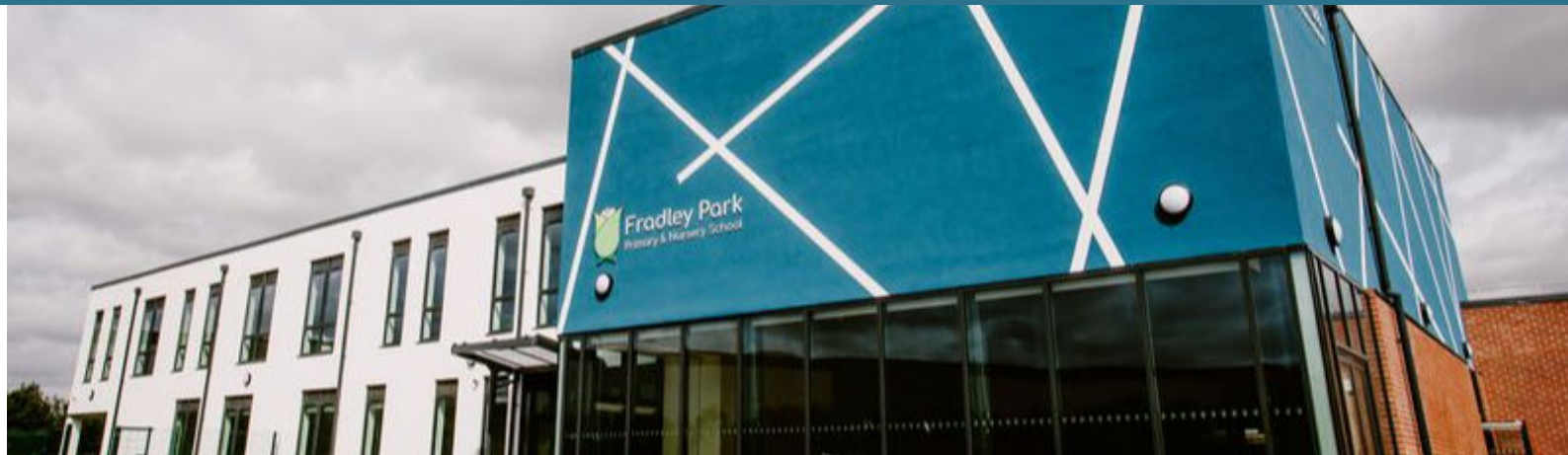


>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

FRADLEY PARK

Primary & Nursery School

At Fradley Park we believe "What happens early, matters for a lifetime"



HEADTEACHERS NEWS OF THE WEEK

KING CHARLES

This week, the children have been thinking about King Charles. They have heard the news that he is unwell, and some children have taken it upon themselves to make 'get well' cards. Here is Finley Hays' card to the King, that he made in Tea Club. I was very impressed by Finley's care and consideration for others and I know that other people (closer to his heart) have received get well cards too 😊.

Prompted by the children's empathy, I have decided to post any messages, letters or get-well cards to Buckingham Palace, after the half-term break. If your child would like to make something, that would fit through a post box, then please bring it to school on Monday 19th February. I will organise sending all our best wishes together. Thank you.



Tesco Blue Tokens

Please continue to support our drive, to access some additional funding, through the Tesco Stronger Starts project. Please remember to go shopping at Tesco (in the Lichfield Area) and drop us a blue token. We are a small school community, so we need friends and family on board with this too! Thank you for all your support so far .



**WE LOVE LEGO
LUNCHTIME
CLUB**



This has been so much fun! We've already had a new group, after half-term, to give everyone a taster. I have to be left, for Spring 2, so please email me, if your child in Reception would like to join in. We will also start pop names on a waiting list for

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday, the children talked about internet safety in their assembly. They shared some great ideas about what they would do if they felt worried or scared when playing games or watching their iPad. They concluded with "turn it off and tell a grown up". Great tip! Please explore more ideas on how to help your child safe online by searching this link: [Follow these 5 tips to keep your child safe online | Barnardo's](#) (barnardos.org.uk).



Happy, Healthy,
Harmony

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and harmonious half-term break. We very much look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 19th February. We are just over half-way through the school year, so I hope the children will get lots of rest, and ready to fire on all cylinders on their return. We will be busy, busy, busy! Please see key dates within the newsletter as there is a new date for your diaries.

Christie Allen - Headteacher

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S

LEARNING!

NURSERY TEAM UPDATE! >>>



This week in Nursery, we have been exploring the upcoming celebrations for a Valentines's Day and have printed hearts and created cards for our loved ones. We also looked at Lunar New Year and talked about the Year of the Dragon. We have practised our scissor skills to make beautiful lanterns and learnt all about dragons - we even watched some dragon dancing from China!

After a busy half-term, we ensured we had time for moments of mindfulness in our Key Person groups, releasing listening to calming music and taking time to relax our busy minds.

We thank you for all your support of our learning and wish you a wonderful half-term break.

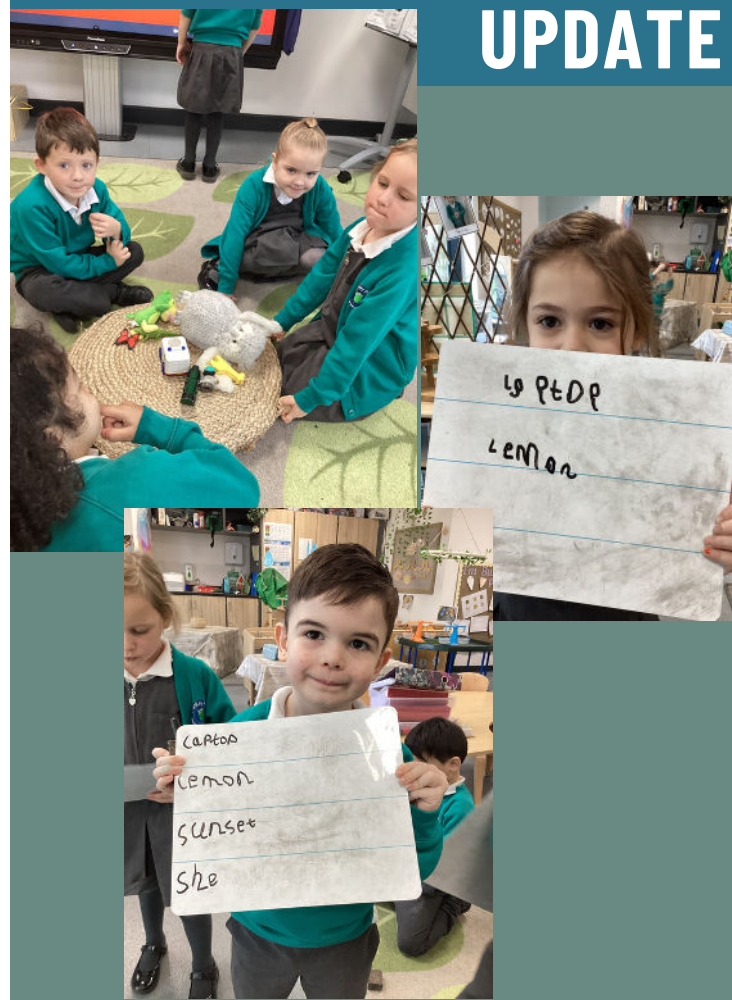
This week in Reception we have been very busy prepping for our Art Exhibition! The children have completed some finishing touches to their masterpieces. We really hope you enjoyed the exhibition. If you did not get chance to come along then please do not worry as pictures and videos will be uploaded onto Tapestry.

In maths we have been looking at combining groups and using our 'bunny ears' technique to count how many objects there are altogether. The children have enjoyed learning new maths games during taught input and completing them independently within provision.

In phonics we have been learning to read longer words by splitting them up and adding parts back together. The children's phonics knowledge is really improving but please do remember to look at the weekly home learning sheets on Tapestry to continue practising at home too.

Have a great half term!

<<< RECEPTION TEAM UPDATE



YEAR 1 TEAM UPDATE

In Year 1 this week we have been busy writing recounts about a day at school. We used time signposts such as 'first', 'next', 'then' and 'after that'. The children then worked hard to make their writing more exciting by using adjectives (describing words) and conjunctions such as 'and' to join their sentences together.

In computing, we have put our iPad skills to the test that we learnt before Christmas. We have been coding using the 'Bee-Bot' app and debugging pieces of code to get to the treasure chest. There were some very serious concentrating faces all around the classroom on Thursday afternoon!

There has also been some WONDERFUL home learning taking place using our Little Wandle resources that are uploaded onto Tapestry each week. The home learning set on Tapestry focuses on the phonics that has been taught for that week. During half term, it would be fantastic to complete the home learning from this term again with your child to refresh their memories ready for spring 2 where new graphemes will be taught. Please continue to upload any home learning completed onto Tapestry and any reads completed at home onto 'Learning with Parents'.

After half term, we have got Miss Tracker starting in Year 1. She is a second-year trainee teacher and will be based in Year 1 for 9 weeks. She is really excited to start her placement with us. Please say hi to Miss Tracker and introduce yourselves when you see her after half term!



JTMAT

Competitions

Miss Pearson and Mrs Allen have been amazed by all of our wonderful Geometry Competition entries. Thank you to everybody that took part! It was very clear to see that so much thought was put into each piece of work. It was really hard to decide on a winner from EYFS and Year 1 as they were all fantastic.

The winners of our Geometry Competition are Noah from Reception and Ava from Year 1. A huge well done to you both!

On Number Day Year 1 also took part in a Number Bond Challenge. All of the children were super speedy and confident at answering the number bond questions. Thomas from Year 1 got the most answers correct in the quickest time.

All of our winners have been submitted to the JTMAT and prizes are on their way!

Number Day

On Friday 2nd February Fradley Park celebrated Number Day! It was a fantastic day celebrating all things number. The children looked wonderful as they 'Dressed up for Digits'.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**Attendance matters
at Fradley Park
Primary and Nursery
School. The more our
children attend
school, the more we
can learn, achieve
and celebrate
success together.**

Nursery Attendance - 97%

Reception Attendance - 93%

Year 1 - 93%

Fradley Park's Grand Total - 93.7%

**Every school day counts!
Thank you for supporting
your child's attendance at
Fradley Park.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| 09.02.2024 | Friday | SCHOOL CLOSES for Half Term |
| 19.02.2024 | Monday | SCHOOL OPENS |
| 23.02.2024 | Friday | Packington Farm visiting School |
| 04.03.2024 | Monday | Wonky Book Sale - All week Parent consultations - 1pm-6pm |
| 05.03.2024 | Tuesday | Parent consultations - 3:30pm-5pm |
| 07.03.2024 | Thursday | World Book Day |
| 15.03.2024 | Friday | Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) |
| 22.03.2024 | Friday | School Closes for Easter Holidays |
| 08.04.2024 | Monday | School Re Opens |

Train to Teach Primary 3-7

Information Event

Wed 21 Feb | 5:30 - 6:30pm

Register to secure your spot!

[JTHS.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK](https://www.jths.eventbrite.co.uk)



The John Taylor SCITT

