in the upcoming weeks, which will encourage us to rewrite the narrative. Maths has been tricky this week, we have been working on adding together 3, 1-digit numbers and then using this skill to solve word problems – the children worked incredibly hard to achieve their goals within this. In Art, we have been creating pieces of art inspired by Alice Fox and Andy Goldsworthy; we collected natural items from The Nest and used them to create some wonderful artwork. It has been very germey in Science this week, we have been discussing what we need to stay healthy and this week we were focussing on germs. We conducted an experiment to see what would happen if we handled a piece of bread with unwashed hands, and another piece of bread with washed hands. They are currently hanging up in our classrooms and we are looking forward to seeing if our predictions are correct.



## Year 1

What a super week of learning we have had in Year 1! The children have worked incredibly hard and have shown such enthusiasm across all areas of the curriculum.

In English, we became Floyd from the story *Stuck*. We thought carefully about how the character might be feeling and challenged ourselves to write in the first person. This is a challenging concept for Year 1, but the children did so well! They used their imaginations to think about how they would feel after throwing all of the different objects into the tree. In Maths, we have been learning our number bonds to 10. Can the children recall these to you over the weekend? Why not make it into a fun challenge and see how quickly they can remember them?

In Science, we have been learning the definitions of evergreen and deciduous trees and beginning to understand the differences between the two types of trees. In Art, we have been practising our hand-eye coordination by continuously drawing shell shapes and trying our very best not to take our pencil off the paper. The children have shown fantastic concentration and perseverance with this tricky skill.

Next week in English, we will be learning how to label artefacts linked to our History topic on the Victorians. We will also be learning how to write a caption. In Maths, we will be using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us find subtraction facts. On Thursday, we have our Harvest Festival assembly and will then be visiting the local allotment. **Please bring wellies and raincoats should the weather forecast suggest wet weather.** We are also looking forward to welcoming you to our Phonics and Reading Workshop on Tuesday morning. It will be a great opportunity to support your children with their learning at home and give you an insight into our approach through a mini live lesson. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

## Reception

This week in Reception, children have continued their learning with *Where the Wild Things Are*. They've painted and collaged Max's boat and made their own Wild Things masks.

In PE, they've been practising ball skills, keeping the ball close, rolling and controlling it. They've also enjoyed listening games and following instructions carefully. In Maths, they've continued careful counting and explored positional language through songs and rhymes that include words like over, under, up and down. You could try those at home too; maybe putting a toy over a cushion or under a chair and letting your child direct you. Speaking of discovery, we've also started guided reading. We have begun with wordless books to encourage storytelling and observation. These can be used at home through the Collins Hub. You might like to ask your child what they see in the pictures, retell the story together, or even blend simple sounds together to make words. You can also help them connect the pictures to their own experiences, like a walk in the rain, a trip to the park, and weave that into their storytelling. On Friday we enjoyed visiting the Nest area, looking for mini beasts, counting slugs, and spotting autumn treasures like pinecones and changing leaves.

Next week, we have our Harvest assembly on Thursday. The children have been working hard to learn our Harvest song; The Bean Song, ready for this.

## Streetsbrook Childcare

This week we have been enjoying some Autumn themed fun, the weather has been nice, so we pulled on our wellies and made the most of visiting the woodland area. We explored the sights, smells and sounds of the season as we walked around the bushes, climbed the wood pile hills and balanced on the stumps. We collected some interesting shaped leaves to make some caterpillar skewers, We threaded the skewer through the leaf to make a caterpillar body and added a conker for his head. We also created Autumn tree pictures on paper plates by carefully rolling tissue paper into leaf shapes and adding them to the stick branches. In the math area we have been weighing out amounts of conkers and discovering which piles are heavy or light, we then used the conkers and cones to roll down the guttering slopes, we found the higher the slope the faster the conker rolled. We really enjoyed an autumn yoga session and perfected our balance skills as we formed different poses of trees, hedgehogs, foxes and leaves. Please make sure your child has labelled wellies here for any time we take a trip outdoors.