Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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W/C 9 November 2026

- Mon 16 Nov Book Fair 7.30-8.30 am & 3.15-4.15pm

Diary Dates

The Whole School Attendance for week commencing 9 November was 96.4%



Remembrance Day

This week, our children took part in a special Remembrance Day tribute. Each class created their own poppies, which were proudly displayed outside the school office, creating a lovely whole-school display. Please do come and take a look at our display of poppies. During our Remembrance assembly, the children learnt, in an age-appropriate way, why we wear poppies and why we take time to remember those who have served and sacrificed for others. We were incredibly proud of how respectfully everyone took part in our minutes silence.

A big thank you also goes to all the families who were able to support the Poppy Appeal by making a donation and purchasing a poppy or other items, including slap bands, reflective zip pulls and wristbands. It has been lovely to see many children wearing their poppies with pride. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps us to support this important cause.

FAMILY DROP IN SESSIONS

Solihull Family Hubs

Family Support workers are offering a drop-in session at Shirley Heath Family Hub on Thursdays 3pm - 4pm, starting 13th November. There is no need to book, just turn up.

Our drop-in sessions offer an opportunity for children, young people, and parents/carers to seek advice, discuss worries, and access support at an early stage.

During the drop-ins, we can:

- Listen to concerns and provide guidance
- Offer emotional wellbeing support
- Help identify appropriate services and referrals
- Support with school-related issues such as attendance, friendships, and transitions
- Provide advice around family relationships and parenting concerns
- Signpost families to local community resources and support networks

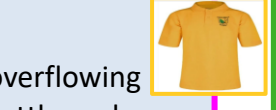
The aim of the drop-ins is to ensure families can access support quickly and prevent concerns from escalating where possible.

Christmas Production Dates

Nursery – Wednesday 9 December @ 9.15am
Reception – Thursday 10 December @ 9.30am
Year 1 – Wednesday 9 December @ 2.15pm
Year 2 Monday 14 December @ 5.00pm – Dovehouse Theatre

Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing with clothes and drinks bottles…please do take a look when you're next in and **remember to label all clothing**!



Afterschool Clubs

Places are still available in our afterschool clubs - please click here to access the Extra Curricular Clubs page of our website for details of how to book.

Weekly Attendance w/c 2 November 2026	9%
Nursery	91.9
Reception	96.8
Year 1	95.9
Year 2	97.7
Overall Attendance	**96.4%**

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CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWS!



Christmas Fair Entrance fee

Entrance to the Christmas Fair is £5.00 per family - to save time queuing, we are offering the chance for you to pre-pay the entrance fee by logging on to ParentPay and choosing the '**Christmas Fair Entrance Charge, 2026**' payment item. Upon arrival all you'll need to do is state your child's name at the school gate!



Christmas lights & decorations plea

Do you have any indoor/outdoor lights the PTA could borrow as well as any Christmas decorations/ornaments you would be prepared to loan to the PTA for the Christmas Fair on Friday 28 November please?!



Tickets to see Father Christmas at the Fair are now available to purchase on ParentPay – As tickets are limited, you'll need to be quick to grab one!





The rota is now available for you to sign up to help run a stall https://volunteersignup.org/KYYBH - Please do sign up as without your help, stalls will not be able to go ahead. Thank you





Thank you to all who participated in our Pumpkin Autumn Challenge - **£137.00** was raised which will go towards our Sports Hall project!



Thank you to those who contacted us regarding our Santa plea – we have managed to recruit a further Santa!!

Nursery






It has been another fun filled week in Nursery with lots of exciting activities which the children have enjoyed. On Monday, we shared the story Funnybones by Allan Ahlberg. The children really enjoyed listening to this, quickly picking up the repetition within the book and it was lovely to see so many of them role playing the story during the week. We had a range of activities for the children to explore which were linked to the story including small world play, creating our own skeletons using chalk and art straws and playdough skeletons. The children have been exploring their 5 senses this week and they have enjoyed taking part in activities listening, touching, smelling, tasting and looking; including exploring sand, cornflour and water, porridge and flour with our hands and smelling a variety of things including mint, basil and rosemary. This week, our sound of the week has been /a/ and everyone was fantastic at making the sound and naming a variety of objects beginning with this sound. Can your child find anything at home that begins with /a/? Find our Winter word bank here.

Finally, Friday was a great day taking part in Children in Need and we enjoyed seeing all the children's lovely outfits. During the morning, Nursery had chance to participate in some Pudsey themed activities which were enjoyed by all.

Next week, we shall begin to think about winter. We shall discuss what changes we might see and feel and the type of clothing that is worn in winter. Please can we remind all parents to ensure their child has a warm winter coat in school – we spend as much time as we can outside and we want the children to keep warm – thank you!

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been enjoying the wonderful story *A Squash and a Squeeze* by Julia Donaldson. We have been exploring our VIPERS reading skills by answering a range of questions about the text, sequencing the events of the story and discussing the feelings and emotions of one of the main characters. In maths, we have continued our learning about multiplication, focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have been using arrays to help us understand multiplication and solve a variety of equations. To support your child's learning at home, lots of opportunities to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s would be extremely beneficial.

In DT, we have been busy planning our hanging decorations, carefully choosing the shape, colours and designs we would like to use when creating them. In RE, we have continued to explore the question, *"What makes places sacred to believers?"*, sharing our thoughts and developing our understanding of different places of worship. During computing, we have continued to develop our photography skills, thinking about what makes a good photograph. We have also started our discussions and preparations for this year's Christmas play! The children are already very excited and cannot wait to find out which parts they will be playing. They will be receiving their roles and lines soon, so there is lots to look forward to over the coming weeks!

Year 1

We have had a super week of learning in Year 1! In English, we thoroughly enjoyed joining the online 'Read for Good' Michael Rosen's Poetry Party webinar. The children loved listening to a range of funny poems. We also explored the story of *Pumpkin Soup*, sequencing pictures in chronological order to retell the story. In Maths, we consolidated our learning of place value, exploring how many tens and ones are in different numbers using dienes equipment. In History, we sequenced the events of the Gunpowder Plot and learnt about why we celebrate Bonfire Night today. In PE, we have been developing our skills in tracking and receiving a ball. Next week, in Maths, we will be focusing on using jottings to represent the tens and ones in a number. In English, we will be writing sentences using adjectives to make our writing more interesting and engaging for the reader. In Science, we will be exploring our senses through a carousel of activities, identifying which sense we use for different experiences. In DT, we will be designing our own products. We will explore examples of moving picture books to inspire us as we begin creating our very own moving pictures.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Reception

It has been another busy and exciting week in Reception, with lots of learning, creativity and a little bit of Christmas magic beginning to creep in!

In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds w, v, x and y, as well as our new tricky words *has* and *his*. We have continued practising reading CVC words and have started tackling words with digraphs at the end. It has been lovely to hear some children beginning to have a go at reading these independently – lots of little reading superstars in the making! We've also officially started practising for our Christmas performance! The children have been thoroughly enjoying learning the songs and are beginning to think about which parts they might be playing. Excitement is definitely starting to build (and we may have a few budding West End performers amongst us!).

On Monday, we learnt all about Diwali, the Festival of Light. The children explored the celebrations and created their own beautiful Diya lamps using playdough and loose parts, designed colourful Rangoli patterns and had a go at creating intricate Mendhi patterns. There was some fantastic creativity and lots of lovely conversations about how different families celebrate. On Wednesday, we spent time learning about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. The children attended our special Remembrance Assembly, and we were incredibly proud of how respectfully they took part, particularly during our minute silence. A lovely moment of reflection from our youngest learners.

Next week, Christmas preparations will continue as we practise more songs and start getting to know our parts in the performance. Our apologies in advance if the Christmas songs begin to feature on repeat in your kitchens, cars and living rooms – we can only apologise! 🎄

In RE, we will also be learning about why Christmas is important to Christians and exploring the meaning behind the celebrations.

Streetsbrook Childcare



In Childcare we've had another busy week celebrating special days. For Armistice day we explored all things poppy, we made a giant collaborative poppy using tissue paper, paint and glitter which we displayed on the door. Whilst outside we collected leaves to make poppy wreaths to hang up alongside our red colouring and cutting art work. At snack time we made edible poppies out of large tomatoes, cucumber and olives yummy! At the end of the week children enjoyed having a Pudsey fun day for Children in Need, we made spotty biscuits with icing and jelly sweets, spotty bandanas using the paint dot dabbers and as this years theme is running we did a Pudsey dash in the playground to collect the spots around the track.