



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Fri 16 May
Mon 19 May
Tue 20 May
Thurs 26 June

Book Fair 3.15-4.15pm
Book Fair 7.30-8.30am & 3.15-4.15pm
Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm at Sharmans Cross school (Reception –Yr 2)
Nursery Sports Day 9.15-10.30am



The Whole School
Attendance for
week commencing
12 May was 96.2%



Book Fair Prize Draw

Congratulations to our Book Fair prize draw winners who each won a £5 voucher to spend at our Book Fair on Friday 16 or Monday 19 May. We look forward to seeing you there!



RAFFLE PRIZES

Do you own or work for a company that would be willing to donate a raffle prize for our Summer Fair please? If you do, please get in touch! Many thanks.

Mini Marathon

As some of you may know we have a child in the school who has a brain tumour. They are currently receiving treatment for this, the medication was not available when they were first diagnosed. This medication is thanks to charities such as brain tumour research and is significantly less invasive than other treatments that were previously available. The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude and thanks to everyone who took part in the marathon to raise awareness and donations. An amazing **£1341** was raised which will be donated to The Brain Tumour Charity. Thank you to everyone who took part!



SUMMER FAIR

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BEING A SPONSOR FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR ON FRIDAY 4 JULY 2025? IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Easy Funding

Do you shop online?



Sign up to easyfundraising and watch your everyday online spending turn into free donations. And the best bit? It won't cost you anything. What a great way to support Streetsbrook! Once you've registered, all you need to do is visit your chosen website, via the **easyfundraising** website or app and shop as usual.

If you shop at Tesco we will not only get an entry into their giveaway, Tesco will also give us £10 donation for your first shop and £1 for every subsequent shop as a 'thank you' for shopping with them. How amazing is that?

Registering takes only a couple of minutes –Streetsbrook are raising funds for much needed resources for The Hive! Click to register [Streetsbrook Infant And Early Years Academy, Shirley Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

PTA MEETING

The PTA held a meeting on Monday to discuss the Summer Fair. The Minutes from that meeting can be found [here](#). The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 June at 2.00pm – we would love to see you there!

Site Manager Update

Mr Oliver has recently undergone an operation to his shoulder meaning he will be absent from school until the end of term. The operation went well and we wish him a speedy recovery!

REMINDER – SPORTS DAY REPLIES ARE DUE TODAY!!

For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 please let us know the name of the person collecting your child from Sharmans Cross Junior School on Tuesday 20 May at 3.00pm. For full details click [here](#).



Walk to School Week

Next week (w/c 19th May) is Walk to School Week. Organised by Living Streets, a national walking charity whose mission is to inspire people to walk more, the five-day challenge is a celebration of the walk to school and the perfect activity to take part in as part of National Walking Month this May. Children don't have to just walk though, as long as they are taking part in active travel, so walking, cycling or scooting all count! Children accessing breakfast club will be able to complete laps of the hall in order to secure a point for their class too! Walking to school means that children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended **60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day** before even reaching the school gates! The theme this year is 'The Great Space Walk' and there is a different focus on each of the five days, which encourages children to think about the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet!

Why does walking to school matter?

Happier Children It's been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn.

Less Congestion During morning peak traffic times, one in five cars on the road are taking children school, contributing to congestion, air pollution and carbon emissions.

Cleaner Air The school run alone is responsible for generating half a million tonnes of CO2 per year (which is more than some small countries!). Imagine what we could achieve if we began converting some of these rides to strides?

Each journey that your child/children complete will count as a point towards their class total. The class with the most points will win a trophy and each child that takes parts will receive a certificate.

Let's get strolling, rolling and riding!

Miss Dorow, Eco Leader

Nursery Everyone in Nursery has impressed us so much this week, using lots of our characteristics of effective learning and practising lots of new circus skills. We have had so much fun trying to juggle, balance, spin plates and walk the 'tight rope'. The children are so excited to be inviting you in next half term to see all the skills we have learnt and for you to have a go too!



Tuesday this week was our whole class photo, the children all looked very smart and showed us their biggest smiles – we are really excited to see the final photo!

The weather has been so lovely this week and pretty much all the children have chosen to spend the majority of their time outside – I don't blame them! We have had lots of water play which the children have thoroughly enjoyed, splashing about, filling containers and creating little waterways for the boats to move along.

In phonics, we have been practising making the sounds /y/ and /z/ and we have been continuing to sing 'Incy Wincy Spider' and play lots of games linked to this.

Next week, we will continue to practise our circus skills and we will also be thinking about what we have enjoyed most so far about this topic. The weather is set to be sunny again next week and therefore, could we please ask that the children come into school with sun cream already applied and full bottles of water. We do try to encourage the children as much as we can to be drinking plenty of water, especially whilst it is so warm.

Year 2 Year 2 have been completing their 'Bonkers Booklets' in school and have shown off all the knowledge they have in Maths and Reading. We are so proud of all of the children for how they have approached these booklets and how determined and persevering they have been. Well done Year 2! We have not sent any homework this week because of this. Next week, we will be showing off our writing skills by writing an adventure story titled 'The Magic Pebble'. We have thought about what the pebble might do, where it might take us and what might happen next. You could talk to your children over the weekend about their story to keep their ideas fresh in their mind. We enjoyed role playing different ideas to help us think of some vocabulary.

We had a fabulous time in our African Drumming workshop, learning the names of the drums and different rhythms. We put them all together to create a performance and some children led different parts. We also had a brilliant time making our Safari Vehicles with moving wheels attached to an axle and chassis. These will come home next week once they are dry!

Year 1 We've had another busy and exciting week in Year 1, full of learning, exploring, and fantastic effort from all the children. Here's a little peek at what we've been up to. This week, we've been learning to recognise, find, and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape, or quantity. The children enjoyed cutting shapes, sharing objects, and using fun activities to understand this new concept. Why not try halving a sandwich or apple at home together? In English, we have been sequencing events from the story "The Deep Dark Wood". The children have loved diving into this exciting tale and retelling it in the correct order. Great listening and memory skills were on display all week! Our broad beans are growing beautifully! We've been observing, recording and measuring the roots and stems — and some beans have already grown as many as 10 roots!



A huge thank you to Riya in Robins for bringing in her Harmonium to show her class and playing it so beautifully for everyone.

Next week is already the final week of **Summer Term 1**! We'll be retelling the story of "The Deep Dark Wood". The children will be using story maps and sequencing to help them bring the tale to life in their own words. In maths, we'll be learning to compare, describe, and solve practical problems relating to mass and weight. We'll be doing lots of hands-on measuring and using balance scales to explore heavier and lighter objects. We'll be developing our word processing skills by learning how to make careful choices when changing text. This includes practising how to select a word by double-clicking and making simple edits. We'll be learning about a very important figure in history — George Stephenson, known as the 'Father of the Railways'. The children will explore how he helped change the way people travel and why he is remembered today.

Your child will be coming home soon with their lines for our End of Year Assembly. Please keep an eye out for them and start practising over the half term.

Wishing you all a happy and restful half term when it arrives. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Reception This week we have been thinking about and reading the story 'The 3 Little Pigs'. We have been using the story to help us with our writing- we looked at the scenes from the story and thought of our own sentences to describe what was happening.



Can you find the story at home, if not, visit the local library and see if they have a copy- choose a scene from the story and have a go at writing your own sentence to describe what is happening. We have been creative chameleons using the story and explored colour mixing. We used red and white mixed together to create paintings of pigs, and then used 2 different colours to paint a picture of a wolf; can your child remember which colours we used to paint the wolf? In maths we have begun looking at number bonds to 10 (2 numbers that when added together make 10), we have used tens frames and counters, Numicon and even started learning a song to help us remember which numbers make 10. We have recapped our learning of odd and even numbers and sorted numbers out into where they belong, we even noticed a pattern. Can your child remember how we can identify the odd and evens? We finished off the week with a campfire over in The Nest to end our week of the 3 Little Pigs- we have been making lots of use of The Nest in the lovely weather, the children have really enjoyed exploring all the different areas and playing new games. **Please can we have parents (without younger siblings) to help us walk down to Sharmans Cross school on Tuesday afternoon ready for sports day, if we do not have enough helpers, unfortunately Reception will be unable to take part, thank you!**

Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in childcare we have been enjoying the lovely weather out in our garden. The tiny seeds we planted before Easter are really growing so we have been transplanting them into the planters and carefully watering them. Our radishes have grown so much we were able to pull them up give them a wash and try them "they taste funny!!" Clearly, we enjoyed growing them more than eating them! We made a book about how we grew them to keep in our Rockets library. We will continue to nurture the rest of our veg and flowers and hopefully have another bumper harvest. As we've enjoyed growing our own sunflowers we have also been learning about Van Gogh and his sunflower art work, we have made our own interpretations of his famous picture using different media such as paint, collage, pastels and sunflower seeds. We observed real sunflowers for more inspiration talking about the textures and colours we could see to accurately recreate our pictures.



Solihull's Education Strategy

The Local Authority are creating an education strategy for Solihull that reflects the values and needs of our community. To do that, we need your voice. We want to know what matters to you, what is working, and what support would make a difference. Your insights will help shape the direction of education across the borough—not just for your child, but for all families. We will keep you updated on how your feedback is being used, and while we can't implement every idea, every response will help build a more connected approach across the borough.

1. What are your hopes and aspirations for your child's education, and for other children in Solihull?
2. What helps you feel confident that your child is learning, thriving, and supported at school?
3. Are there things that make it harder for your child to get the most out of their education?
4. What changes or support do you think could make education even better for families in Solihull?

You can use the QR code or the link to give your feedback. Please note that any entries may be seen by Parents and carers in other schools. All feedback needs to be submitted by Friday 23 May 2025.



[Bringing education together ... shaping Solihull's education strategy - Parents](#)

Please come to our Brilliant Book Fair!

Opening Hours:

Friday 16 May 2025

3.15pm – 4.15pm (Hall)

Monday 19 May

7.30am - 8.30am (Foyer)

3.15pm – 4.15pm (Foyer)

If you can't make any of these times
please let us know ... we can open
just for you until Wednesday 21 May
at 3pm!

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A little sample of what's on offer at our Brilliant Book Fair!

Ages 2+

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NEW Young Readers 3 MINECRAFT **£5.99** *MEETING THE OVERMINE!*

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Ages 6+

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*Titles that sell out at the fair can be ordered for delivery on Thursday 22 May.