



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 14 February
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17-21 February

Parent Consultation Appointments
Nursery Superhero morning
Year 2 Trashion Show 2.30pm
Half Term

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 3 February
was 95%



School Gate

For the safety of our children please could we remind all parents to **close the school gate** when entering and leaving during school hours. **After 9.00am the gate must be kept closed.** If you are collecting your child midway through the day please ensure to close the gate behind you as children may be on the playground. Thank you.

Solihull council's Family Information Service (FIS) provides information and advice to parents on childcare, activities and support services. We support parents to take up their entitlements including government funded childcare places, free school meals and Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) activities.

- Parents can call our helpline for information and advice on 0800 389 8667 or email us on familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk
- You can view information on our [FIS webpages](#) and search for information on childcare, activities and support services via our online [Family Information Directory](#)
- Finally, join our [parents network](#) to receive termly emails on events for families in and around Solihull



Workshop Reminders

More information will follow after half term but don't forget to save the date

Phonics and Early Reading Workshop (session 2)

Reception only Tuesday 4 March 9am

Writing

Nursery - Monday 10 March at

Reception - Tuesday 11 March at 9 am

Year 1 Wednesday 12 March at 9am

Year 2 Thursday 13 March at 9am



Date for your diary

School Council
will be holding their
annual non uniform
charity fund raiser on
Friday 14 March.



Look out for an email from
School Council after half term!

Monthly Attendance Award January 2025

Well done to **Kingfishers** for winning
the monthly Attendance Award with
an amazing **98.4%**

Bluebells	97.6%
Snowdrops	97.4%
Robins	98.2%
Owls	94.6%
Puffins	96.3%
Kingfishers	98.4%

Teas in Afterschool Club

A reminder that if you would like to cancel a hot tea for your child on any night, you must advise us of this by 2.00pm on the day please, otherwise you may still be charged. Thank you.

Multi-Skills Infant Agility Event



On Wednesday, all of Year 2 enjoyed taking part in the Infant Agility Event with Kingfishers going to represent Streetsbrook at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre and Puffins remaining at school. All of the children had great fun!

Nursery

Nursery have had a great week taking part in lots of activities linked to the story 'Superworm'. We kick started the week by sharing the story and the children enjoyed joining in with the repeated rhyme:



"SUPERWORM IS SUPER-LONG
SUPERWORM IS SUPER-STRONG
WATCH HIM WIGGLE! SEE HIM SQUIRM!
HIP, HIP, HOORAY FOR SUPERWORM!"



The children loved getting dirty, digging for worms and counting how many they had found, both inside and outside. We created WANTED posters for Wizard Lizard to make sure he doesn't cause any more trouble! The children have also been creating their own worms by painting repeating patterns and by carefully wrapping coloured wool around cut out worm shapes. What a great worm week we've had!

In phonics, we have been thinking about the sound /k/ and the children were able to name different objects starting with the sound /k/. Can your child find anything at home that begins with the sound /k/?

Next week, we shall be sharing the story of 'Supertato' and taking part in activities linked to this. On Friday 14th February, we shall be having a special superhero morning. All children are invited to come into school this day dressed as their favourite superhero or 'someone who helps us', which could be a vet, firefighter, teacher, dentist, crossing patrol officer (lollipop person) etc. Many of these costumes can be made from items at home, so please do not feel the need to buy anything new. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We are very excited about our superhero morning – the children are going to have to use their super powers to help solve some problems!

Please could I ask if you have any spare bagged soil at home, that you would consider donating it to Nursery – thank you in advance!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a tricky week in Maths, learning how to bridge 10 using addition. The children enjoyed using Dienes and exchanging ten ones for one ten to see this concept in a practical form. In English, we have been practising reading and writing all of the Key Stage 1 Common Exception Words and learning and using different prepositional language (above, next to, behind, under etc.). On Wednesday, all of the children enjoyed taking part in the Infant Agility Event with Kingfishers going to represent school at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre and Puffins remaining at school. All of the children had great fun! On Thursday, we took part in a round robin of activities for Children's Mental Health Day focusing on the acronym SMILE. The classes visited different teachers within Key Stage 1 and completed activities which linked to a different letter. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed an extended playtime with a Year 1 class to support building relationships with other children within school.

As you will all be busy creating your Trashion Show outfits ready for our Fabulous Finale, please remember that there is no homework this week. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Parents Appointments and Trashion Show next week.

Reception

We have had a wonderful week continuing to explore Infinity and beyond. We have been imaginative with our role play and jetted off in a rocket to visit a planet of our choice. This has created so much lovely new vocabulary it has been wonderful to see the children thrive in their play. In PE we have had the large apparatus out to practise our gymnastics. We focussed on performing a barrel roll, which is a very tricky roll where we have to keep our arms and legs tucked in. Ask us to show you at home! In Maths we have been comparing quantities using the vocabulary of more, less and fewer; ask us to put these words into a stem sentence for you. In Phonics we are proudly reading longer words that we need to chunk up into parts, and we even learnt to read compound words such as 'farmyard,' 'bedtime,' and 'rooftop.' We had a wonderful SMILE day where we engaged with new activities, took interest through artwork outside and socialised with our friends, it definitely made us all feel happier. Next week we will be continuing to practise our digraphs and tricky words, please see the Reception board for more information on these.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning to tell the time! The children were so excited by this and have loved looking at the time throughout the school day. We have learnt to tell the time to the hour (e.g. 2 o'clock) and to half past the hour (Half past 2). The children's homework focuses on this this week so please do support your child at home. We challenged the children this week to see what time they have breakfast, dinner, go to bed and get up in the morning at home. In our English lessons this week we began to retell the story 'Alan's big scary teeth', the children retold the story in their own words and had a fantastic go at rewriting the beginning of the story. In Science this week we looked at the human body and the senses we use, smell, touch, taste, hear, see and explored these through a variety of ways. Can your child remember what we smelt and saw? We have been looking at maps in Geography this week, we used a key to help us identify and locate hot, cold and warm climates across the world. We enjoyed lots of fun and engaging activities during our World Mental Health day on Thursday, we completed a carousel of activities around KS1 getting to see lots of different teachers and classrooms. In DT next week we will be making our very own fruit smoothies, the children will be building their preparing and tasting skills prior to making their smoothies. We will be completing our Spring 1 phonics assessments next week and we look forward to catching up with you at our parents consultations next week.

Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare we have been singing 'Miss Polly had a Dolly' and caring for all of the poorly dolls in the room. We have made our own X-ray pictures using cotton bud bones, we bandaged each others poorly arms etc and matched numbered plasters to the numbered 'boo boos' on the patient. These activities complimented the theme of self care we've explored as it's child mental health week too. We made delicious healthy fruit smoothies and even had a spa day. We had hand massages, bubbly foot spas, cucumber eye masks and yoga whilst listening to meditation music and the smell of lavender in the air..... the children loved being pampered and were all totally zen by the end. Next week is Old Macdonald so a week of farm themed fun is in store.

Family Voices

From 10th to 14th February, we will be launching Family Voices. Your chance to let us know what services are important to you and your family and how we can support this within the Family Hub.

Come along for a coffee and chat with Family Hub staff. Children are very welcome to attend as we would like their views too.

- Hatchford Brook Family Hub, Old Lode Lane, Elmdon: Mon 10th Feb 4pm – 5.30pm
- Shirley Heath Outreach Hub, Shirley Heath Primary School, Coombe Road, Shirley: Tues 11th Feb 9.30am – 11am
- Elmwood Family Hub, Burtons Way, Smith's Wood: Wed 12th Feb 9.30am – 11am
- Riverside Family Hub, Bosworth Drive, Chelmsley Wood: Fri 14th Feb 8.45am – 10am

If you can't attend but would like to share your thoughts, please scan the QR code and complete the form.



Solihull Family Hubs

Shirley Heath Outreach Hub

Shirley Heath Junior School, Coombe Rd, Shirley, Solihull B90 3DS
(please note there isn't any parking at the school. Parking available on the retail park or surrounding roads)



The people working in the Family Hub will work in partnership with you and your community. They will help you find and get help from different services in the area and will be able to give you information, advice, and support. Family Hubs are open to everyone. You may need to book an appointment to access some services, but there will always be a safe space available for you if you need it. Email us on: familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Health Visitor Clinic 9am-5pm Developmental reviews with the health visiting team. If your child is due a developmental review, you will receive an appointment from your health visitor to attend.	Super Sen CIC (from January 2025) 9:30 – 11:00 Last Tues of the month starting 28 th Jan. Drop in session for parents to seek advice and support for children or themselves as adults with ADHD and/or Autism. Family Voices 11 th February 9.30am-11am Meet Hub staff and tell us about the activities you would like to see. Email familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk Solihull College Understanding your child. From TBC. 12pm-2pm. Emailing katrina.griffin-iones@solihull.ac.uk	RO Books- Stay and Play 10:00-11:30 Free stay and play drop in session for parents with little ones, aimed at children 0-5 years. First session is on February 26 th , running every 3 rd Wednesday of the month.	Family Support Drop in 9:00 – 10:30 Sometimes family life can prove a little difficult and it often helps to talk to someone about how you might like to improve your situation. Our family support workers are holding a weekly drop in coffee morning. We can meet with you to give you confidential advice and support that will help you make positive changes and move forward. We offer a range of advice and guidance around many issues, including: Difficult relationships at home, parenting, behaviour management, routines and boundaries, child development, bed wetting, sleep problems, school issues and many more. Ordinary Magic Group 4pm – 6pm Please email: jackie@ordinarymagic.co.uk to book



The Solihull Family Hubs app is available to download from the Apple Store and Google Play Store. It includes information on sessions at each of our hubs, online resources and much more. Take a look today!

Google Play



App Store



Help with the cost of living

Family Hubs assist in accessing emergency food, fuel, and toiletries. Contact the Family Hub Team for support in obtaining help from the Council and specialist teams. You can also visit [Here2Help \(solihull.gov.uk\)](https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Here2Help) or call the Solihull Connect service 0121 704 8001.

Wellbeing & Advice			
Midwives Please call your midwife using the number in your red book.	Health Visiting To speak to a Health Visitor, text Chat Health on 07507 332563 (9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday). If your child is unwell, please see your GP, ring 111, or if it is a medical emergency, please ring 999.	Women's Aid If you or someone you know needs support, call 0808 800 0028. The helpline is open 7 days a week, 9.15am – 5.15pm. Or Solihull Community Outreach can be called Mon to Fri 10am-4pm on 0121 772 2142	Mental Health Support The Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide help, guidance, and reassurance to people of all ages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 0800 915 9292 / 0121 262 3555