



# Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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W/C 18 May 2026

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June Children return to school
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Trip to Weston Super Mare
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June Nursery Sports Day 9.15-10.30am

Diary Dates

The Whole School Attendance for week commencing 18 May was 94.6%

Dear Parents

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news with you. Following a thorough and detailed assessment on Wednesday – which included input from staff, governors, parents and, importantly, our children – Streetsbrook has been awarded the **Nurturing Schools Award**.

The assessor's feedback was extremely positive and a real pleasure to hear. We are especially proud to have been invited to become a *case study school*, showcasing our nurturing approach and sharing our practice with others.

This achievement truly reflects the dedication, care and commitment of our whole school community. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in making this possible – your support makes a real difference to our children and staff every day. Particular thanks to Miss Tench for leading us through the process. I am incredibly proud that our work in this area has been recognised in this way. Wishing you all a very happy and restful half-term break.

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| Weekly Attendance w/c 18 May 2026 | %            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Nursery                           | 95           |
| Reception                         | 93.1         |
| Year 1                            | 95           |
| Year 2                            | 95.4         |
| <b>Overall Attendance</b>         | <b>94.6%</b> |

### Curriculum Overviews for Parents

Summer 2 Curriculum

Overviews are available to view on our website [here](#)



## Sports Day 2026

A huge well done to everyone who took part in yesterday's sports day. It was lovely to see so much enthusiasm, team work and all round great sportsmanship.

The official winners of sports day 2026 is **YELLOW** team! Well done. The trophy was presented to the children and will remain in school for all to see. You should all be super proud. Well done.



A huge well done to all of Reception for taking part in their sports day. Lots of fun was had by the children. They should all feel super proud. Well done everyone.



### Parking Complaint!

We have received a report from a resident on Ralph Road that, due to inconsiderate parking last week, an emergency services vehicle struggled to get through. We have also been informed that some parents are being rude and aggressive when being asked to move their car, which has blocked a driveway. As always, we ask that you are mindful and respectful when parking or speaking to parents/residents. Please report any issues to [diane.sheppard@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:diane.sheppard@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

### Vacancies at Streetsbrook

We are looking to appoint two Lunchtime Supervisors, one to start as soon as possible and the other to start in September '26. Details of the vacancies can be found on our school website [here](#). The closing date for applications is Monday 8 June.

### 30 Days Wild Challenge

30 Days Wild!



June is the month of the Wildlife Trust's 30-Days Wild Challenge, which is the UK's biggest nature challenge. Throughout June they are challenging us to go as wild as possible. Whether that's an activity a day or setting a weekly goal throughout June, 30 Days Wild is here to help you connect with nature, support wildlife and enjoy the great outdoors. Each week sees a different focus:

- Week 1 - Helping wildlife where I live
- Week 2 - Discover wildlife with my senses
- Week 3 - Learn about wildlife
- Week 4 - Get creative with nature and celebrate

I'd love to know what you do for the challenge outside of school!

Mrs Harlow (Leader for Science and the Eco Team)

**Nursery** Thank you so much to all the parents who attended our Circus Workshop this morning, we hope you all had a great time and enjoyed it as much as the staff and children did. The children have really loved our circus topic, learning all of their new circus skills and were very excited to show you all today so we hope you were impressed! Well done to the parents for their efforts in learning new skills themselves, we saw quite a few great attempts at juggling and some super 'tin can alley' skills! The children have also had lots of fun this week with construction, whether it has been Lego, building blocks or Cheerios, we have had some wonderful creations.

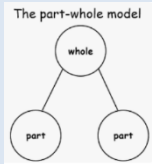


In phonics this week, the children have been singing 'Ring-a-ring-a-roses' and playing listening games linked to this. We have also been listening to and making the sound /qu/. Can your child think of any words beginning with /qu/? After half term we shall be beginning our 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom' topic and starting to practise ready for Sports Day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We hope you have a restful week and we look forward to seeing you back for the final half term of the year.

**Year 2** Well, what a final week – we have continued our learning as part of our topic Sensational Safari. On Monday, we were very lucky to engage in an African drumming workshop facilitated by PrimalSoundUK. Sarah Westwood provides a hands-on, interactive experience for the children to learn about different types of drums and how to play them correctly. Every year the children love this workshop, and this year was no different. In Science, we conducted further research into an animal of our own choosing from the African savanna, we then collated our findings to share with our classmates. Our writing in English this week is based on a short film called Catch It - the children loved this clip and have been able to create character descriptions of one of the characters. Within this learning, we have looked at root words and suffixes, different word types such as adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs and how to use them within our writing. We have been very busy in Maths, as we have been recapping lots of the different topics we have explored across Year 2 - we have been trying hard to remember the different methods for different operations and how to use them when required. We hope you have a great week off and we look forward to seeing you all when we return for the final half term in Year 2 and Streetsbrook. Wow, you are all so grown up and we know you are all feeling lots of different emotions about the upcoming transition - we will be beside you every step of the way.



**Year 1** This week, we have enjoyed a variety of learning experiences, from whole turns and half turns in Maths to creating 3D birds in Art. In English, we had the pleasure of attending a live musical storytelling event from the National Literacy Trust called *Where Sticks Become Stories*. The children thoroughly enjoyed using their imaginations and listening to the different instruments used throughout the story. In Geography, we have been looking at simple maps, including using a key and then creating our own two-dimensional plans. In History, we have continued exploring transport, both overground and underground, with a particular focus on trains. We have learned about the inventor, George Stephenson, and the children enjoyed seeing how trains have developed over the years. We hope you all have a fabulous half-term in the sunshine! When we return, our new topic, *Here and There*, will begin. We will be making lots of comparisons between inland and coastal towns in preparation for our educational visit to Weston-Super-Mare on Friday 5th June. In English, we will be using our inference skills to write descriptive sentences, focusing on extending our ideas and making our writing interesting for the reader. In Maths, we will be looking at partitioning numbers using part-part-whole models. Thank you for your continued support.



**Reception** What a wonderful last week we have had! Due to the Great British weather, Sports Day was unfortunately cancelled on Tuesday...however, luckily we were able to rearrange it for the children for Thursday! The children showed great sportsmanship cheering on their friends, and superb resilience and determination when things were a little tricky, particularly the balancing races. We have been reading the story Rosie's Walk this week. The children have wowed us with their fantastic writing - they have been able to rewrite the story in order, most of them independently!! In Maths, we have been securing number bonds to 10. The children are becoming more and more confident in this, but please keep practising them at home so that your child becomes fluent saying the number bonds to 10 as well as writing them. There are songs on Youtube to help them remember them and make it fun. We hope you all have a wonderful half term in the sunshine making lots of memories with your families. We can't wait to see you in a weeks time for our final term together.

**Streetsbrook Childcare** This week in Childcare we've really enjoyed celebrating world Bee day. We have been learning about how amazing bees are and all the great things they do. We spotted them in our garden and learned how to look after them if they look tired by making them a special sugary drink. We did a cutting activity where we had to match the shapes in the beehive by cutting out the matching pieces and we used yellow and black icing to decorate bee biscuits for snack. We also made bee hats with pipe cleaner antennae and used them to fly around the room to pretend to find flowers and make honey. Also this week we have continued reading our book about colour monsters. We've been focusing on colour mixing by using different coloured Play-Doh to squash and blend colours together and also putting big splodges of paint on cling film then covering it with cling film again and watching the paints swirl and squish together. We used our hands to push and move the paint around it different patterns. We went on an emotion hunt around the room to spot the different emojis that were hidden talking about them as we discovered them. We finished the week with mindfulness moments activities such as colour breathing exercises, yoga, movement with coloured scarves and relaxation techniques all of which are helpful when we are feeling the different emotions of the colour monsters. Have a lovely sunny half term and please remember to send us photos of your adventures, we love to share them together.

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