



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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- Tues 9th December Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
- Wed 10th December Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am
- Fri 12th December Nursery Christmas morning 9.30am
- Mon 15th December Year 2 Christmas Performance @ Dovehouse Theatre 5.00pm

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 24
November was 95%



**The Nurture
Principle we are
focusing on this
half term are:**

In our school family,
we believe in
ourselves and care
for each other.



Inappropriate Parking

A neighbour contacted us yesterday with reports of this vehicle blocking their driveway. When pointing this out, the neighbour received a rude response and refusal to move the vehicle. Please note that this behaviour is not acceptable and we would ask that you park responsibly at all times.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 28 November 2025

5.00 – 7.00pm

**We look forward to seeing you
tonight!**

Absence Request Forms

Should your child be absent from school for non-medical reasons, which also includes religious observance, please note that an Absence Request Form is required to be completed. A minimum of four weeks notice of an absence is required. The form can be found [here](#)

Is my child too ill for school?



The NHS have released useful information on when children should be kept off school and when they are ok to attend school. Please could all parents familiarise themselves with the [guidelines here](#). Thank you

Admissions

Please could we remind all parents who are applying for Reception places or Junior school places for the September 2026 intake, the closing date for applications is 15 January 2026.

Please log onto the admissions [portal here](#) to start your application.

Cool Milk



Dear parent/guardian. If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting www.coolmilk.com, logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'. If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register. For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at www.coolmilk.com/contact

GATE CLOSURE

A reminder that, for the safety of the children and staff, please **CLOSE THE GATE** behind you – it is not an automatic gate and you will need to pull it to and ensure the magnets close.
Thank you

Nursery This week, Nursery have been continuing to think about Winter. We also started to think about Christmas and we had great fun decorating our classroom Christmas tree. We also wrote letters to Father Christmas and posted them in our own post box. Playdough is always a big hit in Nursery and the children had great fun this week using green playdough to make and decorate Christmas trees. This week, we added our sand tray to the classroom which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

During phonics this week, we have been practising saying the sound /p/. Can your child find anything at home that starts with /p/? We have also continued singing 'Down at the Station' and playing lots of listening games linked to this rhyme.

Next week we shall continue to think about Christmas and will be practising singing Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas morning with our grown-ups. This morning will be held on

Friday 12th December – we look forward to seeing you there!



Streetsbrook Childcare This week in Childcare we have been embracing the frost, the children asked the question 'how is ice made?' and as it's been so chilly we decided to theme our activities around snow and ice. We made a snowman number line counting out the correct amount of snowballs to match the number on each snowman's hat. We used paint and shaving foam to make fluffy melted snowmen pictures, we also made science pictures from flour, salt and water which we cooked in the microwave to make them puff up into snowmen. We practiced writing the letters of our names on snowballs then arranging them in the correct order to form a snowman. We also painted and glittered clothes pegs and made them into 3D snowflake models using the glue gun. In the water tray we added some ice cubes and created an icy ocean. Next week as we move into December, we will be starting our Christmas fun and exploring our new book Owl babies.

Year 1 We have had a very festive week this week, we have put up our classroom Christmas trees and we have been so excited for the Christmas Fair. On Tuesday afternoon we made the journey up to St James' church to learn more about the Christmas story. We made our own stars, looked at lots of different Christmas objects and listened to the story of the birth of Jesus which was acted out on stage. In Maths this week we have been learning more about money. We used our knowledge to add two amounts together. The children were super at this and really impressed us! We have been busy practicing our Christmas show **please can your child have their costume in school by 4th December**. It should be a Christmas theme jumper/top/dress and black bottoms/leggings. Festive headwear is optional. Next week we will be looking at the season Winter, we will observe seasonal changes in Science and be writing sentences about Winter in English.

Reception Reception have had a great week, this week, continuing to practise for our Christmas Nativity! The children have done so well learning the songs and actions so quickly! We are so impressed with their beautiful singing. It is also wonderful seeing so many smiles on stage too! It has been so interesting comparing life in the Arctic to life here, in our 'Race Across the World' topic. The children loved watching how children in the Arctic travel to school and looking at what is similar and what is different in their schools to ours.

In Phonics, we have recapped all of the sounds we have learnt so far. We have consolidated their learning of adding 's' to the end of verbs and plurals that make the /z/ sound, and embedded the sounds z, zz, ch, sh, th, ck, ng, nk.

In Maths, the children have been consolidating their understanding of subitising and recognising numerals to 5. They have also been recognising up to 6 dots on a die. With this, we have had lots of fun playing track games, working out what number we need to roll on the dice next!! We hope you have lots of festive fun at our Christmas Fair this evening - we can't wait to see lots of you there!

Year 2 Year 2 have had another brilliant week of learning! In Maths, the children have been working on dividing by 5 and 10. They began by using practical resources to share objects into equal groups and then moved on to recording their division work in their books. We were really impressed with how confidently they made the jump from practical to written methods. In English, we spent time sequencing the story of *Mog's Christmas* to help the children verbally retell the events in order. We also learned about co-ordinating conjunctions using FANBOYS, and the children enjoyed writing sentences that used these joining words correctly. I wonder if the children can remember what FANBOYS stands for? In Science, we explored the differences between living, dead and never alive things. The children had thoughtful discussions and sorted a range of objects into the correct categories. In DT, the Puffins completed their hanging decorations this week, using careful cutting, neat running stitches and creative designs—well done Puffins! Our rehearsals for the Christmas performance are going really well, and the children are becoming more confident on stage. We are really impressed and are looking forward to you joining us to watch it soon!

Important reminders: There is no maths homework this week so that children can focus on practising their lines—both learning the words and projecting their voices. Please continue to support your child with practising at home. Well done, Year 2, for another fantastic week!