# Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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| Fri 23 Oct | INSET Day |
| Fri 13 Nov | Children in Need – non uniform day |
| Fri 13 Nov | Book Fair |

Diary Dates

The Whole School Attendance for week commencing 19 October was 96%

## Please come to our Brilliant Book Fair!

**Opening Hours:**

**Friday 13 November 2026**
3.15pm – 4.15pm (Hall)
(Children in Need Day)

**Monday 16 November**
7.30am - 8.30am (Foyer)
3.15pm – 4.15pm (Foyer)

Scan the QR code to pay online!

**Payments online – please!**

Please scan the QR code or use www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk

Our postcode is **B90 3LB**

Streetsbrook Infant School

*Payments can also be made in cash







* Titles that sell out fast can be ordered for delivery on Thursday 19 Nov.

**HELP EARN FREE BOOKS**

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

## Curriculum Overviews for Parents

Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Overviews are available to view on our website here



**Harvest Collection – message from Helping Hands Charity**

A huge thank you Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy for your Harvest Collection! We're so grateful for your support. Every donation makes a real difference, helping us replenish our stocks so we can continue supporting individuals and families in our community.

Thank you for being part of Helping Hands!




## PSHE Workshop





This week the children in KS1 were able to engage in a PSHE workshop delivered by a SCARF facilitator. The children were able to meet Harold the Giraffe who helped them explore the workshops based on gratitude and taking care of our feelings. Our new PSHE scheme, SCARF, stands for Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. More information on this will be available on the Curriculum Overviews and the website is currently being updated to reflect this change.

## Children in Need Non-Uniform Day
## Friday 13 November 2026



At Streetsbrook we have been long time supporters of Children in Need, however this year whilst we will be marking the day with a non-uniform day (Please wear Yellow/ Spots /Pudsey themed clothes) and a special lunch, due to our focus on Sports Hall fund raising we will not be asking families for an additional donation for CIN.

If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need please do this in another way or by using the following link donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

Thank you!

* Friday 13 November is also our Book Fair we'd love to see you there!

| Weekly Attendance w/c 19 October 2026 | % |
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| Nursery | 87.1 |
| Reception | 96 |
| Year 1 | 98.3 |
| Year 2 | 96 |
| **Overall Attendance** | **96%** |

## Nursery





I cannot quite believe that we are already at the end of our first half term. We are so super proud of how the children have settled into Nursery life and we are looking forward to our next half term of fun!
We have continued to have lots of fun in Nursery this week including fishing for numbers and playing with a variety of fish toys in the water. We have also played circle games practising saying our friends' names.
When we start back after half term, our topic will be 'Fireworks' where we will be thinking about Bonfire Night and taking part in lots of activities linked to this. Please do have a look at our topic word bank which can be found here: **Bonfire Night** Please remember, if you would like your child to have milk at snack time during the morning, you can sign up to 'Cool Milk' via their website here – we have a few children who are requesting milk at snack time, so please do consider if this is something your child would like – it is free, but you must register!
Thank you to all the parents who came to Parent Consultations, it was lovely to see so many of you ☺ Have a fantastic half term break with your families.

## Year 2

We can't quite believe we have reached the end of our first half term in Year 2 already! This week in Maths, we have been recapping some of the concepts we have found tricky, particularly using the column method for addition and subtraction. We have also been exploring our new spatial reasoning unit in Mastering Number. In English, we have been learning all about instructions, identifying their key features and practising how to follow them. We then put our learning into action by writing our own instructions to draw a monster! During PE combined with science, we explored how exercise affects our heart rates and discussed why keeping active is important for our bodies. As always, our guided reading and spelling sessions have continued throughout the week.
We are so proud of how the children have settled into Year 2 and embraced their learning over the past few weeks. We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and enjoy some well-deserved rest and time together.
We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term of learning in Autumn 2. Have a lovely break, everyone!

## Year 1

What a super last week of half term! We are so proud of all the children and everything they have achieved during their first half term in Year 1. In English, we have been using adjectives to extend our sentences, remembering to read our work back to ourselves to check that it makes sense. The children have also enjoyed writing about their feelings, remembering to use capital letters and full stops. In maths, we have been comparing and describing lengths and heights through practical activities. The children particularly enjoyed putting themselves in height order! In geography, we have been identifying and evaluating the amenities in a local park and thinking of ways they could be improved. We have also continued to practise reading and writing our Year One tricky words. Please could you practise these with your child over half term to help build their confidence and fluency. Our first week back is full of exciting new learning! Our new topic is called 'Let's Celebrate', where we will be exploring and learning about all kinds of celebrations. In English, we will be writing sentences linked to festivals and celebrations, including Bonfire Night and Diwali. In maths, we will be developing our understanding of teen numbers, remembering our important rule that teen numbers start with a one! In science, we will be identifying and labelling the basic parts of the human body and matching them to our five senses. In history, we will begin learning about the Gunpowder Plot. On Friday, we will kick-start our new topic with an exciting WOW day! The children will take part in lots of activities linked to Bonfire Night and Diwali, using art to showcase their own firework creations and exploring firework-inspired dance moves. We can't wait to see their creativity and enthusiasm!
Have a fabulous half term, enjoy the Halloween celebrations, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term of learning!
The Year 1 Team

## Reception

What a lovely first half term we have had in Reception! We have been so busy learning, exploring and having fun together, and it has been wonderful to see how much the children have grown in confidence.
This week, we have been recapping everything we have learnt in phonics so far. We have been focusing on oral blending (listening to the sounds in a word and putting them together) and reading simple CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant), such as *cat, dog, pin* and *bed*. Please continue to practise this at home over half term. You could say the sounds in a word, such as *c-a-t*, and encourage your child to blend them together to say *cat*. Little and often makes a big difference! In maths, we have been exploring the different ways numbers can be made, focusing on the composition of numbers to 5. We have also been practising recognising numerals. You could continue this learning at home by looking for numbers in your everyday environment, counting objects and exploring different ways to make 5.
We have enjoyed lots of lovely discussions about autumn, thinking about the changes we can see happening around us. We have been talking about the colours of the leaves, the changing weather and the signs that tell us autumn is here.
In PE, we have been working together in teams and scoring points for our team. We have also been developing our ball skills, practising rolling, bouncing and catching. The children have enjoyed challenging themselves and cheering each other on! It was lovely to see you all over the last couple of days at our Parents' Consultations. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into Reception and the progress they have already made. They have worked incredibly hard, and it has been wonderful to share their achievements with you.
We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break and some special family time. Here are a few simple ideas to enjoy together over half term:

- 🎲 Play board games – a great way to practise turn-taking, counting and recognising numbers.
- 🍁 Go on an autumn walk – talk about what you can see, hear and feel. Can you spot different coloured leaves, listen to the birds or crunch through fallen leaves?
- 🎨 Get creative – paint or draw autumnal pictures using the beautiful colours of the season.
- 📚 Keep practising phonics – revisit familiar sounds and have fun blending simple CVC words together.
- ❤️ Enjoy time as a family – the simplest moments together can make the loveliest memories.

Most importantly, have fun, enjoy the break and give yourselves time to relax!
We look forward to welcoming everyone back after half term, ready for another exciting half term of learning and exploring together.

## Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Rockets we have continued to explore the season Autumn and have been creating pictures of Autumn trees using real leaves that we have found outside and cut up. We also looked at how many people live in our houses; the children were encouraged to use language such as more or less. We also made a fruit and vegetable rainbow and enjoyed sorting the fruit and vegetables in the different colours. After sorting the colours, we looked at the names and sizes and, of course we had to taste the fruit to talk about how it tasted, which was the best bit!
Reminder: After half-term, on Tuesday 3rd November, we are having a Halloween fun day. Children can come in fancy dress if they wish.

# Calendar of PTA Events Autumn Term 26

Thu 22 Oct – Last day of term - Non uniform day (£2.00 suggested donation) & Tuckshop after school

October half term pumpkin creation for all children to participate in



Fri 6 Nov – Bright Sparks Donation Day



Fri 27 Nov – Christmas Fair – 5.00-7.00pm

## FATHER CHRISTMAS PLEA

**We are desperately short of helpers!!**

Do you know anyone who would be willing to help out by stepping into a red suit and bringing festive cheer as **Father Christmas** at our Christmas Fair on Friday 27 November – suit and elves provided!! If so, please do get in touch. Many thanks, PTA. Unfortunately, this event may have to be cancelled if we do not get any helpers, which would be incredibly sad.



*Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy PTA*

## Friday 6 November 2026

## Bright Sparks Day



No need for school uniform.
Dress in as many BRIGHT colours as you can.
This ties in with the school's focus on wearing bright clothes for road safety and celebrates November's Bonfire Night and Diwali.

Please bring in a donation for the Christmas Fair: (there's not long to go…)

| Year Group: | Please Donate: |
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| Nursery & Reception | Chocolate (must not contain nuts) (Any tins, boxes or bars for this popular stall) |
| Year 1 & Childcare | Children's Tombola items - toys, gifts for children in new or great condition please |
| Year 2 | Bottles (anything in a bottle, from champagne to bubble bath or non-alcoholic drinks) |

Please leave your donations in the box in your child's classroom

*Don't worry if you don't have an item from your year group, donate whatever you can!*

*Many thanks - Your PTA*

## Autumn Pumpkin Creation

Dear Parents

Over half term the PTA would like to set all children a challenge of creating the most awesome Pumpkin. This could range from carving a pumpkin or just simply decorating one!

Once you have created your pumpkin, please take a photo of it and email it in to office@streetsbrook.solihull.sch.uk.

We will create a slideshow of the pictures for all the children to see the creations.

To continue to raise funds for the new sports hall, we would ask for a donation of £2.00 to take part in this event (please bring this into school straight after half term) or make the payment on ParentPay under the **'Autumn Pumpkin Creation 26'** payment item by **6 November 2026**.

All entries will receive a chocolate treat.