



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 5th February
w/c 10 February

Infant Agility Event (Kingfishers Class Only)
Parent Consultation Appointments

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 27 January
was 95.2%



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.

February Half Term Holiday Club

Please click [here](#) for full details of our February half term Holiday Club which now includes special offers!! Spaces are limited so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Lunar New Year at Touchwood

Touchwood will host a day of traditional celebrations for the whole family to enjoy on Saturday 1st February. [Click here](#) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

PTA Quiz Night – Friday 21
March 2025 – further details
to follow shortly



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.

Parent Consultation Appointments

The link to book an appointment has now been sent out – if you have not received yours, please contact the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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



Lunar New Year Celebrations!

On Wednesday we had a fabulous time finding out about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated. The children enjoyed creative activities, music and dragon dance sessions in the hall. We looked at Lunar New Year artefacts in assembly and even took part in a Lunar New Year quiz!



Nursery This week has been about 'Keeping us Safe' where the children shared some thoughtful ideas about how we can keep ourselves safe in Nursery. We discussed our Nursery rules and why it is important to make sure we follow these carefully. During the week, the children also created some fantastic paintings of 'people who help us'. They had to think carefully about the colours they used and the detail they added. Can you guess who some of these paintings are of?



On Wednesday, we had a special morning to celebrate Lunar New Year. We started the morning by taking part in some movement activities in the hall and afterwards, came back to the classroom to make Lunar New Year cards to take home to our families. In phonics this week, we have been singing 'Pat-a-Cake' and thinking about the sound /c/. Can your child find anything at home that begins with /c/?

Next week, we shall be thinking about the story 'Superworm' and taking part in lots of activities linked to this. Please could I kindly ask if you have any unwanted bagged soil, you would consider donating this to Nursery? Thank you!

Please can I remind parents not to stand and look through the window once your child has been dropped off in the morning. We understand it is nice to see your child is settled, however it can be upsetting for the children. Thank you.

Year 2 What a wonderful week Year 2 have had! We all enjoyed celebrating Lunar New Year on Wednesday and loved seeing the children's colourful clothes. We learned about the Chinese Zodiac animals, how people prepare their homes for the celebrations and the importance of the colour red, the fireworks and the lion. We all took part in a dance session in the hall and ended the day with a whole school assembly.

In English this week, we have used our knowledge of powerful adjectives and verbs to plan and write a description of a destroyed jungle which is an image in our focus text. In Maths, we have focused on 3D shapes and counting on and back in 10 from any given number. In Science, we have been looking at a range of different materials and discussing their suitability for different objects. We all enjoyed using our textured painted paper that we made last week in Art to begin to make a seascape paper collage. We tore, ripped and cut our paper before arranging it carefully to begin to make our image.

Next week, all of Year 2 will be taking part in an Infant Agility event on Wednesday, either in school or at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre and Children's Mental Health Day on Thursday.

Reminders: please remember the following, as discussed at the Information Evening in September.

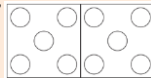
Bookbags - please make sure that your children only have one keyring on their bookbag. It is becoming increasingly difficult to close their drawers.

Shoelaces - please send your child to school in shoes that they can fasten themselves.

Show and Tell - this will only take place if we have time. Items brought in must be topic related or a current achievement from outside of school (e.g. Swimming badge/certificate)



Reception We have been super excited in Reception this week as we learnt our 2 FINAL new sounds in phonics- air (as in chair) and er (as in bigger). We will now continue to review and revisit all of the sounds we have learnt so far and use them in our reading and writing. In maths we have been looking at the numbers 6, 7 and 8 this week using the rhyme '5 Little Aliens in a Flying Saucer' to help us identify that these numbers can be made using **5 and a bit**. We have used a double dice frame (pictured) as the aliens spaceship to see how we can fit 6, 7 or 8 aliens on using our knowledge of 5 and a bit.



We have enjoyed celebrating the festival of Lunar New Year as a school where the children have learnt all about the different customs such as cleaning homes and decorating them with lanterns and wearing the colour red to bring good luck. We explored the story of the Chinese zodiac where we learnt there are lots of considerate and kind Pigs (children born in 2019) and sociable and talkative Rats (children born in 2020) in Reception. This year is the year of the Snake; we read the story about how the animals had a race across the river to earn their place on the calendar. We have then used our phonics to have a go at writing the names of some of the animals; the children worked hard at saying and segmenting the words, listening to what sounds they could hear- have a go at doing this at home too, what sounds can your child(ren) hear in the words goat, dog ox and dragon.

Next week is children's mental health week so we will be thinking lots about how we can make ourselves **SMILE**.

Year 1 We have had a lovely week in Year 1, full of learning and celebration! We have been solving missing number problems in Maths this week, we used part whole models to support us. I wonder if your child can show off their learning to you at home, can they explain how we found what number was missing? In English this week we completed our three reading practice sessions and wrote sentences that were dictated to us. The children are remembering what the important elements of a sentence are! In Science this week we looked at the body parts of animals and discussed how these were different to our own. We then labelled the parts of different animals and wrote some fantastic fact sentences about them. In DT this week we looked at where fruit and vegetables grow. We will be tasting different fruits and making our own smoothies soon! On Wednesday we had a fantastic day celebrating Lunar New Year. The children made lots of crafts to celebrate the year of the snake. We all made cards to share with our families and included a directed drawing of a Chinese lantern. We participated in a special PE session focusing on getting ready for Lunar New Year and finished it off with a dragon dance! We are working hard to improve our handwriting in Year 1, please ensure when writing with your children at home they are forming letters correctly and sitting them on the line. Next week we will be learning how to tell the time in Maths! I wonder how many different places you can see a clock in your house? In English we will be writing our own versions of the story 'Alan's Big Scary Teeth'.

Streetsbrook Childcare This week in Childcare has been a week of celebration. We have been learning all about the lunar new year and Chinese traditions. We have been making lanterns and special red envelopes as well as painting a giant 3D dragon which we used to put on a dance with. We all played along with our instruments and crashed our symbols to ward away bad luck as we danced. We practiced using chopsticks and tried some Chinese foods at snack time. We've had lots of malleable play with red play dough and coloured rice and also made some curly snakes to hang around our room. We would like to say a special thank you to Felicity, Mandy and their family for bringing us some lantern lights and Chinese new year books to read as well as some special envelope treats for us all to enjoy.



Stay and Play mornings

We are so excited to offer you and your little ones our stay and play mornings which you can attend for **FREE**.

You can have a coffee and a natter while the children are enjoying exploring their creative sides or listening to a story, or just playing!
Available from newborns up to age 5 we are inclusive for all the family.

One Wednesday a month - 10-11.30am



26th February
19th March
16th April
21st May
18th June



To book on please call 0121 779 1750.

With lots of amazing themes with all the groups being designed to inspire imagination and nurture playing. When you join the fun we will welcome you in a relaxing, safe and nurturing environment.

Shirley Outreach Centre, Shirley Heath Junior School, Coombe Road, Shirley, B90 3DS

Family Hubs

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 Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.	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 Playing with Language. Read, Share and create a Story Sack. From 14th January 2025. 12pm-2pm. Emailing katrina.griffin-jones@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
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