



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2024-25
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W/C 28 April 2025

Thu 8 May
Tues 13 May
Fri 16 May

VE Day Celebration – Wear Red, White and Blue clothes today
School Photographs
Book Fair



The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 28 April was
96%



VE Day Celebration

As you will be aware Thursday 8 May 2025 marks the 80th Anniversary of VE day. To mark this significant historical event we will be holding a special Assembly on Thursday morning and will decorate the school hall before sharing a special lunch menu prepared by Solihull Catering Service. To add to the sense of occasion we would like to invite all children and staff to dress in red, white and blue for the day.

TERM DATES 2025-2026

Please click [here](#) for School Holidays and Inset Days for 2025-2026.

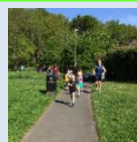


SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – TUESDAY 13 MAY

Class Photographs together with Year 2 individual photographs will be taking place Tuesday 13 May. Please can you ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform on this day. Thank you!

MINI MARATHON

Thank you for to everyone who came to our Mini Marathon on Wednesday – it was wonderful to see so many of you running with your children. A reminder to return all sponsor money by Friday 9 May 2025, thank you



PE Development Day What a fun, successful and informative day we had working in our astro area alongside Emma Marshall from South Solihull School Sports Partnership (SSSSP) with the aim of developing our outdoor PE provision. All teaching staff, support staff, lunchtime staff and all children from Reception to Year 2 had the opportunity to participate in a live lesson focussing on our Summer 1, Get Set 4 PE Units, Striking and Fielding Games in KS1 and Games (throwing games - focus) in Reception. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and staff benefitted from expert input which will support and enhance their practice going forward. Thank you Emma!

Year 2/3 Transition

Teachers have started to discuss Year 2/3 transition with our Year 2 children. For those transitioning to Sharmans Cross Junior School this will include asking each child to name four children they would wish to be included in their new Year 3 class. These requests are completed confidentially, and the four names are not prioritised by order. Children are most welcome to request children from the parallel class as well as their own. Of the four children nominated we will make every effort to ensure each child is placed in a class with at least one of the children on their list. The make-up of the classes for Sharmans Cross is one of the most challenging tasks undertaken by Year 2 staff and I am sure you will appreciate there are numerous factors, alongside children's requests, which must be taken into consideration. Before your child makes their request on Wednesday 7th May you may wish to discuss this process with them and support them in making their selection. Should you have any additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Money and Careers Week

Following a very successful event last year we will be holding another Money and Careers week at Streetsbrook this year, running from June 09- 13 June. A highlight of last year was the fabulous career sessions presented to our Year 2 children by a number of our parents. If this was you, and you still have a child at Streetsbrook, I will be contacting you shortly to ask for your support again this year! We are also really keen to encourage more parents to share their insight into the world of work. Understandably talking to a group of six and seven year olds about your job may seem like a rather daunting prospect but rest assured school staff will be able to advise and support in advance and throughout the session. Please do have a think about it! If you feel you could present a short session (10-15 minutes is ideal), followed by a short Q & A opportunity, to a maximum of thirty Year 2 children, outlining your role, the skills you need for this role and the path you took to get there. We would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Miss Cartwright via the school office to have a chat about a suitable day and time. It would be really appreciated! *All children will be participating in money and career related activities across the week but the sessions presented by parents will be for Year 2 children only.

Polite Reminders

As we look forward to (hopefully) a warmer, drier and sunnier term please can we remind families that children **should not** be accessing school play spaces before or after school. This includes the areas adjacent to classrooms, the front playground play equipment and astro pitch and all areas of our back field. Children are regularly reminded of this and we would greatly appreciate parental support in reinforcing this message. Please could we also remind parents that after collection children should remain with their adult and be supervised by them at all times.

Online Safety

As seen in recent news, keeping children safe online is always an important issue. Not only does this mean following e-safety rules, but it also means that we check and make sure our children are playing age appropriate games. Year 2 have discussed a range of games that they play at home and we have found out about the age rating of these using a quiz which you can view at home [E-Safety Quiz](#) | [Video Game Age Ratings](#) | [Primary Computing - YouTube](#).

The age ratings of games are linked to the suitability of the content, and not the difficulty level. They are decided on using input from child development experts, taking the wide range of content into account. Once a child has seen something that is inappropriate for their developmental age, they cannot unsee it.

For more information, please see this very helpful website [PEGI Ratings](#) | [Games Rating Authority](#).

Parent Conduct on Ralph Road

An external professional visited school this week for a 9.00am meeting and unfortunately experienced unpleasant behaviour from one of our parents when parking on Ralph Road. We were very disappointed when the professional reported this to us, and to hear her view that Ralph Road was one of the most dangerous school roads she has recently visited.

May we remind you that the speed limit outside school is 20mph and that you should not be parking on the single yellow lines within the restricted times, idling on the yellow lines nor blocking driveways when parking.

Nursery

We really enjoyed welcoming the children back to Nursery this week and it was lovely that all the children had big smiles on their faces walking into the classroom. We started the week with asking the children to share what they had been up to over the Easter break – it sounds as though the children all had a great couple of weeks. During the week, we also introduced our Circus topic and the children listened to circus music and also played with some circus puppets. Wednesday morning was a fun morning where we took part in our Streetsbrook marathon. Nursery were amazing and we were very impressed at the speed of some of the children – there was no stopping them! We enjoyed cheering on the rest of the school and we were very pleased to enjoy an ice lolly as a special treat, especially as it had been so warm! In phonics we have been listening to and making the sound /v/. The children were encouraged to push their teeth against their bottom lip and make a buzzing sound **vvv**.

Next week, we will continue learning about the circus and thinking about the different jobs within the circus.

We are very hopeful that this warm weather is here to stay for a little while, so please could we ask that you apply suncream to your children in the morning. Thank you.



Year 2

Wow! What a week to start our new topic in Year 2! It certainly was the weather to begin thinking about 'Sensational Safari' and learning about where Kenya lies on a map. We found Kenya within Africa, looked at key features of the country and learned about a child's life in urban Kenya. We enjoyed discussing the similarities and differences to our own lives. In English, we enjoyed listening to our new text 'How to Hide a Lion' by Helen Stephens. We thought about different sentence types; statements, questions and exclamations. In Maths, we have been looking at analogue clocks, reading the time to the hour, half past, quarter to and quarter past. We will be continuing with time next week. We have also been very active and the children impressed us with their enthusiasm and energy for the Marathon on Wednesday morning. We also enjoyed a PE session led by Solihull School Sports Partnership on Thursday morning which focused on striking and fielding games.

Please note that all children will need a **small** cereal box (individual serving size) or a tissue box, and one jar lid to be a correct size for a wheel on **Monday 12th May**. Please bring these in a **named** bag.

Any box that is too big will unfortunately not be able to be used.



Year 1

What a lovely sunny week to start the summer term! We have loved hearing about your Easter holiday adventures, the children produced some fantastic recounts in our English lesson this week. They remembered to use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and tried really hard to make their sentences exciting. In Year 1 this week we have continued to thrive in our reading and phonics sessions. We are recapping and revising the sounds we already know in preparation for the Phonics Screening check. In Maths this week we have been focusing on finding one more and one less of a given number to 50, reading and writing numbers up to 100 and recapping our place value knowledge. How many lots of tens and ones are there in 56? In Science this week we have begun an experiment to investigate 'What happens underground when a bean grows?'. The children have each planted a bean in a transparent bag, we will be eagerly watching to see what happens and will observe how long it takes to see signs of growth. We loved participating in our Marathon this week, it was so lovely to see so many parents at this event.

Reception

What a super sunny week we've had to start off our new term! Just a reminder while we are having such lovely weather to remember to apply suncream before school to your child, and for them to bring in a named sunhat. We have really enjoyed reading all about what you have been up to over half term - from Easter egg hunts to spa days! The children have found these useful to have to use in their guided writing to prompt them with their sentences. We got our heart rates going on Wednesday with our Streetsbrook mini marathon, thank you to all of the parents who came to cheer us on or even run round with your child, we hope you had a great time! In phonics we have been reviewing all the sounds we have learnt so far and finding them in longer words; we have had some new tricky words too, **some, come, love, do-** can you put these into a sentence and write it? In maths we have been recapping careful counting, remembering our stopping number and finding ways to count up to 20 objects. At home, gather a larger number of objects (toys, socks, pens etc), can the children work out a way in which they can count all of the objects ensuring they count carefully and only count each item once? Next week we will continue with the story of The Gingerbread Man, have a read of this if you have a copy at home, if not, head down to your local library and borrow a copy!



Streetsbrook Childcare

A big welcome back to Childcare after the Easter break and what lovely weather we've returned to. We have started a new topic of colour and have been looking at the book Rainbow Fish. We have been discovering life in the ocean and how sea creatures live. We created a sensory sea tray using shells, jelly fish and blue hair gel and used lots of descriptive words to talk about what we could see, hear, smell and feel. We've also been exploring the colours and texture of the ocean through paint and have been mixing paint and creating art work on shimmery tin foil and foamy bubble wrap. We've also played small magnetic fishing and giant hook and line fishing to catch numbers up to ten. We had great fun joining in with the school marathon and it was lovely for the children to have parents come along and get involved. Next week we will continue our book Rainbow Fish and to celebrate VE Day on Thursday we will be following the children's love of planes with an 'Air Day' there will be lots of airplane themed fun followed by a traditional afternoon tea so please wear red, white and blue to commemorate this special day.

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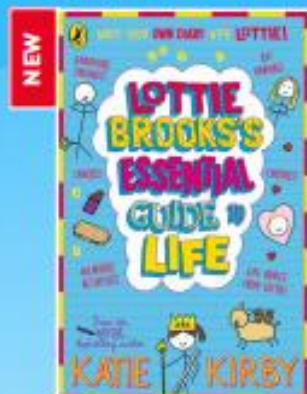
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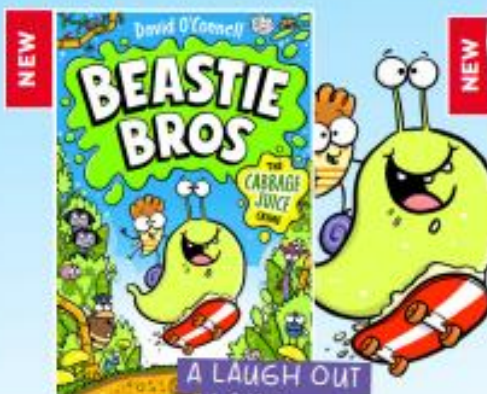
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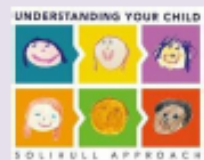
Led by trained parent volunteers, the groups provide you with the tools to help manage challenging behaviour, improve communication, and build a positive relationship with your child.

The Being a Parent groups start with a welcome session & then run weekly for a further 8 sessions:

TUESDAY	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	6/5/25 – 8/7/25
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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

Led by Solihull professionals, the group aims to help you to manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as building and understanding your relationship with your child. The group target age is 4-11 years unless specified, delivered face-to-face for 10 sessions:



TUESDAY	Shirley Heath Outreach Hub (B90 3DS)	1pm – 3pm	29/4/25 – 8/7/25
WEDNESDAY	Three Trees Community Centre (B37 7TR)	5pm – 7pm	w/c 28/4/25 – 7/7/25

FIVE TO THRIVE

For parents with children aged up to 2 years, the FIVE TO THRIVE building blocks explore practical things you can do to enhance your child's brain development, increase confidence in parenting and meet local parents.



TUESDAY
The Bridge, Shirley (B90 3AG)
12.30pm – 2.30pm
7/1/25 – 11/2/25
25/2/25 – 1/4/25

Book your place now, or find out more by contacting Solihull Parenting Team at: bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net or book via the Eventbrite QR code below:





SOLIHULL SCHOOL NURSING

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

A warm welcome to the Summer 2025 term! We hope you had a wonderful break and are looking forward to the warmer weather that is on its way.

We can't wait to see all of you this term, whether it's for the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) or for an appointment we have arranged together.

Remember, the school nursing service works all year round, Monday to Friday, excluding public and bank holidays.

Our main telephone line: 0121 726 6754

Here's a reminder of how the School Nursing team can support you:

Toileting

Sleep

Eating and diet

Delivering the NCMP for Reception and Year 6 pupils

Puberty

Emotional health and relaxation techniques

Managing behaviour

Hygiene



Chat Health

ChatHealth is our Private and Confidential text messaging service for Parents/Carers/Guardians and also students.

As well as our main contact line, The School Nursing service can offer advice and support via text messaging between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday Only (not monitored on bank holidays or weekends)

Parent Line: 07480635496

Aged 11-19: 07520615730



Exams



As the new term begins, schools will start preparing for exams, including the SATs. It is important for parents and caregivers to work together with teachers and support your child in managing any stress or anxiety they may experience during this time.

Here are some useful tips and advice:

Make sure your child eats well:

A balanced diet is essential for your child's health. This can also help them feel energised during exam periods. Remember high-fat, high-sugar and high-caffeine foods and drinks can make children hyperactive and irritable.

Help your child get enough sleep:

Good sleep improves thinking and concentration. Children need around 8 to 10 hours of sleep a night. It's important to allow time before bed for your child to wind down between studying, watching TV, or using any electronic device. This will help them settle down for bed and get a better night's sleep.

Talk about any worries or exam nerves:

Remind your child that it is normal to feel anxious, and help them by revising and practising any homework together. Encourage them to think about what they know and the time they've already put into studying to help them feel more confident. Practise mindfulness together to enable your child to relax their mind if they start to overthink.

Immunisations



Vaccines help protect people from illnesses. It is best to have them on time, but if you/your child has missed a vaccine, contact your GP to catch up.

It is important to make sure that your child is vaccinated against different illnesses. You can check your child's vaccination status by visiting the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>



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Transitioning to Secondary



On March 1st, you will be notified of your child's secondary school placement. While this is an exciting time, we understand it can also feel daunting. Your chosen secondary school will coordinate with your child's current primary school to arrange transition days, which will help ease the upcoming changes.

The school nursing team is always available for any advice and tips to help you and your child during this time. Contact us via our main telephone line or via our ChatHealth service.

Water safety

Please remember the following safety tips:

- Stay away from the edge of waterways, lakes, and ponds to reduce the risk of falling in.
- If you're walking at night, make sure to stick to well-lit areas and avoid walking near waterways in the dark.
- Teach children the importance of staying away from open water as early as possible. When waterways freeze over or the opposite when it is a warm day you cannot guarantee either how thick the ice is or the temperature of the water.
- Keep your dog on a lead to prevent them from slipping on the edge of waterways and potentially falling into the water.



Vaping



An e-cigarette, also known as a vape, is an electronic device that allows users to inhale nicotine in vapour form rather than smoke. Vaping has become a common trend among children starting from Year 6 and upwards.

Vaping is not suitable for children and young people. Their developing lungs and brains make them more vulnerable to its effects. While nicotine vaping is considered less harmful than smoking, it is not risk-free.

It is crucial for your child to understand the facts and dangers associated with vaping, including the long-term side effects this can have on their physical health and overall well-being.

If you or your child would like some advice or help regarding vaping, the school nursing team can offer guidance and support. For more advice please visit the below links:

Childline:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/drugs-alcohol-smoking/vaping/>

NHS - Better health:

<https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/help-others-quit/young-people-and-vaping/>

Weight management

The Solihull School Nursing team recently visited year 6 students to carry out a health questionnaire and complete the NCMP (National Child Measurement Programme).

The results from both activities indicate a rising concern regarding body image and weight among students.

Here are some useful links that may help:

Eat well move more Solihull:

Eat well move more is a programme put together for parents with children who feel they could improve their lifestyle. Scan the QR to register. Please note participants must be Solihull residents.



Beezee Families:

Beezee Families is a free 16 week programme for children and families to take part in. You can attend a Solihull school but need to be a Birmingham resident.



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