



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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- Friday 20 December
- Monday 6 January
- Tuesday 7 January
- Monday 20 January
- Tuesday 21 January
- Wednesday 22 January



Last day of term
INSET Day – School & Childcare closed
School & Childcare reopen for the Spring term
Year 2 Maths Workshop 9.00am
Reception Maths Workshop 9.00am
Year 1 Maths Workshop 9.00am

Diary Dates



The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 16
December was 93.4%



Dear Parents

As we come to the end of what feels like a very long Autumn term, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the staff for their continued hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and senses of humour! The staff and I are so very proud of all of the children, not just for their amazing performances in the recent Christmas productions, but for all their hard work and the progress they have made socially and academically; they are a pleasure to work with.

On behalf of the staff, a huge thank you for the many cards and presents we have all received; your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2025.

With all good wishes

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A FOND FAREWELL

A special assembly was held yesterday for Mrs Adams, our wonderful swimming instructor, who is leaving after being at Streetsbrook for over 25 years. Many of your children will have been taught to swim by Mrs Adams over the years and she is a much loved part of the Streetsbrook family who will be dearly missed.



THANK YOU!!

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful catering team who served up a delicious Christmas lunch on Thursday – Christmas jumpers were worn, the Christmas tunes were playing and we all enjoyed our fabulous lunch!



RockSteady Concert

A big thank you to all our Streetsbrook Bands for treating us to another fantastic, fun filled Rocksteady concert this week. You were all amazing! We can't wait to hear you play for us again next term.



Curriculum Overviews for Parents

Spring Term 1 Curriculum
Overviews are available to view on our website [here](#)



Our fantastic School Choir performed in Touchwood on Tuesday. [Please vote HERE](#) so we can be in with a chance of winning £500 for the school.

Voting opens on 19th December and
closes on 30th December

PLEASE
VOTE!

Many thanks



HOLIDAY CLUB SURVEY

We would be most grateful if you could spare a few minutes to click on the link below and answer a few questions with regards to our Holiday Club provision. This will then give us a better understanding of how we can improve our service and meet the needs of any children who currently access or would like to access our Holiday Club provision at any time. Many thanks. <https://forms.office.com/e/C7zkWMqNU0?origin=lprLink>

Nursery Wow! Already we are at the end of the Autumn term. We have had a lot of Christmassy fun in Nursery this week. On Thursday, we had our Nursery Christmas party which was great! We played lots of games, had a disco and shared some party snacks. The children were all super excited when we had a special visit from Father Christmas. He chatted with us for a while, listening to what was on our Christmas lists and then he gave each child a present to take home. What a fantastic day! In between Christmas celebrations, we have continued our phonics sessions and this week, we were making the sound /m/. Can your child find anything at home that starts with the sound /m/.

Please visit [Letters and Sounds | A complete Phonics resource to support children \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk) where there is a section 'For Parents' and here you will find a tab for the nursery rhyme videos. This half term, we have learnt 'A Sailor went to Sea', 'Down at the Station', 'One, Two, Buckle my Shoe' and 'Miss Molly had a Dolly'. Please share these with your children at home.

We ask you kindly to not show any of the un-taught rhymes to your children before we have shared these in Nursery.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support during the Autumn term and we would also like to thank parents for their kind words, cards and gifts. We hope you all enjoy a magical

Christmas with your families and look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year. When we return to school, we will be thinking about New Year celebrations and also talking about what makes us smile.



Year 2 Wow! Year 2 absolutely blew us away with their performance of 'Hosannah Rock!' at The Dovehouse Theatre on Monday evening. Despite some butterflies in tummies, the children all sang, danced and performed with amazing confidence and enjoyed the experience at the same time! Well done everyone!

We have had a wonderful final week of term with lots of special events such as the Christmas Party, Rock Steady concert, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. In Maths, we have recapped partitioning numbers and, in English, we have practised holding a sentence in our head for dictation.

Kingfishers have said a sad goodbye to Elliot who is leaving today to move to Essex. We all want to wish Elliot and his family lots of luck for the future - please stay in touch! We also said a final farewell to our wonderful swimming teacher, Mrs Adams - we will all really miss her and want to wish her lots of luck and rest in the future too. Miss Thompson has had her final week at Streetsbrook, she has been a fantastic trainee teacher working in Kingfishers and we wish her lots of luck in her career.

On Wednesday, Year 2 enjoyed a full day of Design and Technology. We carefully followed our plans to draw and accurately cut felt, used a running stitch or overstitch to join the two pieces together, stuff and finish our sewing before decorating our decorations. They then evaluated their work, thinking about which skills they had improved since Year 1 and what they would change next time. All of the children were so proud of their work and were looking forward to displaying these at home. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your support this term and your generosity for Christmas. We wish you a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Reception We cannot believe it is the end of another term; and what a way to end it! We had a our Christmas party on Tuesday which was fabulous, filled with music and dancing and of course a game of 'poo the pear'! Our party ended with a visit from the main man himself....Father Christmas! He made a list, checked it twice and of course ALL of Reception were on it- but of course we knew they would be! The children have been amazing this half term and have made super progress and it has been lovely to see their personalities shine through as they have really settled in to Reception life. They have been working really hard with their phonics, and even though we have been finding our tricky words keep tricking us, and those digraphs are really making us work hard the children have been 'Persevering Parrots'; please continue to help them at home over the break with these to support them. We have sent out a list today of some lovely ideas the children have had within their classes of ways they would like to spend the Christmas half term, we hope you manage to do some and enjoy them too! We hope you have a lovely break and get some rest and we look forward to seeing you after Christmas where we will be venturing to 'Infinity and Beyond!'.

Year 1 Year 1 have had a fantastic festive week to finish off the Year! On Monday we enjoyed our Christmas parties, we played lots of games, we danced, we sang and we saw Father Christmas! The children looked fabulous in all their sequins, sparkles and party clothes, lots of fun was had by all. On Wednesday we enjoyed a rock concert, we were so proud of all our friends who performed and celebrated them by clapping and cheering. On Thursday we enjoyed a yummy Christmas dinner, thank you to all the kitchen staff for preparing such a marvellous meal. We also enjoyed listening to the school Christmas choir while we ate. The voting is now open so please do vote for Streetsbrook, the Year 1 children who sang in Touchwood on Tuesday evening were just brilliant! You will notice that we have sent pump bags home, this is for you to check your child's pumps still fit appropriately and we know they have all grown so much since September. Please return them in a named pump bag during the first week back in January. Next half term we will be learning about the wonderful planet we live on and will focus on animals during our 'Whole World in his Hands' topic. Please do keep reading to and with your child over the Christmas holidays. The Year 1 staff would like to say a sincere thank you for your Christmas cards, presents and kind words. Have a wonderful Christmas break. Miss Harris has had her final week at Streetsbrook, she has been a fantastic trainee teacher working in Owls and we wish her lots of luck in her career. Finally, it is time to say good luck to Miss Norton, we will miss you so much but we will see you very soon!

Streetsbrook Childcare What a week we've had, we have had so much fun celebrating Christmas and enjoying special times together. Stay and play with our families on Wednesday gave the children a chance to spend time with loved ones creating crafts, enjoying snacks, showing off skills in their floor books all rounded off with a group sing along with Mrs Maria and her guitar. Thursday was a jam packed train themed day as we held our polar express fun day! The staff conductors welcomed the children aboard and we made cakes, decorated biscuits and designed our own hot chocolate cups which we then used to drink the hot chocolate in our fabulously decorated home made train carriages whilst waiting for a visit from Father Christmas, who brought us all magic bells and treats. We finished our final week with party fun, dancing and games as we said goodbye and good luck to one of our classmates. We have had a wonderful end to the year and wish you all the very best Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.