



# Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2024-25  
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W/C 11 November 2024

- Monday 18 November
- Tuesday 19 November
- Wednesday 20 November
- Thursday 21 November

Year 2 Reading Café  
Reception Reading Café  
Year 1 Reading Café  
Nursery Reading Café

Diary Dates

The Whole School  
Attendance for week  
commencing 11  
November was 96.1%



## CHRISTMAS FAIR – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are still a few slots to fill - please sign up to volunteer on a stall here:- <https://volunteersignup.org/TRRTH> -  
Unfortunately, if we do not have enough helpers, some stalls may not be able to run.



### PTA AUTUMN FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who participated in the Autumn Fundraising challenge. We are pleased to announce that the EYFS Scavenger Hunt raised a fabulous £547.50 and the KSI Autumn Creation Challenge raised £81.70. Congratulations also to our KS1 winners - Robin from Year 1 and Olivia from Year 2 for their wonderful creations!



### Book Fair

Very sadly this evening's Book Fair had to be postponed due to the pop up book shop being 'stuck' inside the delivery lorry, very frustratingly, right outside the school. We aim to have the books in school by Monday morning and hope all our enthusiastic customers will still be able to visit the Book Fair next week. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Mrs Miller, Reading

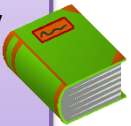
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Congratulations to the winners of our Book Fair Prize Draw.

Each of them won a £5.00 voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

We look forward to seeing them there next week and to finding out how they choose to spend their voucher.



### 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.

### Admissions

Every year the admission arrangements for schools and academies are reviewed and determined. There must be a consultation if any significant changes are being proposed or if there has not been a consultation for 7 years.

The following schools are carrying out a consultation as they have not consulted for seven years: Balsall Common Primary School, Marston Green Infant School, St Andrew's Catholic Primary School. The following schools are also carrying out a consultation as they wish to make changes to their admission arrangements:

Alderbrook School, Schools of St Alphege, Smith's Wood Academy

The consultation period is from **04 November 2024 to 16 December 2024**

You can view the proposed admission arrangements on each school's website from 4 November.

Comments or views regarding the proposed arrangements should be sent to the relevant school or academy by 5pm on 16 December 2024



There are only two time slots left to book to see Father Christmas at the fair - 6.15pm and 6.30pm - get your tickets fast!!



### Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need fund raising day today.

We raised a whopping £262.

Thank you to the kitchen staff for the delicious Pudsey pudding and a special thank you to Evie Rose



for lending us her disco ball for the Dance Party!

Well done School Council – a big success, you should be very proud!



## Nursery

It has been another fun filled week in Nursery with lots of exciting activities which the children have enjoyed. On Monday, we shared the story *Funnybones* by Allan Ahlberg. The children really enjoyed listening to this, quickly picking up the repetition within the book and it was lovely to see so many of them role playing the story during the week. We had a range of activities for the children to explore which were linked to the story including small world play, creating our own skeletons using chalk and art straws and counting using bones!

The children were able to help me walk the route that the skeletons took to get from their 'dark dark cellar' to the park and we then created our own 3D maps using the construction, building the different buildings that the skeletons walked past, including houses, shops, a zoo and a police station.

This week, our sound of the week has been /a/ and everyone was fantastic at making the sound and naming a variety of objects beginning with this sound. Can your child find anything at home that begins with /a/?

Finally, Friday was a great day taking part in Children in Need and we enjoyed seeing all of the children's lovely outfits. During the morning, Nursery had chance to participate in some Pudsey themed activities which were enjoyed by all.

Although we haven't officially reached Winter yet, there has been a noticeable drop in temperature and therefore next week, we shall be thinking about Winter. The children will be encouraged to discuss any changes they think happen in Winter and the different types of clothing that we wear. With this in mind, please can we remind all parents to ensure their child has a warm winter coat in school – we spend as much time as we can outside and we want the children to keep warm – thank you!

**Reminder** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November is the Nursery Reading Café. The café will be open from 8.30am serving breakfast juice and toast for adults and children alongside an opportunity to share some relaxed reading time with your child. If you have any questions, please refer to the email sent out regarding this or of course, you are welcome to ask a member of the Nursery team. We look forward to seeing you there!

**A polite notice** – please could we ask parents that they do not stand and look through the window after drop off. We understand that it is lovely to see your children settled in the morning, however it can be both distracting and distressing for them once they have already said goodbye at the door. Thank you!

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful week learning more about arrays and using them to solve two and five times table questions. Keep practising counting in twos and fives at home, backwards and forwards. In English, we have enjoyed looking at the front cover of 'Mog's Christmas' by Judith Kerr and have predicted what mischief we think Mog will get up to. In Science, we have started to look at the woodland habitat and which plants and animals live there. We have taken time to think about what animals need and how the woodland habitat suits them. We have also started our new DT topic - making a decoration. We looked at real decorations, noticing the shapes, colours and materials used to create them.

Next week, we will be going on a local visit to Shirley High Street and Shirley Park as part of our Geography learning. Please see the separate email for more details and how to offer to help.

## Reception

Oh wow, what a jam packed week we have had in Reception! We have squeezed in so many exciting adventures as well as lots of learning! We started off with a visit to the allotments next to school on Tuesday where Donna showed us around and helped us identify signs of autumn. We saw the pond covered in all the leaves that had fallen down, we saw pumpkins that had been nibbled by different wildlife such as squirrels and mice; we noticed that none of the pumpkins were orange, they had green and white ones, which were called polar bear pumpkins! We used this week to discuss ways of being respectful to our peers and each other and looked at pictures of unkind and kind and talked about how each would make us feel, at Streetsbrook we are CHOOSING RESPECT. On Thursday afternoon we took a stroll into Palmers Rough and looked for more signs of autumn here too, we compared this to the allotments and thought about signs of autumn that were the same or different. On Tuesday we celebrated Michael Rosen by reading the story of the bear hunt, the children loved this and lots were able to join in too which was lovely. We then continued exploring the story in our small world areas where the children created their own story maps and some even videoed themselves retelling the story! We ended the week celebrating Children in Need with some Pudsey bear activities and then a Pudsey disco at the end. In phonics we learnt the sound v, w, x, and y- please continue to look at all of the letter sounds we have learnt and use them to make words to help your children begin to blend the sounds together. Wowzers....what a lot we have done! Next week we will become scientist looking at how water freezes and ways in which we can melt it- we're hoping for a visit from Jack Frost over the weekend to help us!

## Streetsbrook Childcare

Another very busy week in childcare. We marked remembrance day on Monday by making poppies to display outside school as well as creating a giant collective collage poppy and individual wreaths to display in our window. We discussed the importance of remembering with poppies and talked about the special job of a soldier. During the week we have continued to explore our book 'Room on the Broom' by mixing our own potions in cauldrons, we have made smelly potions with herbs, flowers and natural items, colourful potions with paint and dye. We carefully watched the colours blend and change as we mixed them and made magic potions which bubble and fizz as we added different ingredients. We ended the week by celebrating Children in Need Day. We decorated yellow Pudsey biscuit's, made spotty headbands with bear ears and worked together to create a giant painted Pudsey.

## Year 1

Year 1 have been working super hard as always this week. In English we have introduced our new book for this half term, 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. Using our predicting skills to predict what may happen next and sequencing the story in the correct order. Discussing the characters and how they may be feeling throughout. It certainly had conversations flowing about who likes Pumpkin Soup! In Maths our focus has been on place value, usingienes to practically show how many tens and ones are in a number. We have also been counting in 2s and 10s. In Science we have continued our learning on everyday materials. We discussed their properties and why certain materials are good for a purpose. We have also been using our sorting skills and learning the meaning of transparent and opaque. In Geography, we have been using a variety of resources to spot where we live in the world, including using maps, globes and Google Earth to find Streetsbrook School, which was lots of fun!

Next week, our English lessons are based on writing instructions and then following these instructions to make our own Pumpkin Soup. I hope ours is as tasty as the soup in the story! In Maths we will be recognising all coins and notes used in the U.K. and making a given amount using these coins. We will be looking at seasonal changes in Science and in R.E. we are learning about the Christmas story.

On Wednesday morning at 8.30am, it is our Reading Cafe. We hope to see you there to share breakfast and a story with your child. We are really looking forward to it! We are pleased to welcome Miss Harris from Birmingham City University who will be working alongside Miss Cartwright in Owls until Christmas. We wish you a lovely weekend, the Year 1 team.

# Please come to our Brilliant Book Fair!

## Opening Hours:

**Friday 15 November 2024**

*(Children In Need Day)*

3.15pm – 4.15pm (Hall)

**Monday 18 November 2024**

7.30am - 8.30am (Foyer)

3.15pm – 4.15pm (Foyer)

**Tuesday 19 November 2024**

7.30am – 9.00am (Foyer)

If you can't make any of these times  
please let us know ... we can open  
just for you until Wednesday 20  
November at 3pm!

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**NEW** **The Bookings** £4.99

**NEW** **MIA'S BRAVE MOVE** £6.99 **Save £2**

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**NEW** **PETER AND THE BABY ALIEN RESCUE** £7.99 **Save £2**

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**NEW** **READY TO GO WITH THE CITY** £8.99

**NEW** **Puppy Puppies** £9.99

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\*Titles that sell out at the fair can be ordered for delivery on Wed. 20 November

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