



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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- Monday 6 October
- Monday 13 October
- Tuesday 14 October

Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9.00-10.15am
Reception Phonics Workshop 9.00-10.15am
School Photographs

The Whole School
Attendance for
week commencing
29 September was
97.4%



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

This is our school and
we feel safe here, no
matter who we are.



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.

The 2025-26 Attendance Policy was agreed by Trustees last night and will be uploaded to the website next week.

School Photographs

Our wonderful school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 14th October to take individual and sibling photographs. Please can we ask all children to be in full uniform on this day. Thank you



Policies

Please find a link to our [policies here](#). Our Behaviour policy, Attendance policy, Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy, Complaints Policy and SEND policy have all been updated for 2025-26.



PTA NON UNIFORM DAY

The PTA are organising a non-uniform day on **Thursday 23 October 2025** (the last day of term) – please could you bring in a £1.00 donation to support this.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning and the afternoon cake sale - An amazing £875 was raised for a wonderful charity.



SPONSORSHIP PLEA

Do you own or work for a Company that would be willing to sponsor our Christmas Fair? If so, please get in touch. In return we can offer free advertising!

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

This year, we will once again be taking part in the Cauliflower Christmas Card activity. Families in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be creating their own designs at home, which means everyone can join in – even siblings can work together on a family design if they'd like! Nursery and Childcare will complete theirs in setting. Instructions are included on the A3 sheet in your child's bookbag. Please make sure all completed artwork and order forms are returned to school by **Wednesday 15th October**.

Any late artwork will need to be sent directly to the company by parents (with an extra cost).

We can't wait to see all of your wonderful creations!

Tri-Golf

Happily rain didn't stop play for our (postponed from the summer term) Tri-Golf engagement day today.

Coach Aaron supported all children from Reception to Year 2 to play a round of golf on the Streetsbrook course (set up in the hall due to the wet weather) Everyone had a fabulous time and enjoyed the opportunity to try a new sporting activity.

Well done everyone and thank you Aaron!



Harvest Festival

A huge thank you for all your contributions to our Harvest Celebration. We raised £214.00 and filled several boxes of food which will be donated to the Helping Hands Food Bank.

Thank you too to Reverend Caz Hague from Shirley Methodist Church how led the celebration and encouraged the children to think about why we should be thankful and how it can feel good to say thank you to others.

Well done to the Year 2 members of our school council who assisted Reverend Caz with her story and prayers.



October Half Term Holiday Club

Bookings are now open for October Half Term Holiday Club. If you would like to book a place, please click on the link below and complete the form. Once we have received your form, we will send you an invoice to confirm your place, which must be paid by **17 October** to secure your booking:- [Streetsbrook Childcare Holiday Club October 2025 final](#) A list of the daily themes is attached. *Please note that bookings are only accepted via the booking form.*

Year 1

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 1, exploring lots of different areas of learning!

We started the week with a visit to the allotments, where the children loved seeing the plants and learning about how food grows. We saw a huge polar bear pumpkin, along with lots of kale and sprouts! We also took part in our Harvest Festival, where the children sang beautifully—thank you for all your donations. We thoroughly enjoyed going back in time to a Victorian school. We saw what school was like with no colourful classrooms, strict teachers and boys and girls divided.

In English, we have continued to build our dictation skills. The children are learning to hold a sentence in their heads, identify the sounds they need to write the words, and remember their capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops. Continued practice at home is super beneficial—thank you for your support. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of addition, using a range of resources and focusing on recalling our number bonds to 10.

A few reminders:

- Please continue to practise the phonics sounds set in each week's homework.
- Dictation work should be completed on lined paper with a pencil.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Next week, we're really looking forward to welcoming you to our Year 1 Phonics Workshop—we hope you can all make it!

Here's a sneak peek at what's coming up. In English, we'll be labelling Victorian artefacts. In Maths, our focus will shift to subtraction and in Science, we'll be creating a seasonal wheel and thinking about events that happen in each season

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!



Nursery

Thank you to everyone for sending in photos of our Nursery children with their families. We shared these in small groups this week and it was so lovely to see how proud everyone was to show their photo and talk about who is in their family.

I cannot believe how quickly the weeks are flying by! The children are now fully into the swing of Nursery life and we are so proud of how independently they are coming into the classroom in the mornings. This week, as well as talking about their families, the children have continued to explore the learning environment. At our Maths area, the children have been using tools to find a range of numbers hidden in crushed cereal which has been a lot of fun! The children have also continued to love spending time in our outdoor area using our new climbing equipment.

Next week, we are going to be thinking about Autumn. If you fancy going on an Autumn walk this weekend (weather dependent!) then we would welcome the children to bring in any of their Autumn finds – this could be leaves, twigs, acorns, pine cones etc. If you do bring any in, please do explain to your children that they will be used for the whole class to explore! Thank you!



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed celebrating Harvest this week, taking part in the Harvest Festival and learning a little more about Harvest in Geography. We were very proud of the School Councillors for acting during the Harvest Festival Assembly. In English, we have continued our learning based on the text 'Owl Babies' - creating expanded noun phrases and rewriting the story using prepared sentence openers. In Maths, we have continued our learning about addition and subtraction, using jottings and identifying the correct method when solving word problems. In Art, we have explored different drawing techniques to sketch our natural objects such as 30 second draws, continuous line drawing, using the opposite hand and using a pen rather than a pencil.

Next week, we will be going on a Geography Fieldwork trip around the local area on Thursday 9th October.

Children will be following a route on a map to collect a piece of information. Normal school uniform is required on this day.

Reception

Reception have had another fabulous week! This week we enjoyed joining in with the Harvest Festival and singing the Harvest songs. Thank you for all of your kind donations – we know they will be appreciated by those who need it most.

The children have had so much fun exploring the autumnal nature trays – talking about the colours and textures that they can see and feel. They have even created some brilliant nature faces, using pine cones, twigs, conkers, leaves and acorns.

In Maths, we have continued to practise subitising up to 3. It would be great if you could practise this at home with your child to see if they can say how many objects there are by just looking and without counting them.

We have recapped on the story; Where the Wild Things Are and created a story. The children were great at retelling the story. They have even created some wonderful Wild Things pictures!

In Phonics, we have learnt the phonemes e, u and r as well as the digraph (two letters, one sound) ck. Our tricky word this week was I. We are holding an Early Reading and Phonics workshop on **Monday 13th October** so that we can provide you with more information on how we teach our Phonics sessions and how you can support your child at home. It would be lovely to see you there.

Next week we will be talking about animals that live in different parts of the world and finding out why it is the best habitat for them. We will also continue to look at the changes in the season and what represents Autumn.

Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare we have been having lots of Autumn creative and imaginative fun. Using all the fantastic autumn treasures in our autumn den we have made lots of artwork including colourful prints with leaves, crunchy collages and crazy paint patterns by rolling conkers. We made 'autumn soup' in the water tray with cones, conkers, leaves and berries mixed with food colouring, we used different containers and spoons/ladles to scoop, measure and pour out the soup to our friends. Following on from an idea one of our friends play we created a lemonade stall, we used the till and coins as well as cups and jugs to pretend selling our lemonade, to extend the idea more we found a recipe and made real lemonade to taste.

We're doing a Christmas fundraising project!

Help us to raise funds!



- Cards
- Mugs
- Playing Cards
- Spiral Books
- Gift Labels
- Wrapping Paper



ARTWORK MUST BE
RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:

Wednesday 15th October

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Wondering what to read this Autumn?

Check out these Top 5 Autumn Reading for Pleasure picks from Little Wandle

www.littlewandle.org.uk/everybody-read/eyfs-autumn-book-recommendations/

Key Stage 1



EYFS



Happy Reading!

Mrs Miller, English Lead