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FRADLEY PARK

Primary & Nursery School

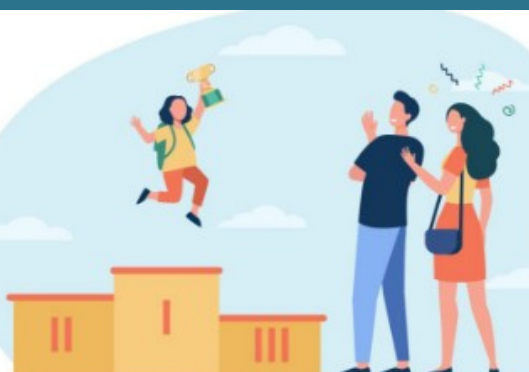
At Fradley Park we believe "What happens early, matters for a lifetime"



- HEADTEACHERS COMMENTS -

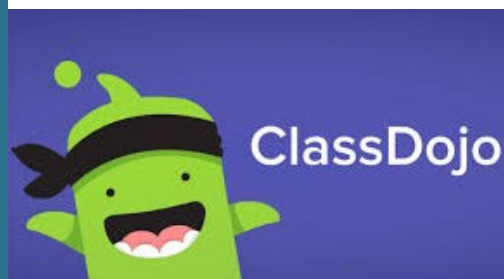
PARENT CONSULTATIONS

It has been wonderful to see you all around school this week and to hear your positive feedback. The teaching teams have enjoyed showing off the children's work and talking about the great progress they have made already – at just 6 weeks in! The children are working hard every day to represent our school 'Learning and Living' behaviours – passion, resilience and care and are a credit to you all. Such a brilliant start to the school year!



Have a happy and safe weekend.
Chrissie Allen – Headteacher

PARENT WORKSHOPS



A reminder that we have a parent workshop coming up next half-term. This will be the final in our series of three sessions focused on behaviour. This session will take place on Tuesday 11th November at 2.45pm and Mrs Perkins will be introducing our new positive behaviour management system; Class Dojo. It would be helpful to know in advance who to expect so please drop the office a quick message to let them know if you will be attending on, office@fps.jtmat.co.uk. we look forward to seeing you then.

OPAL



We have had our first Play Assembly at the end of last week and the children explored how we can use TYRES in a creative, imaginative, physical way. Creating forts, rolling them and 'walking the dog' have been popular uses so far.

We are getting ready to introduce some small world play and some quieter spaces as these have been identified by the children as areas that they would like to have available at lunchtimes.

You are brilliant at donating items from home that you no longer have use for - thank you - so please can you have a think about any of these resources that we are currently on the lookout for:

- Fancy dress clothes/hats
- Small world (cars, dinosaurs, dolls, figures) and small construction kits
- Pegs, tarpaulin, and rope (for den building)
- Suitcases
- Outdoor furniture cushions/seat pads or parasols no longer needed.

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- HEADTEACHERS WEEKLY ROUND UP -**NURSERY**

I have been lucky enough to have spent more time in classes this week and I have been getting a flavour of the fantastic learning opportunities happening around school. Nursery have settled in and have entered the enjoyment phase ;-) where they are having lots of fun with friends in their learning environment. The confidence and happiness levels in that class are infectious - children happily welcome in visitors from around school - I very much enjoyed my impromptu dance off in the outside area!

YEAR 1

In Year 1, I enjoyed sharing a retelling of their Talk for Writing (T4W) text, 'The Three Little Pigs', at the end of the day. The children in the class clearly enjoy books and Storytime at the end of every day, is valued by them all. Lovely listening and joining in Year 1. I am not sure that my wolf with an American accent went down too well, however.

**YEAR 3**

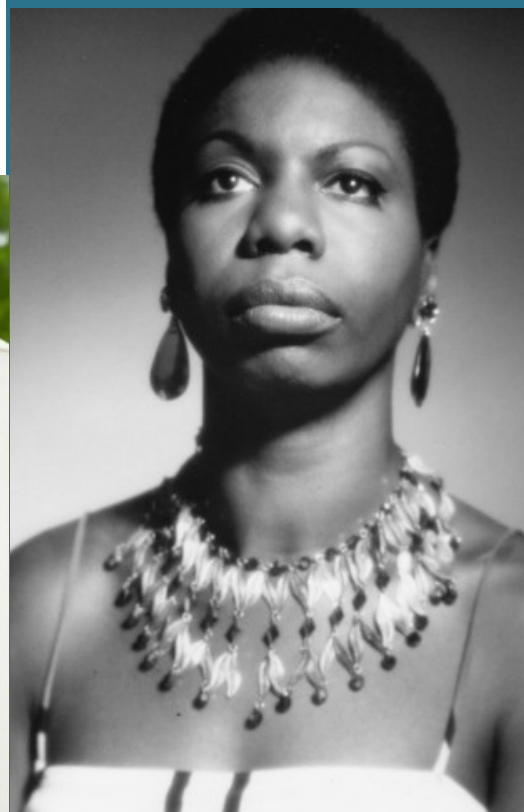
I have seen a lot of Year 3 this week which has been a complete pleasure. I joined them for a 'Talk for Writing' English lesson where the children were putting the gingerbread house on the market and writing persuasive adverts. The high quality of vocabulary being used in that class and the excitement shown for writing was a real wow moment for me this week.

**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!

It has been another busy week of learning and growing in Nursery. The children have been getting hands on with nature and enjoyed being really involved in making a forest crown at Forest School. It was lovely to see them engaging and exploring our Forest School site. Their confidence is really starting to grow!

A key focus in our maths learning this week has been exploring repeating patterns and working to complete a repeating pattern in their key worker groups.

Finally, a big thank you for the fabulous engagement with Tapestry this week. We have noticed a huge increase in observations posted, please keep them coming! Miss Pearson and Mr Clancy have so much delight in seeing your Tapestry posts and the children feel a real sense of pride and achievement when they share these in front of the class.



RECEPTION TEAM UPDATE



This week in Reception we have been exploring how to make our writing more exciting by using adjectives. The children have been using some fantastic vocabulary to describe different animals' appearances and the way they move.

In maths we have been focusing on 1, 2 and 3. We have been looking at different representations of these numbers and how each number is formed. The children have wowed us with their ability to subitise!

It has been lovely to see all of you at parent consultations this week. It was great to spend time chatting about your child's progress and how they have settled into Reception.

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YEAR 1 TEAM UPDATE

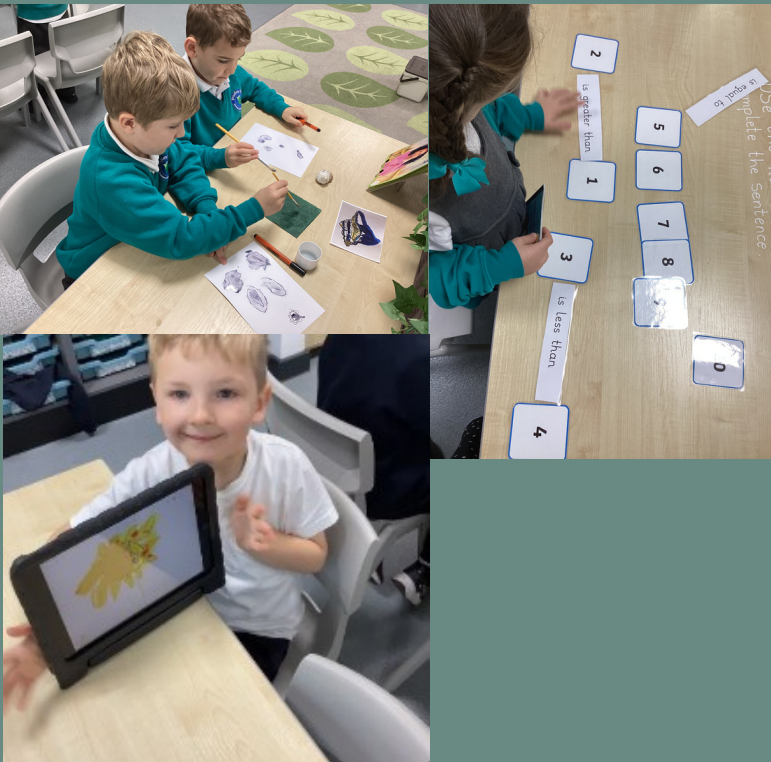
This week in English we have focused on letter writing. The wolf chose to write the three Little Pigs an apology letter. We responded back as the three little pigs making sure we used the correct features to make our letters accurate.

In maths we have begun to use our reasoning behind comparing numbers using the correct mathematical terminology of greatest and smallest. They have done so well using resources to support this.

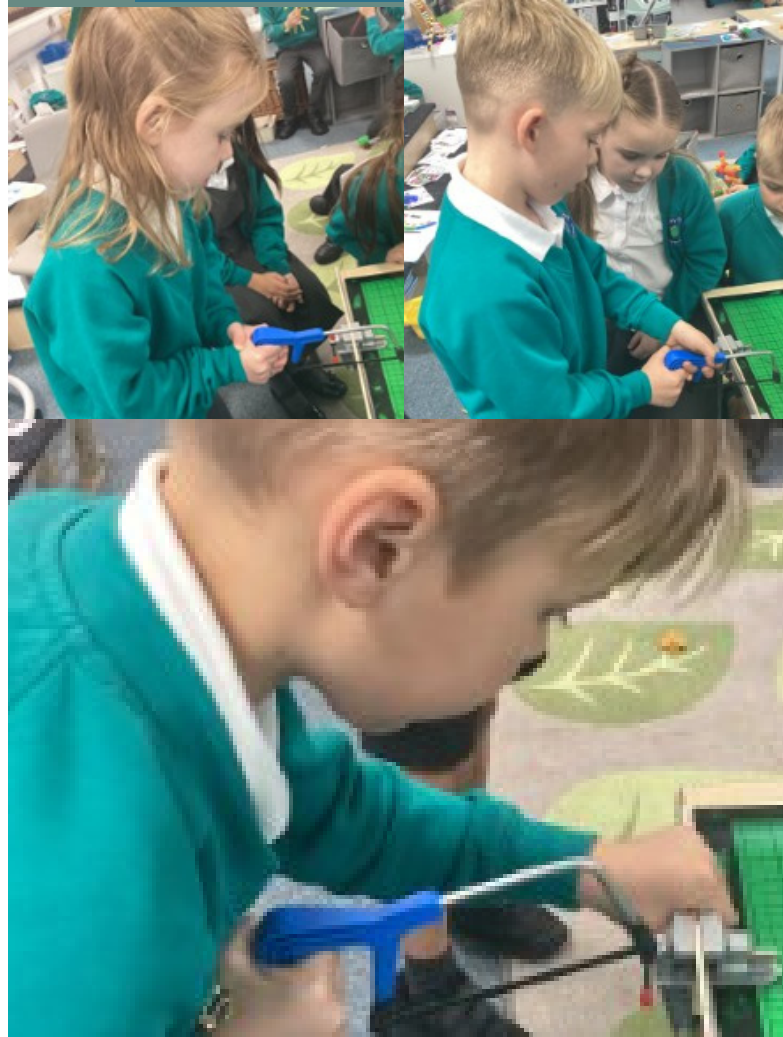
In science we were focusing on the sense of hearing. We tested different musical instruments and tested whether distance effected how loud or quiet we could hear them. We found out that sound must travel which is why we heard the instruments less when they were played outside than when it was played inside next to us.

In art we were able to experiment with pens that bleed when water is added. Children created their observational drawings of some spiral shells with black handwriting pens. We then added water which made it begin to smudge.

In computing we have focused on making our own art of a sunflower based on pointillism. This is where we use lots of dots close together to create a piece of artwork. They all loved experimenting with the tools to create beautiful sunflowers.



YEAR 2 TEAM UPDATE



This week we have continued to innovate our pirate stories and the children have been recapping their knowledge of nouns and verbs.

In maths, we have been rehearsing our number bonds to 10 which prepared us for understanding our number bonds to 100. The children have been working on presenting their ideas nearly into their books.

Our Vehicles of the future are still a work in progress but most of the children have started to use a hacksaw to cut the appropriate length of dowel and attached their axle onto their chassis. They have had to make the design decision of whether to create a fixed or free axle. We are looking forward to testing their functionality!

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

YEAR 3 TEAM UPDATE



We have loved our learning in history lessons this week, designing and making our own Stone Age tools using sticks we had found and shaping spears and axes with clay. We used a base of folded paper to make the basic shape of our tool, covering it with clay then shaping with our fingers. We learnt how the Stone Age people would have also used strong sticks and branches for their own tools, chipping and carving pieces of sharp flint to be able to cut and chop. This was called the 'Oldowan Toolkit'.

In English lessons, we have continued our theme of 'Hansel and Gretel', this time focusing on developing our non-fiction writing by becoming Estate Agents! We have tried to make the gingerbread house from the story sound as appealing as possible to prospective buyers! We were not sure how practical some of the items in the house were, however! We also continued our journey in addition and subtraction in maths lessons, further investigating making exchanges when crossing 10s and hundreds. We are working extremely hard on Times Table Rock Stars and are really proud of the progress that we have made so far this half term!

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



K-pop Demon Hunters

I just wanted to share some information about this show on Netflix that children are talking about in school – the songs are incredibly popular (even in Nursery). Please just be mindful that although it is rated PG, it is considered suitable for children aged 10 and up. Some parents may find it too intense for younger children due to animated violence, creepy demons, and mild language. My advice would be to watch it with your child so that you can make an informed decision about whether you feel it is suitable for your child.

Paulet High School ([Paulet High School & 6th Form College](#)) in Burton upon Trent, is hosting an 'Empowering Families to be Support Savvy' event again this year. The event is aimed at building knowledge and confidence in families to recognise and reach out to get the 'right help at the right time'.

The event is a drop-in session between 5pm-7pm and parents/carers can email the school directly with their name if they wish to attend. Your name will be entered into a prize draw on the night.

Paulet High School Invites you to...
Empowering Families to be Support Savvy
Date: Wednesday, 22nd October
Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Paulet High School

Highlights Include:

- Free prize draw - win a hamper!

- Rare opportunity to meet our partner agencies who support our students and their families.

- Find out about support available within Paulet and talk to those delivering it.



Register Interest Now email n.bradley@pshs.jtmat.co.uk with your full name (you will also receive an extra entry into the prize draw.)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUTUMN TERM

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

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

We've received a letter from St Stephen's Church letting us know that they are planning to host a Christmas Quiz in the Community Hall on Friday 28th November 2025, starting at 6:00pm.

The event is designed to raise funds for the church and to build family awareness of the fun activities the church offers throughout the year.

There will be a bar available, serving both alcoholic and soft drinks, and you are welcome to bring your own snacks along. St Stephen's Church would love to know if parents, carers, and children would be interested in coming along to support this community event.

If you'd like to attend, please contact the church by email by the end of October:

✉ safeststephenfradley@gmail.com

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 - 97.7%

Reception - 98.2%

Year 1 - 96.2%

Year 2 - 98.2%

Year 3 - 97.8%

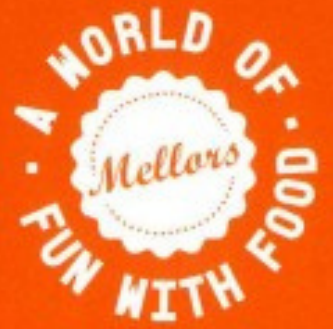
**Fradley Park's
Grand Total - 97.6%**

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

Join our

CURRY CLUB

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER



Look out for our
Curry Club Menu!



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

