



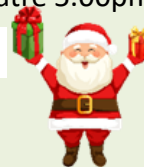
Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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- Mon 15th Dec Year 2 Christmas Performance @ Dovehouse Theatre 5.00pm
- Tues 16th Dec Christmas Party Day
- Weds 17th Dec Rocksteady Concert @ 2.00pm
- Wed 17th Dec Childcare Stay & Play 9.00-10.00am
- Thurs 18th Dec Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
- Fri 19th Dec Last day of term

Diary Dates



The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 8
December was 89.5%

Christmas Productions

A huge thank you to the children in Reception and Year 1 for their fabulous productions this week – they all looked amazing and the singing and dancing was fabulous! The children in Nursery enjoyed a Christmas-themed activity morning with their parents after singing some festive songs. We are now looking forward to Year 2's production which will be taking place on Monday night at the Dovehouse Theatre. There are a few spare seats in the theatre, so do get in touch if you would like some additional tickets.

A heartfelt thank you to Streetsbrook's brilliant team of staff for all the additional time, effort and energy that goes into all of the festive activities – as always, it is hugely appreciated. Well done everyone – children and staff; you are all super stars and I am incredibly proud of you!

Headteacher

Headteacher



Give the timeless magic
of books

Book Recommendations for Children

Streetsbrook 'champion' Reading for Pleasure at every opportunity and would like to encourage families to include books in their Christmas gift giving.

Book Trust (link below) have a wonderful Book Finder tool which can recommend great reads by age, interest or genre. It's really worth a look.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/bookfinder/>

Book Trust also support disadvantaged families with access to books at home, you may consider donating to this great cause too.

Seasons Greeting & Happy Reading !

PS - Did you know 2026 is National Year of Reading - look out for more reading events at Streetsbrook in the New Year!

Touchwood Choir Festival

The choir performed in the annual Touchwood Choir Competition on Thursday evening. Whilst they may have been small in number, they certainly made up for this in enthusiasm. Their singing was beautiful and the smiles on their faces showed how much they enjoyed themselves! Details about voting for the competition will be sent out in duecourse so please do support us and encourage all your friends and family members to do so, too.



Parking Reminder

This vehicle was pictured parked on the zig zag line outside of school this week. Please can we remind parents that parking is prohibited at all times directly outside of school. Thank you



Inappropriate behaviour – Ralph Road

We have received a complaint regarding a parent using abusive language and rude hand gestures. We ask all our parents to treat residents with respect as we try to maintain a good relationship with our neighbours. Many thanks.

Afterschool Clubs

We have pleasure in welcoming back our outside providers of afterschool clubs for the Spring term. Gymnastics, dance, football and tennis are now all available to book.

Please [click here](#) to access the Extra Curricular Clubs page on our website for details of how to book.



Nursery 2026

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

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 Firstly, we would like to say a big 'thank you' everyone who joined us for our Nursery Christmas morning today. We are so proud of all the children and how beautifully they sang their Christmas songs. We really hope you enjoyed being able to spend time in our Nursery setting with your children exploring Christmas activities.

On Monday, we set a little science experiment to see how we could change water into ice. The children shared ideas of where we could place water overnight to see if it would freeze. Some of their ideas were the fridge, the freezer and it was even suggested we could take some to the North Pole to see if it would freeze! Of course, the water in the freezer became ice and the children enjoyed exploring this, using a range of tools to see if they could make it melt quicker. Alongside exploring a range of Christmas activities we had lots of practises for our Christmas songs during the week. The children enjoyed using the playdough to make Christmas decorations and also had fun drawing round each other on large pieces of paper to create life-size drawings of Christmas characters including Father Christmas and Gingerbread Men. In phonics this week, we have continued to sing 'Hey Diddle Diddle!' playing lots of listening games linked to this and we have also practised making the /n/ sound. Can your child find anything at home beginning with /n/?

I cannot quite believe that next week is our last week before the Christmas break! We shall be taking part in lots of fun Christmas activities and on Thursday, which is also Christmas Jumper Day, we shall be having our very own Christmas party in Nursery where we shall have a mini-disco and play lots of party games.



Streetsbrook Childcare

We have had a wonderful week in Childcare enjoying lots of Lapland themed fun. Stars Had a cosy day in Lapland enjoying some stories and songs with friends, some creative crafts and hot chocolate and gingerbread snacks. Rockets went to the North Pole on the Polar Express, After bringing in our homemade carriages we had our golden tickets stamped and set off for a day of fun, even Rocket the Elf made a carriage and wore his pyjamas. We made ticket themed cupcakes decorated with polar icing and snowflakes, we used colourful pens and markers to design our own hot chocolate mugs and collaged some stockings to hang on the fireplace. We had a parade of carriages in the hall before we jumped on board to watch the Polar express film. We stopped at the station for hot chocolate in our own mugs and ate some snacks before a surprise visit from Father Christmas who brought us a treat. Thank you parents for helping your child to create such wonderful carriages, we appreciate your efforts and it really supports your child's enjoyment of the day. Rocket the Elf's adventures are on the door again for all to see, this week he has had fun in the snow, been on a train, made Christmas trees and had a midnight stunt adventure with the other toys. Next week on Wednesday is our 'Stay and Play' event so please come along and join in the fun with us.



Year 1

What a super week we've had in Year 1! We would like to thank you all for attending our Christmas concert on Tuesday and for continuing to support your children at home as they practise their lines, songs, or dances. They all performed so wonderfully.

In English, we have been writing lists and continuing to work on our dictation skills, holding sentences in our heads. In Maths, we have been recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes.

In Science, we have been learning to understand the terms waterproof, not waterproof, absorbent, and non-absorbent, using a variety of materials and working scientifically to find out which materials have which properties.

Next week in Maths, we will be learning to use our mathematical knowledge to solve worded problems. We also have a visit from the main man himself—Father Christmas, who will be dropping by for a flying visit! In RE, we will be recapping our learning about the Christmas story, followed by a quiz. On Tuesday, we have a live streaming music event, with a performance by Joglaresa which we are really looking forward to.

We hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Year 2 Year 2 have had a busy and exciting week! The children took part in several dress rehearsals, showing growing confidence ahead of the Christmas performance. They were so excited to perform in front of Year 3 from Sharmans Cross! The children have also completed a range of writing tasks, including dictation and learning to use commas in a list. In Maths, we worked on missing number equations, using different strategies to find the unknown values. In Geography, the children explored physical and human features, sorting pictures into the correct category. Our afternoons included creating our Christmas Cards and starting our calendars - we hope you are looking forward to seeing them. We have worked really hard to create different tints and shades with paint to create a background and a tree. In PE, the classes continued with Athletics, and in Science, the children learned to identify animals and their young.

Next week, we are looking forward to you all watching our Christmas Performance of 'Bethlehem Ballroom' on Monday and lots of other exciting activities including a Christmas Party and our Christmas dinner day. We will also be recapping using capital letters for names, places, days of the week and the pronoun 'I', and learning to estimate using a number line in Maths.

A great week of hard work and festive excitement—well done, Year 2!

Reception *It's a wriggly nativity...* It was showtime this week and we are so proud of how well all of the children did. They remembered their smiles, their beautiful singing voices and all of their actions - so many things to remember when you're only 4 or 5 years old. We hope you were wriggling and jiggling in your seats and enjoyed it as much as we did. It was a cracker of a show!! In phonics this week, we have been focussing on tricky words by singing songs and playing games to embed them into the children's memory. We can see a huge improvement in this already! The children have also been practising their segmenting and blending words with one or two digraphs in.

In Maths, we have been reading social counting stories, matching a quantity to the corresponding number, ordering numbers and have even been on a shape hunt around the classroom. How many shapes can your child find around your home? It has also been wonderful hearing about the adventures some of the children in Reception have been on - from London to Paris, Tunisia and Turkey. The children have enjoyed seeing how far all of these places are from England when we have plotted them on a world map. Next week is our final week before we break up for Christmas and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to. It is the Reception Christmas party on Tuesday afternoon and Christmas dinner day on Thursday.



Solihull Policing Area
Solihull Police Station
Homer Road
B91 3QL

Dear resident

During the darker nights we do see an increase in residential burglaries and vehicle theft.

Offenders break into homes to steal high value items and the homeowner's car is often the prime target. Fitting a Disklok to your vehicle is a good deterrent and a visible barrier which can deter burglars.

Keep your key fob in a signal blocking pouch to protect it from relay tracker theft.

It's a time of year when homes are full of festive gifts and homeowners are out and about enjoying time with family and friends. Opportunist thieves take advantage of this to commit crime.

If you are returning home after dark, which can be as early as 4.00pm at this time of year consider using light timers so that your home isn't in darkness.

The most common method of entry used by burglars is snapping exterior locks. Fitting anti-snap locks to all exterior doors will help to protect your home.



When you are out and about in your vehicle take time to check it's locked when you park up. Keep items such as bags and mobile devices out of sight.

If you have trouble locking your vehicle don't leave it unattended. This could be an indication that someone is using a signal blocking device in the area. Report any suspicious activity to us on 101. If you believe a crime is about to take place call 999 straight away.

Help us to investigate crime in your area by registering your CCTV or doorbell camera.
[westmidlands.police.uk/cctv-registry](https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/cctv-registry)

Visit the West Midlands Police website for lots of useful crime prevention advice
www.westmidlands.police.uk

You can receive regular local crime alerts and information about what your local police are doing to tackle issues where you live.

Just sign up to our FREE two-way messaging service WMNOW wmnow.co.uk to get your updates. This will also qualify you for a 15% discount on Disklok products ordered from their website.

Enjoy a safe festive season.

Yours sincerely, Solihull Police Partnerships Team