



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Mon 3 March	9.00am - SPCV Coffee & Chat Morning
Tues 4 March	9.00am – Reception Phonics Workshop
Mon 10 March	9.00am – Nursery Writing Workshop
Tues 11 March	9.00am – Reception Writing Workshop
Wed 12 March	9.00am – Year 1 Writing Workshop
Thurs 13 March	9.00am – Year 2 Writing Workshop

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 24
February was 95.6%



A reminder to please let us know as soon as possible if you have moved house or changed telephone number so we can update our records accordingly. Many thanks



PTA QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 21 MARCH

Click [here](#) for full details . Come and join us for a fun filled evening with a fish & chip supper included for only £10.00 per person!



Attendance: Regular school attendance is essential for children to enjoy their education and make good progress. Up to date guidance can be found here: [How to seek support with attendance challenges](#) and [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

If your child requires medicine while at school a **'Consent to Administer Medicine'** form must be completed. This can be found [here](#) on our website or one can be obtained from the school office. Thank you.

End of the school day reminders

In line with the school rules, all of the children are very aware that they should not be riding their bikes or scooters across the playground or playing football. Your support in ensuring this is the case would be hugely appreciated.

Workshop Reminders

Phonics and Early Reading Workshop (session 2)

Reception only Tuesday 4 March 9am

Writing

Nursery - Monday 10 March at 9.00am

Reception - Tuesday 11 March at 9 am

Year 1 Wednesday 12 March at 9am

Year 2 Thursday 13 March at 9am



LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property basket is overflowing with various items of clothing, shoes and accessories. Please do take the time to come in and check to see if there is anything in there that belongs to you – a reminder also to ensure that **ALL items** are labelled with your child's name. Anything left in there by Monday 10 March will be disposed of accordingly. Thank you.

Book giveaway in Mell Square

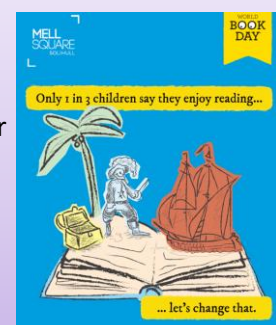
This year, [Mell Square](#) is supporting World Book Day 2025 by giving away 120 free children's books.

In the UK, almost 1m children don't have a book of their own, and only 1 in 3 children say they enjoy reading. But did you know that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income?

That's why we're helping children discover how and what they want to read by giving away children's books* in [Vita](#) or [Black Orange](#) in Mell Square on **Thursday 6 March 2025**.

All you need to do is buy a drink to qualify.

**One book per customer.*



Nursery

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into Nursery after a week's break. The children have settled quickly back into our routines and have enjoyed exploring a range of activities including exploring a range of citrus fruits and experimenting with colour and creating their own drawings and paintings of daffodils. We started the week sharing our half term news and it was great to see the children so excited to share what they had been up to.



On Thursday, we had a surprise visitor in Nursery – Bear's Mummy came to be our 'Secret Reader' and shared the story of 'Hospital Dog' which the children absolutely loved. Thank you to Bear's Mummy for reading to us and for putting in so much effort with the outfit too!

In phonics we have continued to sing 'Ring-a-ring-a-roses' and playing lots of listening games linked to this rhyme. We have also been looking at pictures of words beginning with the sound /u/ and practising to make this sound.

Next week is yet another exciting week where we shall be focusing on the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. On Thursday is World Book Day – don't forget your bandanas!

Please could we ask if you have any children's bike & scooter helmets at home that you no longer use and would like to give to Nursery – thank you.

Reception

It was lovely to welcome the children back after half term and hear all about what they had been up to in the holiday. We shared our news together as a class and then had a go at writing a sentence beginning with 'We went to the...' We looked at how finger spaces help us to separate the words and we worked hard to independently use our phonics to write where we had been. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming writing workshop so we can share our new writing skills with you! We have introduced our new topic of 'Toy Story' and have enjoyed making observational drawings of some toys, looking carefully at the outline and detail of them. In RE we have learned all about Ramadan and have loved hearing children and staff talk excitedly about own family experiences. We would like to wish all our families celebrating, a very happy Ramadan. Next week we will continue to discuss toys and think about what our favourite toys to play with are and why. We also look forward to finding out about Shrove Tuesday and celebrating World book Day.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic first week back and we have kicked off our new topic 'What was it like?' We had a brilliant time during the Great Fire of London Workshop - what fabulous actors we have within our year group! We giggled and laughed but learned so much about the fire and life in London in 1666. In English, we have started our new text 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' by Kate Cunningham. We have enjoyed exploring the text and using Colourful Semantics to write grammatically accurate sentences about the text. In History, we have chronologically sequenced the events of the fire, and in Science we have looked at seeds and bulbs, thinking about how they are different and how they are similar.

Next week, we are looking forward to seeing the children present their Science Projects during Science Week and seeing what they love to read on their bandanas for World Book Day. We will also be taking part in a Dance Day on Friday - **please could all children wear PE kit on this day.**

Year 1

We have had a magical, mythical week this week in Owls and Robins! On Wednesday there was a mysterious arrival of a nest, full off colourful eggs and some rather large footprints! The children followed the riddles hidden around school to lead them to our new story 'Tell Me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris. The children used their imagination to solve the mystery! The book had been delivered by a dragon! The children were immersed within this activity and on Thursday they used their big imaginations to create their own dragon collages. We had some fantastic ideas such as an 'ice dragon' and a 'lava dragon'. We can't wait to see the creative writing the children produce this half term based on this story. The children also looked closely at the artwork in this story, it is beautiful! On Wednesday 12th March at 9.00am it is our writing workshop. We look forward to sharing the children's dragons with you, the children will be writing descriptions of their dragons alongside their grown up. In Maths this week we have been focusing on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and discussed how many 'lots of' 2/5/10 we had. In Science this week we discussed the signs of spring and how we know it is on the way, it has been wonderful to see the sunshine more this week! Can you spot any signs of spring over the weekend? There are some lovely crocus flowers on Ralph Road. Next week we will be asking questions to find out more information about our new story and in Maths we will be focusing on repeated addition.



Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare we have started to explore our new theme of growing. We were looking at changes we see in nature and also ourselves. In Little stars we have been singing the song Mary, Mary Quite Contrary. We enjoyed talking about our gardens at home and in the local community, which led on to us creating our own Little Stars garden where we planted real plants and talked about how to care for them to help them grow. Next week could we ask you to bring along a labelled teddy bear for our tea party.

In Rockets we have been planting some cress seeds and already have seen them start to grow. We have been filling our mud tray with soil and measuring out our seeds. We have been using tape measures and string to measure ourselves which we can look back on and compare just like the boy in our book 'The Growing Story'. Next week it's Pancake Day fun and also World Book Day. It would be great if you could bring a photo of your child and their favourite thing (book, toy, person, outfit etc) as we are going to write our

own book of favourite things.