



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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| - Thursday 23 October | PTA Dress Down Day – £1.00 donation |
| - Thursday 23 October | Last day of term |
| - Friday 24 October | INSET Day (Childcare open for Holiday Club only) |
| - Monday 3 November | School & Childcare re-open |
| - Wednesday 5 November | PTA Meeting 2.15pm |
| - Wednesday 5 November | Rags2Riches collection (please use own bags) |
| - Friday 13 & Monday 15 Nov | Book Fair |

The Whole School Attendance for week commencing 13 October was 97.1%

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



PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY

Don't forget the PTA non-uniform day on **Thursday 23 October 2025** – please could you bring in a £1.00 donation to support this – Thank you!

Year 2 Parents - Junior School Applications

The Portal is now live for you to apply for your child's Junior School place from September 2026. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2026. Please click [here](#) for further details and to apply.

Nursery 2026

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

PTA AUTUMN FUNDRAISER

Keep a look out for Autumn fundraiser events for you to do with your child during October half term - further details coming out next week

Absence Request Form

There is a new Leave of Absence request form that parents must complete at least 4 school weeks before the start of the proposed leave of absence. The new form can be found on our [website here](#) alternatively a paper copy can be obtained from the school office.

Reception 2026

Children born between 1/09/21-31/08/22 start full time school in September 2026. Please apply online at Solihull.gov.uk
The closing date for applications is 15 January 2026. Offers will be made 16 April 2026.

Solihull Family Information Service

Autumn 2025 Newsletter

Please click [here](#) for the latest newsletter with details of family activities taking place over the Autumn half term holiday.

If you require information or advice relating to your child(ren) around childcare, activities or support services, early education funded places for under 5s for free school meals, please visit www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo for further details or contact the Family Information Service helpline on 0800 389 8667.

Attendance: Regular school attendance is essential for children to enjoy their education and make good progress. Up to date guidance can be found here: [How to seek support with attendance challenges](#) and [Is my child too ill for school?](#)



Inset Day – Friday 24 October

A reminder that School & Childcare finish for the half term break on Thursday 23 October and will reopen on Monday 3 November.

Streetsbrook Childcare is open on Friday 24 October for holiday club only

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting week of learning! In Maths, the children have been developing their problem-solving skills by working on a range of word problems involving addition, subtraction, and comparing numbers using greater than and less than. They are becoming more confident at spotting key information and choosing the right operation to solve each problem. In English, we have been enjoying the book *Man on the Moon (A Day in the Life of Bob)*. The children have been practising writing clear and grammatically accurate sentences, using capital letters, full stops and interesting vocabulary to describe Bob's day on the moon. Our Science work has focused on oral hygiene. The children have learned why it's important to take care of their teeth and how to brush effectively to keep their smiles healthy and bright. In Computing, Year 2 have been thinking about their Digital 5 a Day, exploring how to have a good balance when using technology. They discussed different ways to stay healthy online and ensure they get a variety of experiences both on and off screens. On Friday, we enjoyed a virtual author visit from Katy Ashworth and Colleen Larmour who wrote 'This That What' - we all really enjoyed exploring the book together. Next week, we are looking forward to meeting with you all for your Parents Appointments. In class we will be drawing conclusions from our Science experiments, focusing on measure in Maths and comparing Florence Nightingale to Mary Seacole in History.

Nursery

When the children arrived to Nursery on Monday morning, they needed to be investigators as there was a 'crime scene' in the classroom. Someone had come in and broken a chair, messed up a bed and spilt porridge everywhere! The children needed to work out what had happened and soon they came to the conclusion that it must have been Goldilocks! Together we shared the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and we also watched the story through a song which you might like to share with your children at home as they really enjoyed this. [Goldilocks and the Three Bears - Debbie and Friends \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1234567890) We were very impressed with the children throughout the week and how they were able to retell the story in their own words – it was great to see them taking on the role of the characters and role playing the story. Next week we shall continue to think about Goldilocks and the Three Bears as well as other tales. We will also be thinking about the rhyme 1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive and creating our own 'under the water' artwork. MILK - All of the children in Nursery are entitled to free milk during our morning snack, however if you would like your child to have this, you need to sign up through our school website. You will find this in the 'Parents Section' under 'Cool Milk'. NAMING ITEMS – Please can we once again ask that you name all of your children's belongings!



Year 1

We've had a fantastic week filled with super learning in Year 1! In English we've been using our new Phase 5 phonics knowledge in our sentence writing. The children are working hard to apply the *Think it, Say it, Write it, Read it* strategy to build confidence and independence in writing. In Maths our focus has been on height. We've been comparing and describing different heights and solving practical problems involving height. It's been great to see the children using mathematical language in real contexts. In Science we labelled the parts of a tree and recapped our previous learning about evergreen and deciduous trees. The children are beginning to use scientific vocabulary with increasing confidence. In Geography we've been learning how to retrieve information from a map and have started to understand the purpose of a key. The children enjoyed spotting symbols and discussing what they might represent. Next Week in English we'll be writing sentences based on what happens in autumn. Can your child recall which months are in the season of autumn? What changes can we see at this time of year? In Maths we'll be using number lines to support our understanding of addition and subtraction. We'll be practising jumping *forwards* to add and *backwards* to subtract. In Science we're very excited to be visiting *The Nest*, our on-site outdoor learning area, to observe seasonal changes. We'll be using our senses to explore the signs of autumn. In Computing the children will be learning how to log on to Seesaw independently and continue developing their typing skills. We look forward to seeing you all at your parent appointments next week.

Reception

Wow!!! Another busy, but very exciting week for Reception this week!! The excitement filled the room as we had so much fun at our Wild Rumpus on Thursday!! The children (and the teachers) loved coming to school in their pyjamas, pretending to be Max and the Wild Things from this topic's story 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We worked together to create a map from Max's bedroom, to the sea to get on Max's boat to travel to where the Wild Things are - which led us to the hall! The children absolutely loved pretending to be the Wild Things, practising their gross motor skills with climbing and jumping, using the apparatus. The children have done really well showing an understanding of our story Where the Wild Things are. When recapping the story, the children know that there is a beginning, middle and an end and have even been able to put the story in order, using pictures. In Maths, we have been counting objects to 5. We have been using the saying 'I have 5 fingers on my hand' and using one touch, one count to help us to count objects correctly. The children are doing well to understand and explain that even if we had 5 red bears or if we had 5 different objects, we still have 5. Next week, we will be talking about Diwali on Monday and how it is celebrated. It is also our Parents Consultations on Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. Please remember to book a timeslot for your appointment.



Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare we have continued to explore Autumn but this week we have been focusing on colour. We went to the woodland area with our autumn tick charts and collected everything on our lists, we took these back and used colour swatches to help us separate the different items onto coloured paper. We discussed the different colours and shades of colour which we then used to create an autumnal rainbow. We worked as a group using cotton wool pads to represent the leaves on a large tree, we used pipettes to drip splashes of paint onto the pads and watched as the colours soaked in and mixed together creating all the different patterns of real leaves, we enjoyed this so much that we tried the activity again this time using bread and food colouring, the bread soaked up the colours mixing them into swirly patterns which we then made into sandwiches and ate it for a tree themed snack. Next week, with the focus on colour still strong we will be celebrating Diwali, if you have any items that you would like to share with us such as books, decorations etc these would be greatly appreciated to aid the children's understanding of the festival. Also a reminder that parent consultations will be taking place over the week, so we look forward to seeing you then.

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

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| ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing | ☒ Jewellery and Accessories |
| ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear | ☒ Belts and Handbags |

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.

PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags

STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

BAGS NOT PROVIDED - PLEASE USE YOUR OWN!

Collection Date:

WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2025

(Bags can be dropped off the day before and up until 9:00am on Wednesday)

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

