Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

- Thu 26 Nov Year 1 Journey to the Stable
- Fri 27 Nov Christmas Fair 5.00-7.00pm
- Tues 1 Dec Year 1 Trip to The Mac Theatre
- Thu 3 Dec Reception Trip to The Mac Theatre

The Whole School Attendance for week commencing 16 November was 95.2%

STALL VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As it stands, there will be a couple of stalls that will have to close early due to having no volunteers to run them. To avoid this, **please** click on the link below to sign up:
https://volunteersignup.org/KYYBH

Meet Father Christmas at the Fair!



Tickets are still available to meet Santa at the Christmas Fair, but they're selling out fast! Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay – book now to avoid disappointment!!!

A HUGE thank you to **DL Gibson Ltd** who have kindly sponsored the Santa gifts this year.

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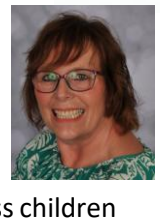


Please see here for Supporting preterm born children in school.

School Council

Our School Council met on 12th November. Please find minutes from the meeting here.

Staffing Update



It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that Mrs Caprani-Warner will be leaving Streetsbrook on Wednesday 25 November. Having been a valued member of our staff team for 21 years, she has made a significant contribution to the life of the school and to the wellbeing, learning and development of countless children and families. Her commitment, kindness and dedication have had a lasting impact on our community, and her presence will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the staff, governors and trustees, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for everything she has given to Streetsbrook over the years. We are deeply grateful for her hard work, unwavering support and wonderful sense of humour, which have enriched the lives of so many.

We wish Mrs Caprani-Warner every happiness, good health and success as she begins this exciting new chapter, and we know she will take with her the warmest wishes of the entire Streetsbrook community.

For clarity for parents in Reception, I am extremely grateful to Mrs Fidoe and Mrs Wilkes who have agreed to extend their hours to cover Mrs Caprani - Warner's role until we are able to appoint.

Parking Reminder

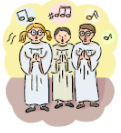
The parking situation outside the front of school has been getting progressively worse over the last few months and unfortunately without a fulltime Site Manager currently, we have been unable to put the parking signs on the kerb side. This has resulted in parents blocking residents' driveways and parking on the zigzag markings.

Please can we ask parents to park considerately, thank you.

Christmas Carol Competition – Year 2 – CANCELLED!

Unfortunately, due to a lower-than-expected level of interest, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Christmas Carol event at Touchwood on 8 December 2026.

Thank you to those who showed interest, and we apologise for any disappointment caused.



Weekly Attendance w/c 9 November 2026	%
Nursery	97.4
Reception	93.7
Year 1	94.8
Year 2	96.3
Overall Attendance	**95.2%**

Nursery





This week, we have started to think about how we will soon be moving into the season Winter. We were very impressed with the children's knowledge already and they shared some great ideas about how we can dress for winter and how the weather changes. During the week, the children took part in ice play and were given a challenge of rescuing a range of animals who had been trapped in ice! The children really enjoyed this activity and it was great to see the amount of effort they were putting in to rescuing our animals!
This week, the children have been listening to and joining in with the rhyme 'Hickory Dickory Dock' which we will continue to sing along to next week. We have also been learning the sound /t/ in phonics which the children have mastered well – can they find anything at home beginning with /t/?
Next week, we will be thinking about materials and taking part in more ice exploring, including seeing how fast we can melt the ice and what happens if we paint it.
As we are encouraging the children's independence, please could we ask that parents do not undo or take off their children's coats before coming into the classroom in the mornings, we would like the children to do this themselves. Thank you for your support!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have continued our learning in English inspired by the story A Squash and a Squeeze. We have been exploring speech, using the past tense and developing our writing skills by learning how to write a diary entry. In Maths, we have begun to explore division! The children have been working practically, sharing amounts of objects equally between different sharing circles. We then moved on to recording our calculations and representing our thinking pictorially. It has been wonderful to see the children developing their understanding of this new concept through hands-on activities.
Christmas is certainly starting to land in Year 2, and excitement is building as we begin to dive into our Christmas play! The children have received their scripts, and we kindly ask that these are returned to their book bags after practising at home. We will be rehearsing lots in school, so it is important that scripts are brought in each day. Alongside all of this festive excitement, we have had a wonderfully arty week! We have been painting beautiful winter trees, creating woodland animals and taking photographs of woodland habitats. What a lovely week of creativity, learning and Christmas excitement!

Year 1

What a busy and exciting week of learning we have had in Year 1! This week has been Anti-Bullying Week, and on Tuesday the children took part in our Be Bright, Be Seen assembly. They learned about the importance of wearing bright clothing or reflective strips, especially during the darker months, to help keep themselves safe. In Science, we continued exploring our senses, focusing on smell. The children enjoyed investigating a variety of different scents and sharing their opinions about them. While some smells were very popular, others were definitely less well received! In Maths, we have been learning to identify and record how many tens and ones are in a two-digit number. The children are becoming increasingly confident with place value and using this knowledge to support their learning. We have also begun practising our songs for the Christmas performance, so apologies in advance if your children come home singing them repeatedly over the coming weeks! This afternoon, we thoroughly enjoyed our Design and Technology lesson. The children evaluated existing moving picture books before designing and creating their own. It was wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through. Next week, we will be moving on to learning about money in Maths. Over the weekend, could you help your child identify and name any UK coins or notes they may come across? In Geography, we will be learning about the seven continents of the world. On Thursday afternoon, we will be walking to St James' Church for our Journey to the Stable trip. Thank you to all those who have kindly volunteered to help accompany us on the walk. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Reception

Reception have been very busy and are making us incredibly proud! We have been practising for our Christmas play and the children's singing has been absolutely beautiful. They have been working hard to learn the actions to the songs and are very excited that parts for the performance will be given out soon.
In Maths, we have been learning about part-part-whole and developing our understanding of how numbers can be broken down and put back together. In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds qu, zz and ch, as well as how adding s to the end of words can make plurals and verbs. We have also learnt the tricky words no, go, to and into. The children are working hard to read words independently and are beginning to read simple sentences with increasing confidence.
As part of our learning, we enjoyed reading the story Poles Apart and learning about the North Pole, also known as the Arctic. We discovered that, alongside Santa, the Arctic is home to polar bears, Arctic foxes and Arctic hares.
We have also completed some beautiful winter artwork for our display and cannot wait for you to see it at the Christmas Fair next week!

Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Rockets, we have started exploring our new book, *Owl Babies*. We have been talking about families, and the children have enjoyed telling us all about who is in their family.
We have also been getting creative! We made our own shape owls, talking about the different shapes we used and their features. The children also had lots of fun painting owls using forks to create some lovely feathery effects!
As well as all our creative activities, we have been practising writing our names and developing our early writing skills.
We are looking for a volunteer to come and dress up as Father Christmas on **Wednesday 9th December at 11am**. It would only be for around half an hour, and we would love someone to help us surprise the children!
Don't worry, the Father Christmas costume will be provided! 🎅
If you are able to help, please speak to a member of staff. We would be very grateful for your help!