



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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- Monday 16 December
- Tuesday 17 December
- Wednesday 18 December
- Thursday 19 December
- Friday 20 December

Year 2 Dovehouse Performance 5.00pm
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Parties
Rocksteady Concert 2.00pm
Christmas jumper day and Christmas Dinner
Last day of term



The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 9
December was 97.3%



THANK YOU FROM THE PTA!!

The money has been counted and we can confirm that the profits raised at the Christmas Fair was an amazing £4293.44
A huge thank you to everyone – we couldn't do it without you!

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19 December is Christmas Jumper Day! All children are invited to wear non uniform this day including Christmas jumper.



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?](#)

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

Christmas Parties will take place on **Tuesday 17 December** for children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. Children will be taking part in lots of fun party games and activities. All children can bring a small treat to be eaten during the party. Treats will not be shared but please ensure **NO NUTS** and no large sharing bags of sweets. Children can come to school wearing party clothes.



Irresponsible Parking!

We have had further reports of irresponsible parking – as always we would ask that you be considerate when parking and do not park on single yellow lines during restricted hours and not to block driveways. Thank you.



Admissions

A reminder that the closing date for applications Reception 2025 and Infant to Junior transfer is 15 January 2025. Please click on the link below for full details on how to apply:-

[Starting primary or secondary school | solihull.gov.uk](#)



Bookings can now be made for the **Christmas HAF programme** - with a range of fun-filled activities running throughout week days during the Christmas holiday (excluding bank holidays), with family activities during weekdays and weekends.

Remember - you can book up to 4 sessions per child, at one or more providers during the Christmas holiday period.

Can't find or not received your code(s)?

email us via hafinfo@solihull.gov.uk providing your name and names of eligible children and we will send you the code(s).

HAF children's activities

View and book HAF funded places [here](#) via your preferred provider(s)

The unique HAF code issued for each eligible child, should be given to the provider at the time of booking a HAF place.

SEND specific activities* available at certain locations view and book [here](#)

*these are chargeable activities unless registered for benefits-related free school meals.

HAF family activities

There are a number of venues offering **HAF family activities** this Christmas, where adults can also take part.

Family activities are taking place at:

- North Solihull Sports Centre
- Tudor Grange Leisure Centre
- Solihull Ice Rink

Activities include **swimming, badminton, tennis, table tennis and ice skating.**

Soft play sessions (for under 5's via Active Antz) are also available.

Click [here](#) for details of which activities are running at each venue and to book.

Nursery

Firstly, we would like to say a big 'thank you' everyone who joined us for our Nursery Christmas morning today. We are so proud of all the children and how beautifully they sang their Christmas songs. We really hope you enjoyed being able to spend time in our Nursery setting with your children exploring Christmas activities.

On Monday, we set a little science experiment to see how we could change water into ice. The children shared ideas of where we could place ice overnight to see if it would freeze and decided to place some in the freezer, some in the fridge and even some outside. On Tuesday, we collected up our containers of water to see what had happened and the children then had time to explore the ice and feel the water temperature.

Of course we had lots of practises for our Christmas songs during the week alongside exploring a range of Christmas activities. The children had time to practise their scissor control, cutting out 'decorations' to stick on a Christmas tree.

In phonics this week, we have been singing 'Miss Molly had a Dolly' and practising saying the sound /n/ - open your lips a bit; put your tongue behind your teeth and make the nnnnn sound nnnnn.

Next week is our last week before the Christmas holidays and we shall be taking part in lots of fun Christmas celebrations. **On Thursday 19th December, we will be having our Christmas party. The children are invited to come into Nursery on this day wearing Christmas/party clothes.** Please can we ask again, that you check your children's hats, scarves and gloves in case they have taken any home which belong to someone else – thank you!

BOXES WANTED! As you are preparing for Christmas, please could you keep us in mind. We are looking for plain brown cardboard boxes in various sizes - Amazon deliveries would be perfect! Feel free to bring as many as you can into Nursery during next week. Thank you in advance!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week with lots of rehearsals for our Christmas Play including performing to an audience. Thank you to Year 3 from Sharmans Cross Junior School for walking down to be our first real audience. The rest of the school enjoyed watching on Friday - what a super audience they were! The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of different Fitmas activities, encouraging us to get moving each day. In our Spelling sessions, we have recapped all of our spelling rules from this half term. In English, we have focused on using the conjunctions 'and', 'but' and 'or' correctly. In Maths, we have enjoyed exploring blank number lines and estimating where numbers might sit on it. We have had to justify why we have placed a number in a specific position.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday at Dovehouse Theatre for our Christmas Play - the children have worked so hard and they are really excited to perform for you. Please remember to look at the key dates for Christmas Party information.

We are delighted to say that we have noticed that 'Mog's Christmas' is going to be shown on Channel 4 on Christmas Day this year. This is the text that we have focused on this half term and we are sure that the children would love to see it again.

Reception

What a fantastic week we have had. We are proud teachers this week and I am sure you are all proud parents as Snowdrops and Bluebells were amazing in their Christmas Nativity. The children have blown us away with their enthusiasm for learning the songs and the dance moves and we were so happy they performed them so beautifully for you too. We loved the songs so much we even had an after show party where the singing and dancing continued! This week we have also compared the Arctic and Antarctic to Shirley and our own environment. We have looked at how the schools in the Arctic are the same and different to ours and how the school journey may be a little trickier in the snow! We have been practising the digraphs th, sh, ch, ng and nk and blending words with these sounds in. Can you help your child to read these words: 'think,' 'chick,' 'shock,' 'song,' and 'ring.' Next week we are looking forward to our Christmas party on Tuesday and Christmas dinner and jumper day on Thursday, along with enjoying some Christmas craft.

Year 1

WOW what a performance we had on Tuesday!

We are so proud of the children's singing, speaking and dance moves, they were utterly fantastic! We have enjoyed watching Reception and Year 2 in their Christmas shows too, the Year 1 children were a fabulous audience. In Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, what shapes can you find at home? In writing this week we have been writing a list of toys that were in Santa's sack. We were really impressed with their independent writing, please could you ensure your child is forming letters correctly at home. Next week we have our Christmas party on Tuesday, the children can come to school wearing party clothes and we ask them to bring in a party snack containing **no nuts**. On Thursday it is our Christmas jumper and dinner day, we can't wait to see your festive outfits. We will also have our last reading sessions before Christmas, we are so proud of the progress the children are making in reading, please ensure you continue to read your child's weekly book via the Collins hub website or app.

Another thank you to Shuning's family for our wonderful animal experience. The children asked some great questions about the creatures who came to visit, it was enjoyed by all!

Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare we have been exploring the book Owl Babies. We used a story tray containing soft toys and natural props to support our retelling of the story. We also used real feathers and nest materials to create a sensory tray which helped us discover more about owls and their habitats, we used the smart board to research more about different types of owls. Rocket the Elf has been busy this week he read to the dinosaurs, had a sleepover in the home corner, brought us some pretend snow to play with and invited us to decorate ice cream cones like Christmas trees, don't forget to check out this week's elf diary on the door.

Next week for our final week of the year we will continue to look at owls in between lots of festive fun, don't forget to come along to our stay and play on Wednesday - we would love to see you!

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Solihull Schools are working together to support your children to have a smart phone free childhood

Tuesday 18.30

28th January

@Alderbrook School

Blossomfield Road, Solihull B91 1SN

INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

At the evening, we will have a panel discussion with experts, including:

- The Enlightened Parent
- West Midlands Police
- Student Ambassadors
- Primary and Secondary Headteachers
- Dr Susie Davies CEO and Founder of Papaya Parents.com
- Smart Phone Free Childhood



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to join
the event

Prevents Real Play

Smartphone use can stop children from socialising and engaging in imaginative or active play

Attention Span

Smartphones reduce focus and attention, hindering learning

Undermines Mental Health

Overexposure to social media and screens can negatively affect children's emotional and mental well-being.

Safety Risks

Smartphones expose children to safeguarding issues, including cyberbullying and inappropriate content.

Emotional Impact

The addictive nature of smartphones can lead to mood swings, sleep disruption, and over-reliance on digital validation.

