



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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| - Fri 19 th Dec | Last day of term |
| - Mon 5 th Jan | INSET Day – School & Childcare both closed |
| - Tues 6 th Jan | School & Childcare reopen |

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 15
December was 95.7%

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of another busy Autumn term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the staff for their continued hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and wonderful senses of humour. We are immensely proud of all of the children - not only for their fantastic performances in the recent Christmas productions, but also for the progress they have made throughout the Autumn Term both socially and academically; they are a pleasure to work with.

This time of year encourages us to pause and reflect on the true message of Christmas - love, togetherness and looking out for one another. It takes many hearts to make a school community, and we are deeply grateful for the way children, staff, governors, trustees and families come together to create such a warm and supportive environment.

On behalf of the staff team, I would like to thank you for the many cards and gifts we have received. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful start to 2025.

Yours sincerely

K. Minter

Headteacher

Reception 2026

A reminder that the closing date for applying for a Reception place for September 2026 is **15 January 2026**. If you are yet to do so, please click [here](#) to apply.

Nursery 2026

Application forms for Nursery September 2026 are available on our website [here](#)

Early Help in Solihull

Please [click here](#) to view the December 2025 Early Help in Solihull Newsletter. Thank you



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Curriculum Overviews for Parents

Spring Term 1 Curriculum
Overviews are available to view on
our website [here](#)



Board Game Club

We are looking forward to introducing a new Board Game Club taking place at lunchtimes on Tuesdays. The main focus of this club is to enhance children's Maths skills. Turn taking and problem solving skills will also be a big part of this club! I will be visiting Year 2 classes when we return to school in January to gain interest. If you miss my visit and would like to sign up, please come and see me! Initially, this will be for Year 2 children only. However, if this proves popular we hope to open this up to more children across the school in the future! The first session will be on Tuesday 13th January 2026.
Miss Cartwright (Maths Lead)



Touchwood Choir Festival

We are delighted that a group of Streetsbrook children performed Christmas Carols in Touchwood on Thursday 11th December. Their singing was beautiful and the smiles on their faces showed how much they enjoyed themselves!

There have been a number of schools performing in Touchwood throughout December and one school will win a £500 cash prize enabling them to put it towards a project of their choice. Streetsbrook needs your vote which you can do by completing an online voting form available on the Touchwood website via

<https://www.eventsattouchwood.co.uk/christmaschoir>

Voting opens on Friday 19th December and closes at midnight on Friday 26th December 2025.

Please get voting and enlist the help of family and friends.

Many thanks for your support!



Hive Staffing Update

In addition to our existing Hive staff, Mrs Carey, Mrs Fox and Mrs Chudasama, we are delighted to welcome Ms Adrienne Attwood to our Hive Morning Team.

Ms Attwood is a highly experienced teacher and qualified speech and language therapist, who began her teaching career at Streetsbrook before specialising in teaching children with speech, language and communication needs. Working alongside our existing staff, Ms Attwood will enable all children accessing our Hive, morning provision to benefit from a tailored learning programme, focussing on language and communication, social and emotional development and fundamental Reading, Writing and Maths skills.

School Admission Arrangements

Every year the admission arrangements for schools and academies are reviewed and determined. There must be a consultation if any significant changes are being proposed or if there has not been a consultation for 7 years

Kineton Green Primary School – new academy, 7 year consultation

St George & St Teresa – reduction in published admission number

The consultation period is from **17 December 2025 to 28 January 2026**

You can view the proposed admission arrangements on our website
Comments or views regarding the proposed arrangements should be sent to the relevant school or academy by 28 January 2026

Rock Steady Concert

Thank you to everyone who attended our Autumn term Rocksteady Concert this week. The children loved sharing what they have learnt this term and certainly entertained us all with their performances. Well done everyone!



Nursery We have had a fabulous end to the Autumn Term this week with lots of Christmas celebrations.



Thursday was such a fun morning with our Christmas party where we played games, did lots of dancing and shared some party snacks. Unfortunately, Father Christmas wasn't able to visit us as he has a poorly back and needs to rest so he is well enough to deliver presents for Christmas Day. So, instead, he sent two of his elves to see us in Nursery. They were very cheeky elves, making us laugh a lot, dancing around the classroom! At the end of their visit, they gave each child a present from Father Christmas, which the children are looking forward to placing under their Christmas trees ready for the big day!

In between Christmas celebrations, we have continued our phonics sessions and this week, we were making the sound /m/. Can your child find anything at home that starts with the sound /m/.

Please visit [Letters and Sounds | A complete Phonics resource to support children \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk) where there is a section 'For Parents' and here you will find a tab for the nursery rhyme videos. This term, we have learnt 'A Sailor went to Sea', '1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive', 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star', 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' and 'Hey Diddle, Diddle!'. Please share these with your children at home. We ask you kindly to not show any of the un-taught rhymes to your children before we have shared these in Nursery. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support during the Autumn term and for our Christmas cards, gifts and kind words. We hope you all enjoy a magical Christmas with your families and look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year. When we return to school, we will be thinking about New Year celebrations and starting our 'Heroes' topic.

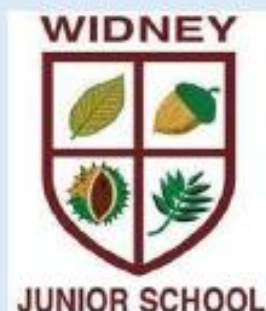
Year 2 Year 2 have enjoyed a very special and exciting week as we come to the end of the half term. The children have worked on using capital letters correctly for names, places, days of the week and the pronoun I, and focused on estimating numbers on a number line, developing number sense and reasoning skills. We were lucky to enjoy a live music event, where the children learned about medieval songs, explored different instruments and joined in with songs in Latin. In Science, the children carried out a simple heart rate test, linking exercise to changes in their bodies. The children also worked hard to create their calendars and crowns to wear during our Christmas dinner, showing care and creativity. A real highlight of the week was our Christmas performance of *Bethlehem Ballroom*, where the children performed on a real theatre stage at The Dovehouse Theatre. They were absolutely amazing, showing confidence, enthusiasm and fantastic teamwork. Well done, Year 2! We are very proud of you! We also enjoyed a fun Christmas party with a very special guest and began learning about our next topic, "Making a Difference." Well done to all of our budding musicians who performed in the RockSteady Concert on Wednesday afternoon - you blew us away! Thank you to all parents and carers for your generosity and for your continued support this term—it is very much appreciated. We wish you all a lovely break and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Year 1 We've had a lovely last week in school from Christmas disco's to live music events to visits from the main man himself to arts and crafts. We really do hope you all a happy and healthy Christmas. This week we have enjoyed identifying common British animals in Science, including learning about wild plants, garden plants and trees. In RE we have taken part in an interactive quiz consolidating all our learning about the Christmas story. We have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts developing our fine motor skills, including decorating the classroom. We have played team sports in PE such as dodge ball, developing our throwing and catching ball skills too. After Christmas we are learning to use a 100 square, to identify patterns and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's in Maths. In English we will be reading the story of 'Alan's Big Scary Teeth' by Jarvis, developing our sentences using the conjunction 'and'. In Science we are introducing our new topic 'The whole world in our hands' where we are learning about animal groups. We thank you for all your continued support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you for all our gifts and cards. Have a wonderful time with family and friends. The Year 1 team.

Reception Wow! What a magical final week it has been, with so much excitement in the air! On Tuesday the children enjoyed their Christmas party. The danced all afternoon, played party games and ate party food. The best part was a surprise visit from Santa!!! All of the children had made the good list and were lucky enough to receive an early Christmas present. It was wonderful to see all of the children in their Christmas jumpers on Thursday. We enjoyed a festive Christmas dinner with crackers, party hats and Christmas music. It was great fun! We have been amazed by the children's independent writing this week. They have been using their phonics to help them write what is in Santa's sack. They have all tried so hard with this and we have been so impressed with their letter formation. All of the Reception staff would like to thank you all for your very kind and generous gifts. It has been a joy to help the children settle into Reception throughout the Autumn term. We all wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful break, making lots of memories. We can't wait to hear all about it in the New Year.

Streetsbrook Childcare

We've had a lovely joyful week in Childcare, our stay and play went well and we enjoyed seeing our families for some festive fun. We made reindeer food bags, made some Christmas crafts and ate some yummy Christmas treats! We hope you enjoyed looking through your child's floor books to see all the fun activities your child's been involved with so far this year. Also this week we have enjoyed our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and a Christmas party with party games, dancing and cake. We hope you have a very merry Christmas and peaceful New Year and we look forward to welcoming you back next year as we meet new friends and start some new experiences.



Family Communication Workshops

Delivered in conjunction with Solihull Council and Amity UK

Workshops will be held at Widney Junior School
on Tuesday, 13th January 2026 (from 9.10 – 11.00am) and
Tuesday, 20th January 2026 (from 1.30 – 2.50pm)

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis
This is a fantastic opportunity and everyone is welcome to attend!

Please complete the form here below to register your interest [**HERE**](#)

The workshops will focus on...

Why communication quality matters to your child's education?

- Why does your relationship quality have an impact on how your child builds and manages their own friendships/relationships?
- What might be happening with the communication at home that could impact on how your child copes with

How to create the best relationship environment for your children:

- How to communicate in an assertive way to feel heard and be heard, including for your child.
- How to communicate with school staff so you feel able to make your point but do so in a constructive way so a resolution can be found without damaging the parent/school relationship.
- Simple skills and strategies to improve your relationship as a couple/ parents/co-parents.
- Be your child's first and most important teacher, learn how to model for them healthy ways to express your needs, resolve disagreements and show kindness.

