



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2024-25

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W/C 25 November 2024

- Tuesday 10 December

Wednesday 11 December

Friday 13 December

Monday 16 December

Thursday 19 December

Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm

Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am

Nursery Christmas Performance 9.30am

Year 2 Dovehouse Performance 5.00pm

Christmas jumper day



The Whole School

Attendance for week

commencing 25

November was 91.6%



Is my child too ill for school?



The NHS has released useful information on when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. Please could all parents familiarise themselves with the [guidelines here](#). Thank you



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 29 November 2024

5.00 – 7.00pm

We look forward to seeing you

tonight!

Absence Request Forms

Should your child be absent from school for non-medical reasons, which also includes religious observance, please note that an Absence Request Form is required to be completed. A minimum of two weeks notice of an absence is required. The form can be found [here](#)

The Parent Partnership team met on Thursday 14th November. The minutes from the meeting can be found on our [website here](#).

Term Dates 2024-25

Please click [here](#) for the term dates for 24-25 to include inset days (updated) and bank holidays

It is recommended that you check your child's hair weekly for head lice.

Did you know:



- About one in ten children in the UK, around one million, may have head lice at any one time
- Children aged 4 to 11 are most at risk as they have more physical, close contact with friends and family

PE Timetable

Day		Hall PE	Outdoor PE (30 mins)
Monday	AM		
	PM	Kingfishers	Owls
Tuesday	AM	Reception (All Children)	
	PM	Puffins	Kingfishers
Wednesday	AM	Childcare	
	PM	Robins	Puffins
Thursday	AM	Reception (All Children)	
	PM		Robins
Friday	AM	Nursery	
	PM	Owls	



Nursery

This week, Nursery have been continuing to think about Winter. The children have had lots of fun playing with more ice, which was made into an ice rink for our small world figures to ice skate on. We also started to think about Christmas and created some beautiful reindeer paintings using potato mashers to print. The children wrote letters to Father Christmas and shared ideas of the kinds of toy we might find in Father Christmas' sack. Playdough is always a big hit in Nursery and the children had great fun this week using green playdough to make and decorate Christmas trees.



During phonics this week, we have been practising saying the sound /p/. Can your child find anything at home that starts with /p/? We have also continued singing 'Down at the Station' and playing lots of listening games linked to this rhyme. Next week we shall continue to think about Christmas and will be practising singing Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas morning with our grown-ups. This morning will be held on Friday 13th December – we look forward to seeing you there!

Please can we kindly ask you to check that your child has not accidentally bought home any items which do not belong to them – we have had a few gloves, hats and wellies which have gone missing and we would like to return them to their owners! Thank you!

Year 2

Year 2 have impressed us this week in their rewriting and improving of the story 'Mog's Christmas' by Judith Kerr. We added adjectives and our own flair to parts of the story. In Maths, we have recapped lots of our learning and played a fun game to multiply numbers by 10. We have continued to practise our Christmas Play - a few children still need to learn their lines. So any support with this would be hugely appreciated. In RE we have learned all about Diwali and the significance of the Diya Lamp and in Computing we have thought about what makes a good photograph using a frame, and making sure that our subject is in the centre. Next week, we will be focusing on co-ordinating conjunctions in English and we will be practically learning about weight in Maths. Please see the additional email about our Maths learning next week. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair later and wish you a lovely weekend.

Reception

We have begun the festivities within Reception this week by setting up our classroom Christmas trees and letting the children decorate them and make their own decorations too- if you have any spare decorations you no longer need at home, please bring them in as the children have really enjoyed decorating! In phonics we have learnt the sounds z, qu and ch. We have been having a go at reading words with these sounds in, and have even begun reading short sentences- keep your eye on the boards outside Reception for weekly phonics updates and ways in which you can support your child with phonics at home.



In maths we have been looking at ways of making 4 and 5, using the number blocks to help us, there is a great episode on iPlayer called 'stampolines' that you can share with your child. You can even have a go at making them yourself with squares of paper- how many ways can you make a given number? It shows different ways that the numbers can be made and so we have been exploring this within the environment too. We have loved reading all the different stories you have been sharing with your child at home- we are so passionate about the children developing a love of reading so we know how important it is for you to be sharing stories at home too. We hope to see lots of you at the Christmas fair this evening- make sure you come and say hello to the Reception team when you spot us...although some of us may have turned into cheeky elves!

Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare we have started to explore our new book The Gruffalo. We have been getting very messy in the tuff tray, creating recipes from the story. We used green spaghetti to make scrambled snake, oats and poisonous warts to make Gruffalo crumble and cones and feathers to make owl ice cream. We followed this idea on at phonics time and played a game of 'Silly Soup' with characters from the book carefully sounding out their initial letters. As we've really enjoyed making different pretend recipes, we thought we'd use our maths skills and follow a real recipe for Rice Krispie Gruffalo claws. We measured and counted the ingredients then shared out the portions with our friends at snack time. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas fair tonight and hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Year 1

Another super week in Year 1. In English we have been using adjectives within our writing, remembering to use the 'Think it, Say it, Write it, Read it' strategy. In Maths, we have been building on our knowledge of U.K. coins to solve addition money problems. In Science, we are exploring a variety of everyday materials and describing their physical properties. We have used a world map in Geography to locate and name the 7 continents, including using a map key to explain a world map. We also had a lovely visit to St James Church, where we watched the Nativity story and enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities.

Next week in English we will be continuing to work on our dictation skills, holding a sentence in our head before writing it down. In Maths we are learning our number bonds to 20, using our prior knowledge of number bonds to 10. On Wednesday, we are focusing on our D&T topic of creating a moving picture. We will be evaluating moving picture books and designing our own product using a moving mechanism. Reminder for Tuesday, please ensure your child brings a pair of wellies into school for our trip to Ralph Road allotments. Also Christmas costumes are due, please can these be in a named bag. Thank you for your ongoing support. Many thanks, the Year 1 Team.