



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 26 June
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Wednesday 2 July
Friday 11 July
Monday 14 July
Thursday 17 July

Nursery Sports Day 9.15-10.30am
PTA Meeting 2.00pm
Reception Assembly 9.30am
Nursery Assembly 9.30am
Book Look 9.05am
Year 2 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for
week commencing
16 June was 97.9%



Summer Holiday Club bookings now open....

Click on the [link here](#) to book a place – bookings close Friday 11 July. A list of the daily themes is also attached. Book before 27 June for the discounted price of £25.00 per day!!

Booking Forms

New booking forms for Cosmic Club 2025/26 are now [available here](#). Places are on a first come first served basis so please don't delay if you require a place.



THURSDAY 26 JUNE – DRESS DOWN DAY DONATIONS

Year Groups	Donation
Year 2 Nursery	Children's tombola (good condition items only please)
Reception Year 1 Childcare	Any bottles – wine, fizz, soft drinks, etc



Miss Dorow

A huge congratulations to Miss Dorow who got married last weekend. A beautiful day was shared with family and friends. She will be keeping her name until the end of this academic year then will be Mrs Harlow from September.



Book Look – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

On the morning of Monday 14 July we warmly welcome parents from Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 into school for our annual 'Book Look'. This is an opportunity for children to show parents all the wonderful work they have completed this year. Book Look 2025 will take place between 9.05am and 9.50am on Monday 14 July.

Please bring children to school as usual, once registration is complete we will open classroom doors and welcome parents into school. Parents and children will then have the opportunity to spend time together sharing work, exploring the school and chatting with staff. We will operate a signing out process to facilitate this. At 9.50am we will signal the end of Book Look 2025 and respectfully ask that all parents leave the site promptly. We will re-register the children at 10am to ensure everyone has safely returned to their base classroom. We know that children thoroughly enjoy this opportunity to give you a glimpse into their life at school and sincerely hope you (or another nominated adult – please let class teachers know if this is the case) will be able to join us.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Author Visit

What a wonderful time we had on Thursday afternoon when author and illustrator Sean Perkins visited school.

Sean introduced us to his story characters, cats Oscar and Ben, before sharing his latest story with us 'The Sleepover', complete with rhymes, jokes and a sing along!

After the assembly Ben signed copies of his books and interacted with children in their class book clubs before a final session with Year 2 describing his journey to becoming an author and how he writes and illustrated his books. The session finished with a question and answer session about life as an author and illustrator.

Thank you to everyone who pre ordered one of Sean's books and to Sean for a fabulously inspiring afternoon which really underlined the 'pleasure' in our Reading for Pleasure ethos.

If anyone missed the opportunity to order one of Sean's books, please email the school office with your request. Children can still receive a signed copy of The Sleepover however these orders will have to be delivered by post so may take a week or two to arrive.

Careers Week 2025!

We have had a fantastic week focussing on financial education, particularly thinking about how we spend, save and raise money. We explored what our needs and wants are, it was great to see the children's understanding of these concepts. We also explored where money comes from, what we can spend money on and why we might need to save money. This week we have also been thinking about future careers and exploring the skills and attributes we might need to do this role well. A big thank you to the parents who took part in our Year 2 careers workshops and shared an insight into their careers. These sessions were hugely enjoyable and helped the children appreciate the wide range of jobs they could aspire to. We were also thrilled to take part in the HSBC financial education workshops before half term, we were then presented with an HSBC Smart Money Award in acknowledgement of our contribution to supporting financial education in schools. This year we were introduced to the characters Ed and Bunny, we shared stories across the week to support our learning.



SUMMER FAIR

Last few
tickets
remaining for
the Inflatables
at 6.25-
6.40pm!!



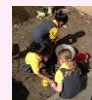
Nursery

This week was the start of our 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom' topic and the children were very excited to arrive in Nursery on Monday to see lots of transport toys for them to play with. During discussions, the children thought of lots of different modes of transport and they shared some great ideas including day-to-day transport like cars and buses, to more unusual ones like hot air balloons and spaceships! We thought about how each of these modes of transport travel, for example, on land, on water or in the air. The children all painted wonderful pictures of different modes of transport, thinking about the colours they were using and the detail they were adding. With the sun shining, we have spent a lot of time outdoors and our car wash area was a big hit with all the children!

We have also been practising some of our races for next week which everyone has been trying really hard with. We look forward to welcoming you to watch our Sports Day and hope you all bring your very best cheering voices!

In phonics this week, we have been practising making the sound /x/: open mouth, then push the **cs/x** sound through as you close your mouth **cs (x)**. On Thursday, we had a very special visitor in Nursery to be our secret reader. The children were asked to guess who it might be and we had a few guesses that it could be one of the children's mummies! It turned out that it was a Mummy, but not one of the children's... it was Mrs Bond's Mummy, Jo! Jo read us the story of 'The Hundred Decker Bus' which was lots of fun. Jo agreed that what Mrs Bond had been saying was right – the children in Nursery are all wonderful! Thank you to Jo for coming to read to us.

Whilst we have the warm weather, please can we ask that sun lotion is applied before the children arrive to school and they bring a sun hat/cap with them. We like to be outside as much as possible so want the children to be protected!



Year 2

Year 2 have had a very hot but wonderful week! In Maths we have looked at word problems, solving them and explaining our reasoning for our answers. In English we thought about facts and opinions and differentiating between these. The children then thought of their own questions they'd like to find out the answers to about Australia and researched these using Kiddle to find the answers. On Thursday afternoon we enjoyed an extremely special class book club with a visit from a real life author who also illustrates his own stories. Year 2 took the opportunity to ask questions about his career and how he got there. We have also continued to rehearse for our Leavers' Assembly - well done to all the children who have already learnt their lines and are able to use a loud and clear voice when performing. Please remember to continue to learn these lines and to practice your volume. Next week Year 2 will be looking at the features of a non-chronological report in English and will be using texts to research answers to questions. In Maths we will begin to look at three digit numbers, using practical resources and learning how to add these together.

Year 1

What a fantastic week we have had this week in Year 1! First of all, a huge well done to all of the children for their super End of Year Performance! They have been putting in so much hard work to remember their lines, perfect their dances and to learn the songs, and the hard work definitely paid off – what a brilliant show! It was a wonderful celebration of all they have achieved this year. Well done Year 1, we are all so proud of you.

In maths, we have been exploring the concept of volume and capacity, we have had lots of fun measuring and pouring water into measuring jugs and cylinders. In English, we have been diving deeper into this half term's story book – The Storm Whale. The children have been using the themes of the story to develop their vocabulary, using a glossary page to find the definition of words they do not know or understand. They have then been using these new words to help them write sentences on how they would help a beached whale washed up on the sand. The children had some very good ideas and compared these ideas to what the main character Noi did when he found the whale in the story.

We have continued thinking back to our lovely trip to Weston-super-Mare, and the children have been making artwork to feature on our display wall. They have been painting donkeys, buckets and spades, ice creams, and beautiful seaside scenes with watercolour paints. These paintings are going to look fabulous on the display! In computing, we have started using ScratchJr on the iPads, learning how to program our character to move. We will develop this further next week and have the opportunity to create exciting characters and backgrounds.

Next week, we look forward to learning about 2D and 3D shapes in maths and learning about the changes throughout the seasons in science – just like the theme of our end of year performance! We will also enjoy two exciting Design and Technology mornings, where we will explore different materials and ways of joining them together. Well done Year 1, keep up the great work!

Reception

It has been a very hot but fun week in Reception this week. We have completed some more wonderful writing, thinking of our own captions to write sentences about the life cycle of a plant. The children amazed their teachers by showing just how independent they are becoming when thinking about and planning their own sentence. They are remembering the 'think it, say it, write it, read it' method which is helping them to check their own work! In Maths we have been securing our Number bonds to 10 and seeing how fluently we know them, and also looking for patterns in numbers such as which ones are odd or even. Our trip to the allotment has continued to be a source of excitement to talk about and all the children have been eagerly taking turns to water our own plants and vegetables in our Reception garden. Finally the author visit on Thursday inspired us to be authors and the children have excitedly created their very own books to share with their friends. Next week we will continue to look at how things grow and continuing with the story of Jasper's Beanstalk. We are also excited for Mrs Ward's children to come into school on Wednesday morning to teach us how to play cricket! **Please can children come in their PE kits on Wednesday next week instead of Tuesday.**

Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare has been an exciting week of getting together and having fun. It was great to welcome lots of Daddies and other family members to our stay and play, we spent time together crafting, modelling and sharing snacks in the garden as well as plenty of giggles with a water fight and giant parachute, we even had time to show off our tennis and football skills so thank you to all that came it really makes the time special for your child. On Thursday the sun shone all day for Rocketfest as we celebrated world music day, after collecting our wristbands and having a security check we started the day off by using our homemade instruments to accompany Mrs

Maria as she took us on a tour of Hungary and Germany with her guitar, the children then took to the stage to perform their solo acts, we decorated music notes then had snack in Africa with all the fruits from our story Handas surprise whilst listening to African music, we then explored traditional African instruments and had a go at playing them. We finished the day with ice lollies and a glow stick dance session. Well done for helping your child create an instrument, they really were amazing and the children had great fun playing them.





Join the reading adventure, Story Garden, this year's Summer Reading Challenge!

Solihull Libraries are launching a challenge to children aged 4-12 to read six books across the school summer holidays and collect stickers and rewards along the way. The challenge begins on Saturday 12th July but you can join at any time and take part at any Solihull Library* (you just need to visit the same library each time). If children meet the challenge, they will earn themselves a certificate and a medal.

But that's not all! All those who complete the challenge can enter a free prize draw to be in with a chance to win a £15 gift card for the Entertainer, or a £25 gift card for Waterstones or £30 to spend in Touchwood.

Visit the Summer Reading Challenge website (<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>) for lots of games and competitions, together with the Book Sorter where children can write reviews and get suggestions for new books to try.

It's free to join the library, and free to take part in Story Garden with lots of fun activities in libraries across the summer –for details of all the library events take a look at <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/library-events>

So, come to the library for some creative inspiration and keep your kids' reading skills fit and healthy!

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries>

*Knowle Library will not be participating this year as it is closed for essential work from the end of June until January 2026.