



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2025-26
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- Weds 29 Apr Streetsbrook's Mini Marathon
- Fri 1 May School Council's Mad May Hair Day
- Mon 18 May Year 2 African Drumming Session
- Tues 19 May Sports Day at Streetsbrook (Reception AM, KS1 PM)
- Fri 22 May Nursery Circus Workshop

Diary Dates

The Whole
School Attendance for
week commencing 20
April was 97.%



Nursery Spaces for September 2026 are still available!!

We are still accepting places for Nursery aged children from September 2026. If you would like to book a place, please fill out the [admissions form](#) and return as soon as possible.

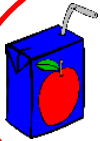
Marathon helpers

Thank you to those who have volunteered to marshal at the marathon next Wednesday – we could really do with a few more helpers please! If you can help marshal, please contact the school office. Many thanks.



PTA TREAT

As the weather is getting warmer, on Friday 1 May the PTA will be selling ice lollies and soft drinks on the playground at the end of the day (cash only)



Mental Health & Wellbeing

Please click [here](#) for information on supporting your child's mental health from the Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Team.

Money and Careers Week at Streetsbrook 15th- 19th June 2026 09-13

Following a very successful event last year we will be holding another **Money and Careers week** at Streetsbrook this year, running from 15th-19th June. A highlight of last year was the fabulous career sessions presented to our **Year 2 children** by a number of our parents. If you have previously been involved with this and would like to take part again please contact Miss Cartwright via the school office. We are also really keen to encourage more parents to share their insight into the world of work. Understandably talking to a group of six and seven year olds about your job may seem like a rather daunting prospect but rest assured school staff will be able to advise and support in advance and throughout the session. Please do have a think about it! If you feel you could present a short session (10-15 minutes is ideal), followed by a short Q & A opportunity, to our Year 2 children, outlining your role, the skills you need for this role and the path you took to get there. We would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Miss Cartwright via the school office to have a chat about a suitable day and time. It would be really appreciated!

Weekly Attendance w/c
20th April 2026

%

Nursery

95.9

Reception

97.2

Year 1

98.8

Year 2

98.3

Overall Attendance

97.8%



Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing...please do take a look when you're next in and remember to label all clothing!

Year 2 to 3 Transition

Teachers have started to discuss Year 2/3 transition with our Year 2 children. For those transitioning to Sharmans Cross Junior School this will include asking each child to name four children they would wish to be included in their new Year 3 class. These requests are completed confidentially, and the four names are not prioritised by order. Children are most welcome to request children from the parallel class as well as their own. Of the four children nominated we will make every effort to ensure each child is placed in a class with at least one of the children on their list, however this cannot be guaranteed. The make-up of the classes for Sharmans Cross is one of the most challenging tasks undertaken by Year 2 staff and I am sure you will appreciate there are numerous factors, alongside children's requests, which must be taken into consideration. Before your child makes their request on Tuesday 5th May you may wish to discuss this process with them and support them in making their selection. Should you have any additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. Infant schools send classes to Junior schools by the week beginning 8th June. There can be no changes made at Infant school end once the classes are sent. Thank you.

Nursery Nursery are really enjoying our Circus topic and this week we have been practising some of our circus skills and dressing up as circus performers. We continued to think about the different jobs at the circus including all the different types of performers. The children have loved taking part in all our circus themed activities and we have been impressed with their enthusiasm.



In phonics, we have been learning the rhyme 'One, Two, Buckle My Shoe' which the children have been singing beautifully. We have made the /v/ sound and played 'What's in the Box?' and 'Blend from the Box' using this sound. Can your child find anything at home beginning with /v/?

Next week we will be learning some new circus skills including 'Hook a Duck' which I know the children will love! Please remember that it is our **Streetsbrook Marathon on Wednesday 29th April** where Nursery will be taking part in their own mini version of the marathon. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 2 This week we have written our own versions of the story Elephant by Petr Horacek, and our teachers are so proud of us! We have worked hard to showcase all of the writing skills we have learnt throughout the year; this has allowed us to create some truly wonderful pieces of writing - please ask us about the stories we created this week! Our ability to showcase our imaginations has been a common theme in all of our subjects this week, in Computing and Music we have been



making Digital Music using Chrome Music Lab. We also used coloured counters to help us make patterns and work together to create pieces of music with different instruments - we have been focusing on

rhythm and pulse. Our time telling skills are going from strength to strength, lots of us can now tell the time in 5-minute intervals! Wow! It is important for us to keep practising o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past, please give us lots of opportunities at home for us to do this. Next week, in English, we will be looking at the purpose and features of instructions, this will prepare us for writing our own instructions ensuring they are in chronological order and include time words. In Maths, we will be looking at capacity next week and reading different scales.



Year 1 What a busy week we have had in Year 1!

In English, we have been enjoying our new focus story for this half term, *The Deep Dark Wood* by Algy Craig Hall. We have been learning to use question marks and writing sentences to describe characters from the story. In Maths, we have been using the vocabulary "greater than", "less than" and "equal to", using Annie the Alligator symbols to represent this. In Science, we have been observing and recording our findings from our experiment. We have noticed some definite signs of roots sprouting. In Art, we have been drawing from real-life objects. The children really enjoyed taking their time to carefully sketch real feathers. In Computing, we have been learning about the features of a keypad and experimenting with changing fonts.

Next week in English, we will be sequencing the events of the story and writing sentences to retell it. We will also be thinking about other tales that remind us of *The Deep Dark Wood*. In Maths, we will be recording and comparing mass and weight. In PE, we are continuing with our dance unit and our striking and fielding activities, which the children are really enjoying. In Art, we will be building up to the process of creating a 3D bird. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday as you join us for our mini marathon in support of a charity that is very close to our hearts.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, The Year 1 Team

Reception Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me.....OH!!!! There was a thief on the loose in Streetsbrook this week, they caught the gingerbread man and ate him!!! Reception couldn't believe their eyes when they made the discovery of the crime scene on Thursday morning, so they investigated the clues, followed the crumbs and footprints. We were shocked that all of the clues led to...Mrs Ward in the PPA room!!

In Maths, we have been consolidating the composition of six. The children have been great with fast fingers and finding different ways to make six with cubes, numicon and counters.

Our learning has continued with the Gingerbread Man and the children have been writing captions and wanted posters to find the Gingerbread Man. They are becoming so confident with thinking about their sentence first before saying it and writing it. Some of the children are still finding it tricky to remember their capital letter at the start when writing their sentences. Please continue to practise writing sentences at home and remind them of their capital letters and full stops.

The children loved this week's book club. A huge thank you to our Secret Readers! We really appreciate you giving up your time to come and read to the children and making it exciting for them.

Next week, is the Marathon. We would love it if you could join us on Wednesday morning to cheer the children (and the teachers!) on. If you are up to the challenge, you are welcome to run with your child.

Streetsbrook Childcare This week in Childcare we carried on with our Rainbow Fish activities by making a giant collaborative artwork fish, we all decorated an individual scale with glitter, sequins and shimmery paint. We then put them all together on a fish template which you can see on our door. As Wednesday was earth day we spent the day learning about how to look after the planet, we grouped different actions such as leaving lights on or recycling rubbish into either good or bad for the Earth. We made an edible wormery for snack by making layers of chocolate mouse, crushed bourbon biscuits and crumbled Oreos for mud and soil then added jelly worms onto the top. We also made a large 3D Earth from papier mache which we sponge painted green and blue. To celebrate St Georges Day on Thursday we made flags to wave out of paper and straws and used letter sponges to spell and print our names making our personal coat of arms which we put onto a shield. Please remember next week is our annual Streetsbrook Marathon, we will be joining in with the warm up then having some physical fun in the childcare garden. If you would like to join in with the run either with siblings or just with your child you will need to collect and stay with them until completed.