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FRADLEY PARK

Primary & Nursery School

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



- HEADTEACHERS COMMENTS -

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Well, the results are in for the Lichfield School's Reading Challenge, and we did so well!

We came second out of sixteen schools which is just fabulous. St Joseph's did an amazing job so congratulations to them - we now have a clear target to aim for next year (100%) 😊. Didn't we do well? Wonderful to see that more children are engaging in this challenge every year. Thank you for supporting your child with reading over the summer as it is so important to their overall progress and to their relationship with books.

HARVEST



Thank you for your generous contributions to the local food bank. Nothing makes me feel prouder of our school community than when we pull together to help others. Please check out the excellent work of Lichfield Food Bank by searching [Lichfield Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#) and if you have any capacity to volunteer then they have some interesting vacancies.

PE UNIFORM

PE KIT



- ✓ Navy blue jogging bottoms or navy blue shorts
- ✓ Navy blue sweatshirt
- ✓ White T-shirt
- ✓ Black pumps or suitable trainers
- ✓ No earrings or piercings to be worn for PE

I have noticed a vast improvement in PE uniform this week so thank you for your help with this. Remember, we have a good collection of used/new PE uniform in school, that needs recycling. Please ask the FOPF (Friends of Fradley Park) about this or pop into the Office.

Have a happy and safe weekend.
Chrissie Allen – Headteacher

School	% Completers 2025	% Completers 2024	% Completers 2023	% Completers 2022	% Completers 2021
St. Joseph's	67.1%	42.1%	59.1%	55.1%	46.9%
Fradley Park	44.4%	35.8%	10.1%	n/a	n/a
St. Michael's	36%	39%	41.8%	40.8%	36%
Willows	31.8%	4.5%	9%	9%	1.6%
Christ Church	30%	31.1%	31.4%	31.4%	26.6%
Anna Seward	28%	13.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
St Chad's	16.6%	13.6%	11.7%	11.7%	9%
Streethay	12.8%	6.8%	17.1%	17.4%	12%
Lichfield Cathedral School	12.4%	6.4%	12.6%	12.5%	4.8%
St. Peter & St. Pauls	11.0%	10.8%	27%	27%	13.8%
Chadsmead	9.8%	9.2%	11.9%	16%	5%
Scotch Orchard	9.5%	12.2%	24.4%	11%	8.5%
Charnwood	8.2%	6%	13.7%	13.7%	4%
Whittington	7.7%	6.2%	7.5%	7.5%	4.4%
5 Spires Academy	7.4%	14.3%	14.3%	19%	13.7%
St Stephens	5.1%	6.9%	10.1%	6%	3.4%

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- HEADTEACHERS WEEKLY ROUND UP -**SOME EXCITING NEWS!**

This week, we have successfully recruited a new Class Teacher for Nursery and a new Teaching Assistant for Nursery. Once all recruitment checks are complete, I will introduce them to you!

We are looking forward to next half-term when Mr Clancy will be able to return to his role in Year 2 and continue leading our Forest School. Miss Pearson, in her role as the current Nursery Teacher, will be supporting our new Nursery Team as they settle into their roles and supporting this transition period for the children.

I would just like to say thank you for your patience and support during this time as I know it has meant a pause in Forest School provision, which all the children have missed. I would also like to acknowledge the resilience of our Teaching Team in KS1 - Miss Tricker, Miss Yates, and Mrs Deakin - who have been working extra hard this half-term with a staff member down. Thank you, team!

**WORK WITH THE CHILDREN**

We are continuing to learn about GROWTH MINDSET with the children. You can find information on this by searching

www.classdojo.com/BigIdeas

and support your child's thinking by asking these take-home questions:

1. What was the biggest challenge you faced today? (Ask your child and then have them ask the question back!)
2. How can you and I think about these challenges in a new way?
3. What can we do differently tomorrow if we face similar challenges?

MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

We are excited to share that we will be introducing a Musician of the Month to the children for the remainder of the year.

This is a wonderful opportunity for them to discover different genres of music, learn about influential artists, and develop their own musical tastes.

For this month, we are delighted to highlight the incredible Nina Simone. Please see the poster below for more information.



UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

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NURSERY TEAM UPDATE!

This week we celebrated Grand Parent Day and we were delighted to be hosting our Grandparents for biscuit baking and whilst we sadly couldn't hand out any Hollywood handshakes we felt everyone was a star baker. A good time was had by all.

Our children were also excited by the introduction to the library bus, providing plenty of choice of literature for our young readers to share at home with family and friends.

Miss Pearson and Mr Clancy wish you all a fantastic weekend and happy reading!



RECEPTION TEAM UPDATE



This week in Reception we have been using our fantastic imaginations to plan and write our own 5 sentence stories. As a whole class we created a story about a soft, pink panda and a sticky slime monster! We thought hard about using adjectives to describe objects and characters in the story to make it more interesting.

In maths we have been exploring patterns. The children are developing their understanding and abilities to create their own patterns with objects within the provision. We have also learnt a new pattern based playground song called In and Out the Dusty Bluebells which the children have loved singing!

We are really enjoying our music lessons at the moment too - this week we have learnt a new song called 'Alice the Camel'. We have discussed the pace and tempo of the music as well as the pitch.

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

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YEAR 1 TEAM UPDATE

In English, this week we have finished our English innovated story focused around stopping the villain. We have looked how we can make our endings much more exciting! They have done so well with using their descriptive and storytelling language!

In maths we have focused on more than and less than within groups and numbers. It has been hard remembering all this new vocabulary, but we are getting there. They have been all trying their best.

In computing we have had the iPads out again focusing on a new artist who creates circles based on different feelings. The children were able to have a go at creating their own piece of work based on the artist and focused on the different feelings. We linked this nicely with our zones of regulation colours.

In science we had so much fun focusing on our sense of smell. We used our noses to guess what was in the cups. This will be revealed on Friday, so we are looking forward to finding out exactly what they were and whether we guessed them right.

In art we have continued creating spirals based on observational drawings of shells. The children were creating continuous line drawings which meant they were unable to remove their pencil. They came out so beautiful, it was definitely not too hard of a challenge.



YEAR 2 TEAM UPDATE



We have continued to innovate our pirate stories this week into our books and tried to include adjectives and conjunctions to make our stories sound more interesting. We have recapped our Year 1 knowledge of nouns and verbs to help us with our innovations.

In maths we have continued to practise and rehearse our 2, 5 and 10 times table. This week we started to look at our 3 times table! Keep up the great work on TTRockStars as this is really benefitting the children's recall of these.

In history, we have focused the history of flight into our local area- Fradley. The children enjoyed learning about the significance of Fradley. I have attached a local walk on Tapestry that you could do with your child to recap on the key points of interest in Fradley related to the RAF base. The children were very engaged in this lesson!

We have continued to work on our vehicles of the future in D&T but we are yet to add our wheels! This will be our task next week...

In science, we conducted another experiment of how our heart rate changes when doing different activities. It was tricky at first to find our pulse but once we did we had a great time counting how many beats we could feel.

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

YEAR 3 TEAM UPDATE



This week in Year 3, we have continued to learn about the Stone Age. We learnt about the 3 different eras of this time period: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic, and thought about how life developed for the Stone Age people. We are really looking forward to making our own Stone Age tools in the next couple of weeks!

We have been thinking hard about how to be kind to others both in and out of the classroom. In PSHE, we have thought about what 'our dream school' would look like and how we can all play a part in making sure that school is a lovely place to be! In RE, we also talked about 'random acts of kindness'...the children have enjoyed planning these ideas that they can enact both at school and at home!

In maths, we continued to learn about addition and subtraction. Thank you to the parents who attended the KS2 Parent Workshop where it was explained how maths is taught in KS2. Please look out for the slides on Tapestry.

I have also been extremely impressed by the children's writing in English lessons. We have finally written our own version of the fairytale 'Hansel and Gretel', which the children are all really proud of. Their presentation is really incredible and they have so many amazing ideas to share! We have a classroom full of budding authors!

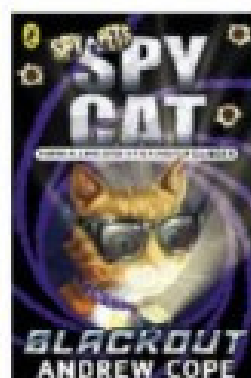
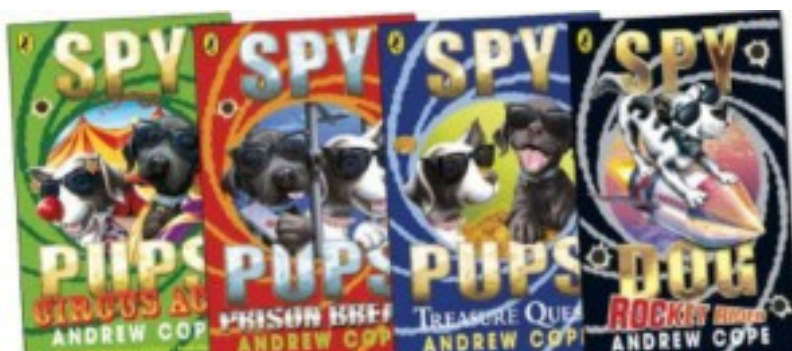
SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



Important message from SCC (Staffordshire County Council) Safeguarding Team

We have been made aware that several titles in the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We do not have copies of these books in our school library or classroom book corners. Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUTUMN TERM

13.10.25	Monday	Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic - 3:00pm - 4:00pm
14.10.25	Tuesday	Parent Consultation Meetings Nursery Reception, Year 1 & Year 3 - 1:00pm-6:00pm Year 2 - 9:00am - 11:30am & 3:30pm - 6:00pm
15.10.25	Wednesday	Parent Consultation Meetings All Year Groups - 3:30pm-5:00pm
21.10.25	Tuesday	Spooky Sparkly Disco
24.10.25	Friday	School Closes for Half Term
03.11.25	Monday	School Re Opens
10.11.25	Monday	Book Fair Week
14.11.25	Friday	Children In Need - FOFP Cake Sale
05.12.25	Friday	Christmas Fair
15.12.25	Monday	EYFS Christmas Play to parents 9:30am
16.12.25	Tuesday	Panto Trip – Lichfield Garrick
17.12.25	Wednesday	Breakfast with Santa EYFS Christmas Play to parents 2:00pm
18.12.25	Thursday	Year 1/Year 2 – Christmas singalong to parents Year 3 to sing at care home (Bowbrook)
19.12.25	Friday	Christmas lunch Afternoon Christmas parties School Closes for the Christmas Holidays
05.01.26	Monday	INSET Day - School Closed
06.01.26	Tuesday	School Re Opens

OPAL PLAY

The children created a King and Queens fort out of tyres kindly donated by Midland Karting and milk crates donated by Harleys dad in year 2. Thank you so much to both. The children have really been using their imagination, social and communication skills with using our new equipment. We look forward to sharing more with you in the near future of what our new lunchtimes will look like.



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 - 97.5%
Reception - 96%
Year 1 - 97.5%
Year 2 - 100%
Year 3 - 100%

Fradley Park's
Grand Total - 98.2%

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

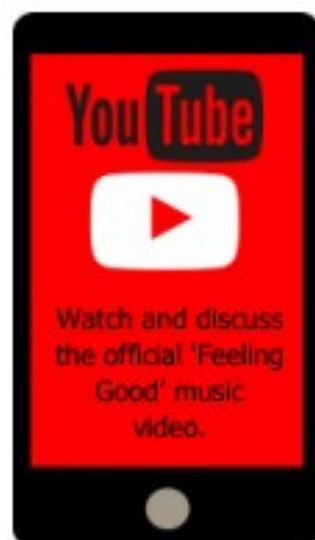


HOME INFORMATION



October's Musician of the Month

Nina Simone



About: Eunice Kathleen Waymon, known professionally as Nina Simone, was an American singer, songwriter, pianist, and civil rights activist. Her music spanned styles including classical, folk, gospel, blues, jazz, R&B, and pop.

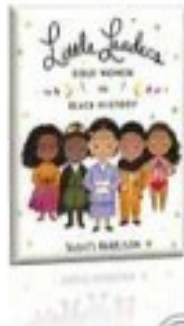
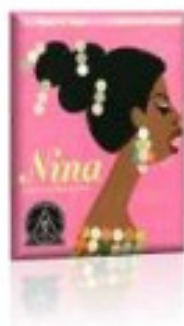
Genres: R&B/Soul, Jazz

Active from: 1954 - 2002

Origin: North Carolina, U.S.A.

Books to read...

If you like Nina Simone, try...



- Sarah Vaughan
- Billie Holiday
- Miles Davis

Friends Of Fradley Park

Save The Date!

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025
FAMILY WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA
15:15 - 16:30

WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2025
CHRISTMAS WRAP/CRAFT
NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1
15:00 - 16:30

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025
CHRISTMAS WRAP/CRAFT
YEAR 2, YEAR 3
15:00 - 16:30

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025
SPOOKY & SPARKLY DISCO
RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3
TIME - TBC

OCTOBER NURSERY EVENT - TBC

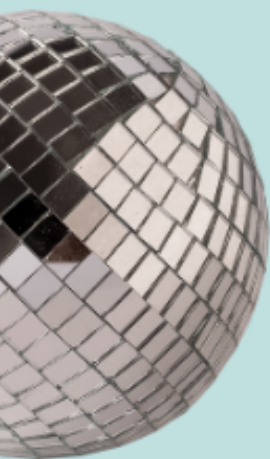
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025
CAKE SALE
15:00 - 15:30

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025
CHRISTMAS FAIR
16:00 - 18:30

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026
WELLBEING PAMPER SESSION
ALL YEAR GROUPS (INC NURSERY)
TIME - TBC

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026
FRIENDSHIP DISCO
RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3
TIME - TBC

FEBRUARY NURSERY EVENT - TBC



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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