



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2025-26
Issue No 3
W/C 15 September 2025

- Wednesday 24 Sept PTA AGM Meeting 2.00pm
- Friday 26 Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning



The Whole School
Attendance for
week commencing
15 September was
97.1%

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

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



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 will be reviewed and signed by Trustees at their next meeting at the end of September.

Information Evening

A huge thank you to all parents who attended our Information Evening on Wednesday. It was lovely to meet so many new parents and see some familiar faces. We hope you found the evening useful. The presentations can be found on our [website here](#).

**INFORMATION
EVENING**

October Half Term Holiday Club

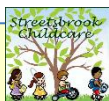
Bookings are now open for October Half Term Holiday Club. If you would like to book a place, please click on the link below and complete the form.

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.



Parent/Carer Support:

The School Nursing Service accept referrals from parents/carers, for advice and support regarding their child, by contacting the team on 0121 726 6754.

School Nursing Service also has a Chat Health SMS Service for parents and carers, which is a Confidential Parent Texting Service, on 07480 635 496, available Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.



ParentPay Meals

A reminder to ensure your child's ParentPay account must be kept in credit at all times – failure to do so may result in meals not being available.



School Gate

For the safety of our children please could we remind all parents to **close the school gate** when entering and leaving during school hours. **After 9.00am the gate must be kept closed.** If you are collecting your child midway through the day please ensure to close the gate behind you as children may be on the playground.

Thank you.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 26 September 2025 – 9.00am**

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A reminder that our coffee morning will be taking place on Friday 26 September at 9.00am in the school hall. We would kindly ask that you bring in a cake donation anything from cupcakes, muffins to flapjacks, home-made or shop brought (a reminder that we are a nut-free school). Children are invited to 'dress-down' and wear the Macmillan colours of pink/purple/white or green. A £2.00 donation would be gratefully received – please hand to your class teacher on the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Nursery We have had another fun week in Nursery, settling in and getting to know each other. This week, we continued to think about our Nursery rules and how important it is to follow these. We have been very impressed with how independently the children have been coming into the classroom in the morning, carrying their own belongings and putting them away – well done Nursery! The children have also created some wonderful paintings this week and we have put some of these up in the classroom so the children can be very proud of their work – I actually think we have a class of artists! We have had great fun using playdough again this week. The children enjoyed looking at their own facial features in mirrors and adding these to our playdough faces. Using playdough has great benefits to help develop the children's fine motor skills, as they manipulate the dough in different ways including pulling, stretching, pinching and rolling.



Next week, is our 'What to do about poo!' week! We will be thinking about how we know when we need the toilet, reinforcing using the toilet and talking about the importance of washing our hands.

If you have not yet done so, please could we ask you to send in a photograph of your child and their family. During the week beginning Monday 22nd September, the children will be showing these photos in small groups and talking about who is in their family. For this purpose, please do write on the back who each member of the family is so we can support the children. Finally, we would like to thank all the parents who were able to attend our Information Evening earlier this week. It was lovely to welcome you into school and talk to you in more detail about Nursery.

Year 2 Year 2 have had a fabulous week with the extra special 'time travelling' visitor of Florence Nightingale, from the Big Bubble Theatre group. We all had lots of fun, volunteering to dress up and play the part of different important people in Florence's life, and creating still images of main events in her life too. We enjoyed using these facts to write factual statements in English, trying hard to remember our capital letter and full stops. In Maths, we have been using our jottings of tens and ones to add and subtract two-digit numbers. Next week, we will be continuing



to add and subtract two-digit numbers but introducing column method. In Science, we have been thinking about what Science is, who uses Science in their job and identifying our own scientific questions that we'd like answered this year.

We would like to thank those parents who attended the Information Evening on Wednesday - your time was very much appreciated. If you were unable to join us, please take the time to look at the presentation slides on the school website as there was lots of helpful information shared. Please continue to bring your pumps into school for indoor PE - there are still some missing.

Wider Curriculum homework - Over the weekend, please could you collect anything from the natural world that you find interesting or inspires you. We are asking for no more than a sandwich bag or small tuppaware box. The items will be shared with others in the class and will not come home. We will be creating artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy - ideas of objects are leaves, acorns, conkers, small sticks.

Puffins - for one week only, outdoor PE will be on Friday 26th September. Please wear your PE kit on this day rather than the Wednesday.

Year 1 We've had another busy and productive week in Year 1, working hard across all areas of the curriculum! In English, we have been recalling the story *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers.



The children had lots of fun listing all the unusual objects that Floyd threw into the tree in an attempt to get his kite down! In Maths, we have been learning to identify odd and even numbers. We've also been practising counting in multiples of 2, which the children showed real determination with this. In Science, we've been exploring the differences between evergreen and deciduous trees. Ask your child if they can spot these types of trees on your next walk! In History, we started learning about the life of Queen Victoria and have begun thinking about what life was like during her reign.

Here's what we'll be learning next week:

In English we'll be learning how to write labels and using our imaginations to think of what we might throw into the tree if we were Floyd! In Maths our focus will be on number bonds to 10. In History we will be comparing Victorian schools to schools today, looking at the similarities and differences. In PE we will continue developing our ball skills and working on key fundamentals in movement and coordination.

Reception Reception have had a wonderful week this week! They have roared their terrible roars, showed their terrible teeth and their terrible claws as we have begun to explore our first topic 'Where the Wild Things Are!' and shared the story. The children have had great fun playing with the small world and the Wild Things puppets to recreate the story. If you would like to share this story at home with your child please check out our local libraries to see if they have a copy or Youtube read aloud versions.

In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds i, n, m and d. Please take a look at the link: [For parents | Letters and Sounds](#) on how to practise the correct sounds with your child. We have been so proud with the children having a go at blending their sounds too to begin to read. We have learnt:

s-i-p, t-i-p, n-a-p, m-a-n

Have a go at home at making your own letter cards to put together to blend. How many other words can you make?

We have been practising using one touch, one count with objects in Maths this week. Please practise this at home with your child to continue to embed this learning.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Curriculum Information Evening on Wednesday. It was lovely to meet lots of you and we hope that you found it useful.

Next week, we will be beginning our Reading sessions. The children will begin with wordless books at this stage in Reception.

Streetsbrook Childcare This week in Childcare we have been exploring the book 'Find Your Happy'. We have been talking about emotions and enjoying the things that make us happy. We used paint pens to paint our own portraits; we used mirrors to look at our faces in detail carefully, choosing tones and colours we could see; we then used them to talk about similarities and differences. In the tuff tray we used various natural Autumnal items to create family portraits, stones, pinecones and leaves for bodies and twigs for limbs etc (a few pets made it into the picture too!) We had lots of conversations about our families along the way we and used the family photos from our album to help, so thank you for sharing those with us.

Next week we will continue to explore 'Find Your Happy' alongside Autumn crafts as we delve more into the new season.



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Local support and activities for
children, young people, parents, and carers

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