



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Fair 5.00-7.00pm
Year 2 Recorder Orders due
Year 1 St James Church visit

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 18
November was 79.7%



Birthday Treats & Gifts!

There are a number of children in school with food allergies some of which could result in hospitalisation if certain foods were ingested. To mitigate the risk of this and following extended discussions with staff and taking account of some feedback from parents, we would ask that you do not send birthday treats or gifts in with your child when it is their birthday. Thank you for your support with this.



CHOCOLATE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are a short on
chocolate donations for
our Christmas Fair next
Friday – if you could kindly
donate a chocolate treat
for the chocolate tombola
we would be really
grateful –
many thanks



Streetsbrook Reading Café

Thank you to everyone who attended our Reading Cafe this week - it was great to see you there!



Please [click here](#) to view **Tips for Talking** for Parents & Carers regarding Children's Mental Health.



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

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS IN -
LOTS OF AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON**



Year 2 Parents - Junior School Applications

The Portal is now live for you to apply for your child's Junior School place from September 2025. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2025. Please click [here](#) for further details and to apply.

Oral health promotion video for parents and carers of Reception-aged children



one in four five-year-olds are experiencing dental decay in England. This can result in problems with eating and speaking, pain, infections, and time off school.

Solihull special care dental service has put together a [short video](#) for parents and carers about looking after children's teeth.

Nursery After the children had settled into Nursery on Monday morning, they were given a challenge of rescuing a range of sea animals who had been trapped in ice! The children really enjoyed this activity and it was great to see the amount of effort they were putting in to rescuing our animals!



On Tuesday, we had the most wonderful surprise of SNOW and what a fantastic time for it to happen in our 'Winter' week. We had already had conversations with the children about how although it is Winter, it doesn't always mean it snows and lo and behold, Tuesday morning, we woke to a blanket of white! Of course, one of the first things we did that morning was to go out and play. The children, and adults, had a lot of fun in the snow and the children even made a great snowman, who had to borrow Emilia's hat!!

This week, the children have been listening to and joining in with the rhyme 'Down at the Station' which we will continue to sing along to next week. We have also been learning the sound /t/ in phonics which the children have mastered well – can they find anything at

home beginning with /t/? Next week, we shall continue to think about Winter and the changes that happen during this season. We shall also start to think about CHRISTMAS (as it's never too early – some might say)! The children will be encouraged to mark make and assign meaning to their marks by writing letters to Father Christmas and of course, their all-important Christmas lists. The children will also be practising their Christmas songs which we look forward to performing to you on our Christmas morning on Friday 13th December. Thank you to all those who attended our Nursery Reading Cafe on Thursday. It was a really lovely morning dedicated to reading and we hope you all enjoyed it.



Year 2 A wonderful wintery week in Year 2 has seen us enjoying the snow and icy weather, until it caused us to unfortunately postpone our Geography walk - thank you to those parents that had offered to support us on this local visit. Despite the excitement of the weather, we have also started to look at division in Maths, using sharing plates as a strategy. We have also recapped using arrays for multiplication. Please remember to look at this term's KIRFs to learn the multiplication and division facts for the ten times table. In English, we have started to read 'Mog's Christmas' but Judith Kerr. We thought about how Mog was feeling at different points of the story and discussed the phrases that had been used. In the wider curriculum, we have practised our cutting and sewing skills in Design and Technology and classified a range of objects as either alive, dead or never alive in Science. I wonder what the children can find at home that would be classified as those alive, dead or never alive. We have also practised our Christmas Play and learned lots of Makaton signs for our songs. We are so impressed with those children that have learned their lines already! Please keep practising so that we can work without our scripts as soon as possible. Thank you to all of you who attended our Reading Cafe - it was lovely to see you all enjoying books with your children and we hope that you enjoyed our story time too.

Next week, we will be role playing, sequencing and rewriting 'Mog's Christmas' in English and looking at food chains in Science.

Reception Reception began this week as scientists!

We conducted an experiment where we had to rescue the polar animals from the icebergs. We started by exploring the ice itself and describing how it felt and what it looked like, this of course led us on to talking about how ice is formed- see what your child can remember! We talked about ways in which we thought we could help them, and the children came up with great ideas! We then tested their ideas out and used cold water, sugar, salt and warm water to help the polar animals escape- can your child remember which one was the quickest to melt the ice and free the animals? We then had a lovely time at the reading cafe on Tuesday morning, where it was so lovely to see so many of you enjoying reading with your child- lots of children have already asked when we can do this again! This ended with a story by Mrs Bilston called 'Shark in the Snow'...and as if by magic, it was snowing! We had the best day on Tuesday out in the snow- all of the children loved exploring the snow, making snowballs, and even a few little snowmen and snow angels! Please remember to bring your child 'weather ready' as we really do go outdoors in ALL weathers, especially snow! We have begun practicing our songs ready for our Nativity performance- please keep a look out for more information!



Streetsbrook Childcare This week in Childcare we were excited by the unexpected snow, the children had lots of questions about cold weather such as why do we drive slow in the snow? Why does water go hard? Which created plenty of opportunities to get outside and find out. We explored the different places water collects in the garden and looked to see if it was frozen and even brought some snow and ice inside to watch it melt, following on from last week's colour mixing with potions we tried dropping paint onto the ice as it melted and enjoyed watching the paint mix and blend, we then used the paint on ice outside which didn't melt and created a different effect. We went out onto the field and played in the snow rolling and throwing it, discovering what happened when we squashed it tightly or gently, also we discovered catching snowflakes before they melt is very tricky. Next week we will begin to explore our new book of the week, The Gruffalo. Please can you bring in labelled wellies as we will be visiting the woodland area for Gruffalo themed activities.

Year 1 What a wonderful week we have had in year 1! From a snow day to our reading café, we have had so much fun! In Maths this week, we have been learning about money, understanding what it is used for and how we can earn it. The children were brilliant at recognising different coins and creating different amounts of money from multiple different coins. Can your child show you these skills at home with coins around the house? In English this week, we have been writing our own set of instructions for making pumpkin soup, inspired by our new book by Helen Cooper. We even had a go at making our own Pumpkin Soup- the children thoroughly enjoyed this! Our phonics brains were put to the test this week as we were learning about split vowel digraphs. The children did a fabulous job despite this being quite tricky! We have also been doing lots of practice for our Christmas concert. We cannot wait to show you all! Next week, we will become Scientists, experimenting with different materials to see how absorbent, waterproof or strong they are. In Maths we are continuing to learn about money, focusing on the development of our problem-solving skills. In English, we will be using adjectives to help us create a poster about part of the 'Pumpkin Soup' story. On Friday 29th, we have our journey to the stable, we still need parent helpers to help us walk to St James' church, if you can help please let us know! We also have our Christmas fair on Friday 29th and we hope to see you there!



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Police and schools in the Borough are committed to working together to protect our young people from becoming victims of knife and weapons crime and exploitation. We use a range of tactics including educational inputs and in-school searches to ensure that students are well-informed about the consequences of carrying weapons, and identify those that continue to do so.

It is important that the police, schools and families work together to protect young people. To do this, parents must be aware of the warning signs and talk to children about carrying weapons. The consequences of being found in possession of a knife are serious and long lasting, affecting education, employment and travel opportunities, but most crucially, life.

Checking deliveries

Got a delivery you weren't expecting?

As part of #Sceptre week, a week of intensified action to reduce knife crime, we're encouraging all carers and parents to check in with their children. Have they recently used the Amazon account to order something unfamiliar? Have they answered the door to get a parcel and hidden it away?

Online retailers have ID checks and policies on selling weapons and knives. It is illegal to sell a knife to anyone under the age of 18. However, with same-day delivery and locker parcel drops it's easy for delivery drivers to miss out the ID check of the recipient at the door.

Talk to your child if you see they have ordered knives or a weapon online, or have received a package you were not expecting. It can be difficult but we have plenty of tips and advice available on our website to help you start THAT conversation. Visit our Life or Knife website [here](#)

If you discover a knife or weapon, be sure to wrap it up safely and securely. You can then either surrender this over at your local police station or a weapon surrender bin. If you find a kitchen knife or sharp tool in your child's bedroom make sure it is secured and check your child is unharmed before you talk to them.

If you are concerned about knife crime in your area, or see something suspicious, get in touch today  [Report a crime | West Midlands Police](#) or call 101.

Follow your local police social media accounts to keep up to date with the latest advice and information.

Remember in an emergency, call 999.

Yours sincerely,

Sergeant Bruton

Early Help / School Intervention and Prevention

West Midlands Police