



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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W/C 7 April 2025

Mon 28 Apr
Weds 30 Apr
Thu 1 May
Fri 16 May

INSET DAY – School & Childcare closed
Sponsored Mini Marathon
Children in Reception-Year 2 to come to school in PE kits
Book Fair

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 7 April was
94.1%



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you all for your on-going support. It has been a busy term with workshops for parents, Book Day and the Easter Egg hunt! The children have thoroughly enjoyed these special events as well as their on-going everyday learning experiences.

As always, I would like to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the staff and Governors. The children and I are so lucky to work with such a brilliant, dedicated, and caring group of people. I hope you all have a restful Easter break and very much look forward to seeing you all on 29 April for the start of the final term of the academic year.

McMinter

Sponsored Mini Marathon - Wednesday 30 April @ 9.30am

A reminder that ALL children (including Childcare) should come to school in outdoor sports wear and trainers. Please click [here](#) for a copy of the letter sent. **If you are able to help marshal the course, please let us know.** Please return sponsor forms and money by Friday 9 May.



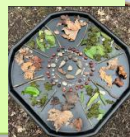
A Fond Farewell.....

It is with great sadness that Mr Drakeley, our wonderful School Cook, will be leaving at the end of the Easter holidays. Mr Drakeley has worked at Streetsbrook for 3 years and has provided the children with lots of delicious and nutritious food over the years. I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone when I say he will be sorely missed. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for all his hard work and dedication and wish him all the very best in his new role!



The Nest Update

A huge thank you to Mrs Howes for all of her hard work in our Nest provision. From the Summer term Mrs Howes will be stepping down from this role and the Nest will reconvene when staffing has been confirmed. The children have loved taking part in all the activities Mrs Howes has lovingly put together from Autumn treasure hunts, making hedgehog homes and bug hotels. Planting acorns, bark and leaf rubbing, creating pictures using natural materials, gardening, playing games, making wind spinners and so much more! The fun will continue very soon.



Rock Steady Concert

Well done to all our Rock Steady rock stars who entertained us on Wednesday afternoon with their second concert of the year.

Staff, children and parents all love the performance and showed their appreciation by clapping, cheering and singing along! Great job everyone!



Curriculum Overviews for Parents

Summer Term 1 Curriculum

Overviews are available to view on our website [here](#)

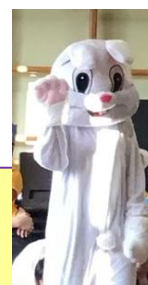


As we are sure you are aware, next half term is exceptionally short and the number of teaching days is therefore limited. Staff have provided a full curriculum overview of this half terms topics but understandably, will have to prioritise some learning experiences over others. Rest assured we will pack in as much as we can and where required will carry learning forward into Summer 2.

PTA EASTER FESTIVAL 2025

The children were very excited to receive a special visit from the Easter Bunny yesterday during assembly – Thank you to the Easter Bunny for taking the time to 'hop' in!

Many thanks also to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our Easter Egg raffle – an amazing £784.00 was raised in raffle sales!! Congratulations also to our Easter Bonnet winners. All entries took part in a Easter Bonnet parade and prizes were given to the worthy 'eggscellent' winners. We would just like to say a **HUGE** thank you to the PTA for organising, running and supporting these events – without an active PTA, events such as these, would not be able to take place.



Nursery

Nursery have had yet another fantastic week and have been thinking about Easter. On Thursday, we took part in the school's Easter Bonnet Parade and we were blown away by all of the effort that had been put in to making the bonnets. The children all looked amazing and they were very excited to show their friends. During that morning, we also took part in an Easter hunt in our outside area where the children needed to find all the hidden eggs. They did such a great job that the Easter bunny left us some chocolatey treats as a prize! The sunshine this week has been very welcomed and most children have chosen to spend their time exploring our outside area. In phonics, we have been practising making the /j/ sound: pucker your lips and show your teeth, use your tongue as you say J. The children came home with their beans on Wednesday. We are so impressed with how much they have grown! Good luck with continuing to grow them at home; do send in photos so we can see their progress!

Butterfly Update: We now have some butterflies! It has been wonderful to watch some of our butterflies emerge from their cocoons during the week. It was quite tricky to take photos as we didn't want to end up with butterflies flying around the classroom! Nursery released the butterflies this morning and any remaining cocoons will be well looked after by Childcare during the Easter break.

We hope you have a restful Easter break and we shall see you in the Summer Term when we will be starting our Circus topic 'Roll up! Roll Up!'. With this in mind, please note that our Circus Workshop will take place on the morning of Friday 13th June.



Year 2

What a wonderful final week we have had of our Spring term! We have loved our Food and Nutrition learning in Design and Technology. We followed our plan to independently make our sandwiches, using the fillings we had chosen. We enjoyed eating these and evaluating the look, taste, balance of ingredients and skills we used. Some of us found the spreading and cutting difficult but we tried our best and were happy with the overall sandwiches. In Maths, we have looked at missing number problems and recapped multiplication and division. In Science, we have enjoyed looking at the properties of materials and, on Wednesday we relaxed into a fantastic Class Book Club. We were also wowed by the rockstars in our Rock Steady Concert - we always love seeing how confident the children are becoming in playing their instruments. We wish you all a lovely, safe Easter break and look forward to seeing you all ready for our new topic 'Sensational Safari!'

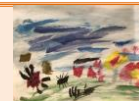


Year 1

What a fun filled week we have had to finish off the sunny Spring term! In Maths this week we have been problem solvers, solving one step addition and subtraction sentences. We used practical resources to help us but we are also trying to solve problems using jottings and mental calculation. In English this week we have been writing sentences that are dictated to us that include the days of the week; thank you for your support with these spellings at home! In Science this week we continued to discuss the signs of Spring. It would be lovely if you could look out for these over the Easter holidays. On Wednesday afternoon we loved seeing our friends perform in their bands during the Rock Steady concert; we cheered and clapped at all the right moments! On Thursday we took part in the Easter bonnet bonanza, thank you all so much for your wonderful creations, we then had a visit from a certain bunny who set us a challenge! We had to hunt for eggs in the playground, read the message and write the words to crack the code!

Reception

We have been getting into the Easter spirit this week in Reception! We have been using 'eggs' to count out how many, and use our addition and subtraction skills too. We have been working hard to remember the difference between the + and - symbols and reminding ourselves of what this means we need to do. Continue to practise this at home using toys, cutlery or even just your fingers to help you find the total of a sum. In phonics we have learnt 4 new tricky words- **so, said, have, like**; we have talked about what is making these words tricky and have been using them in our writing. In PE we have been working on our ball control skills, having a go at throwing the ball as high as our nose and then our head and then practising catching it. Once we felt we had gained confidence in this, we then paired up with a friend and had a go at throwing it to each other, remembering to check our partner was ready and we concentrated and thought about where we wanted the ball to go. We have continued to enjoy the lovely weather outside and have been having a go at drawing observational drawings of the Reception garden area and also painting some spring pictures too! We ended the week with a visit from a very 'hoppy' Easter Bunny who challenged us to a maths themed Easter egg hunt! We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you for our new topic....'Once Upon a Time...'.



Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in childcare we have been celebrating Easter, we've been sorting, matching and collecting eggs. We made 3D patterns on eggs using different shaped pasta shells and even made our own feathery chick pictures. We had a visit from the Easter bunny before showing off our fabulous Easter bonnets on the parade, we went on an egg hunt in the garden before making Easter nest cakes to take home.

Caterpillar diaries: All of our caterpillars have now emerged from their cocoons as beautiful butterflies, we went into the garden to release them, we held them on our hands to carefully look at them before letting them fly away. We have created a book about their life's journey which we will share with you all soon.

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you soon.