

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

FRADLEY PARK

Primary & Nursery School

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



HEADTEACHERS NEWS OF THE WEEK

FEEDBACK



I would just like to say a big thank you to the families that have recently emailed in some wonderful feedback to share with staff. Your positive words mean everything to us. If you would like to use this time of good cheer, to share your positive feedback, then please email our office team on office@fps.jtmat.co.uk and we will ensure that it is shared with staff. I like to highlight at this point in the year, please do not feel that you need to buy gifts or cards for us at Fradley Park. It is not at all expected, and we would much rather know from you, that we have done an excellent job this year so far.

OUR COMMUNITY DISPLAY



I am keen to update our COMMUNITY display to reflect all the families at FP. If you have not passed a family photo to me (significantly new Nursery and Reception families) then please share one, in an envelope, via your child or the office.



I would also like every child to contribute a ribbon or long piece of fabric to our display and I thought that Christmas might be the ideal time to find one! Please keep your eyes peeled for a suitable piece of fabric/ribbon and send that in too. Thank you.

JOYOUS JANUARY

When the children return to school on Tuesday 7th January, we will be starting the new year with a focus on wellbeing. The first week of 'Joyous January' will involve; wellbeing activities based on the books 'Finding your Happy' and 'Happy Days', yoga sessions led by our wonderful yoga teacher Mrs James, forest school sessions focussed on managing worries, healthy eating workshops with Mellors and an introduction to our new Mental Health relax toolkit – 'CalmaClass'. Lots to look forward to at the start of 2025! According to 'Action for Happiness,' here are the 10 keys to a happier and more fulfilling life. Search [10 Keys to Happier Living](#). [Action for Happiness](#) for more information on how to look after your own wellbeing.



Have a great weekend all!
Chrissie Allen - Headteacher

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

NURSERY TEAM UPDATE!

In Nursery this week, we have enjoyed exploring with our senses - we had lots of play snow and made snowflakes with our playdough. We have created our own star crowns for our Nativity and sprinkled snowy glitter to make winter tees.

In Maths, we have explored space and position through songs and in our play with our train track. In Literacy, some children have performed the story of 'Rosie's Walk' on video. We have also taken a look back at how far we have progressed with our storytelling since we first started back in September. We have continued to observe how materials can change by making our own chalk paint and squirting it on our playground.

This week saw the first performance of the EYFS Nativity with Reception class. We are so very proud of how the children have learnt the songs and were able to perform in front of an audience. I think you'll agree they were all super stars!



RECEPTION TEAM UPDATE



In reception, we have been looking at ordering and sequencing pictures of jelly. The children have used their knowledge from our group sessions and followed the pictures in a small group. The children were able to explain the process of the jelly being melted and refrozen. The children really enjoyed finding out the process of making this. In maths we have been looking at what we have learnt this afternoon. The children have been sharing their knowledge of everything we have been taught. They have been comparing numbers, building towers of blocks, and comparing the length of string. The children were able to use their scented stems to explain their reasoning behind their answers.

In a continuous provision this week we have been looking at building a fine motor skills using pom-poms and tweezers to decorate trees, we have been decorating stars, we have been using our dollhouse to tell our own stories and of course we have been completing our first nativity. The children have been absolutely amazing and we can't wait to show the rest of the parents on Monday. Thank you for all of your support. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

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YEAR 1 TEAM UPDATE

The children have all worked extremely hard this week in all aspects of our continuous provision.

In literacy we have been writing a non-chronological report about Foxes. The children had lots of prior knowledge which helped them to be able to write their own report.

In maths we have been exploring 3D shapes and using our prior knowledge of sorting to distinguish the different shapes by their properties. The children's problem solving and reasoning skills are developing to explain why and how they know an answer. I wonder what items in your house are cubes, cuboids, pyramids, spheres, or cones. Pop them onto Tapestry if you find any!

The children have continued to work hard on their puppets in D&T. It's fantastic to see the children paying close attention to the details in their paper designs to create functional puppets.

Finally, we had fantastic time at Forest School this week enjoying a warm hot chocolate (using our new forest school Kelly Kettle) and a biscuit. Thank you, Mr Clancy!



YEAR 2 TEAM UPDATE

Year 2 have had another good week of learning.

In English, the children have worked really hard to invent their own fantasy event for their letter. The children have been really creative with their ideas. They have worked hard with their presentation of the letter and their handwriting.

In Maths, the children have worked hard applying their knowledge of Money. The children have been working hard to work out different ways to make an amount and the different ways using different methods and coins.

In RE this week, the children enjoyed learning about different religions and the ceremonies that make have to feel a sense of belonging.

In Art this week the children have been developing their observational drawing skills and have drawn different leaves. The completed their drawing using metallic crayons and painted over them with brush. They have all worked hard and I am looking forward to seeing their project coming together.



FRADLEY PARK NOTICE BOARD

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair, the Friends of Fradley raised £850!!

Reminder - Menu changes next week: "Fishy Friday" on Wednesday
Christmas Lunch on Friday

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.

Class Attendance

Nursery - 96.9%
Reception - 95.2%
Year 1 - 87.7%
Year 2 - 93.8%

Fradley Park's
Grand Total - 93.2%

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16.12.24	Monday	EYFS Christmas Play to Parents 9:30am
18.12.24	Wednesday	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Singalong to Parents Christmas Jumper Day
20.12.24	Friday	Christmas Lunch and afternoon parties! School closes for the Christmas Holidays Children care wear non uniform or party clothes
06.01.25	Monday	INSET DAY - School closed
07.01.25	Tuesday	School Opens for Spring Term

Friends of Fradley Park Zumba Dance Party

On Friday 10th January

Time: 3.15-4.30pm

At: Fradley Park Primary and Nursery School Hall

Important Information:

Snacks included

£5 sent to Friends of Fradley Park- Sort Code:
53-70-15 Account Number: 74030884 (Please add
child's name and year group to the payment
reference by 20th December)

