

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

FRADLEY PARK

Primary & Nursery School**At Fradley Park we believe "What happens early, matters for a lifetime"**

- HEADTEACHERS COMMENTS -

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

Due to our school closure on Friday, this is my first newsletter for 2026 so **HAPPY NEW YEAR** everyone!

I am extra excited about 2026 as it is the **National Year of Reading** [National Year of Reading 2026](#) | [Go All In](#) and as a school team, we are focused on encouraging reading for pleasure for every single child. The children have made a new year's resolution to **READ MORE!** Look out for some changes in home reading as we provide ways for children and families to track and celebrate this regular reading. Remember to read with your child **AT LEAST 4 times in a week.**

If anyone has any children's and adult's books that they would like to donate to school, that are in good/excellent condition, then please bring them to the office. I am collecting books for our '**Cool Reads**' free library that will be situated by the main office.

Did you know that children are 40% more likely to enjoy reading if their parents/carers do? [BookTrust research: Children are 40% more likely to enjoy...](#) | [BookTrust](#) Could you make a point of sitting down to read a book or a newspaper or listen to an audio book this weekend and see if you can help inspire your children and address the national decline in reading for children?



- HEADTEACHERS WEEKLY ROUND UP -**OPAL**

On quite a gloomy week weather wise...this was a welcome sight. Our new storage unit has arrived! This will be a central hub where children will access the wide ranging and growing resources the play team are offering during OPAL PLAY. Please keep the donations coming!

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

We would like your help in making our playgrounds a safer place at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please can you discourage younger pupils from scootering and biking into the playground. It is getting busier out there now and we have had a few near misses.

All children can use the bike racks near the entrance to the playground to store scooters and bikes.

We have updated our External Risk Assessment to reflect this change, and we would like to implement the additional measure from next week. Thank you for your support.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!
Kindest regards,
Chrissie Allen – Headteacher

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

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NURSERY TEAM UPDATE!

This week in Nursery the children have been learning how to take care of themselves by doing things they enjoy. We have been reading the story "Find your Happy" by Emily Coxhead. This story helped us to recognise our different feelings and that all our feelings are normal and that we can't be happy all the time. We have made a breathing stick and talked about The Zones of regulation and how slow, deep breathing can help us feel calm and happy again when we feel sad, worried or angry.

The children have taken part in lots of different activities that have helped them with their physical development. We have been practising using scissors to cut out pictures. We have been threading beads onto pipe cleaners to decorate our breathing sticks and we even got to take part in Yoga.

We have also been learning about The World and visiting different places on holiday. We discussed how taking a holiday can definitely make us feel happy. If you have any printed photos of your child on holiday that you would be happy to share then please send them into school or add any pictures to Tapestry so that we can make a class display. Please state where in the World the picture was taken.



RECEPTION TEAM UPDATE



Welcome back everyone! It has been wonderful to be back at school and hearing all about your Christmas breaks. It sounds like you all had a fantastic time.

This week in Reception we have dived straight back into learning! We are busy learning our phase 3 digraphs. The children are doing really well and beginning to recognise when to read letters individually or together as a digraph in order to decode a word.

In maths we have been focusing on 'zero' and understanding that zero represents when there is nothing. We have been using mathematical language such as more and less too.

In PE we have started our gymnastics unit. We have been learning how to travel and balance in different ways. Our lesson this week was themed to Jack and the Beanstalk which was so much fun!

Please remember to send your children to school in warm coats, hats and gloves as we go outside every day! This week has been particularly cold and we have taken the opportunity to explore the ice and snow around us.

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YEAR 1 TEAM UPDATE

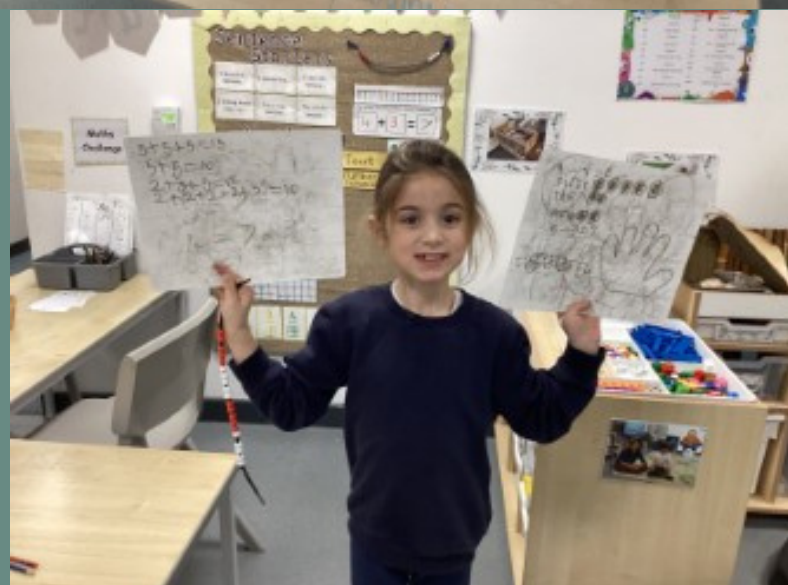
It has been lovely having the children back after the Christmas break, they have grown so much.

This week we have been writing our own free verse poem that follows no rules. The children have worked hard in their groups to learn and write their poems.

In maths the children have had to have their thinking hats on. They have been recognising and counting numbers to 20 focusing on 11-15. They have had to think about the number of tens and ones each number has.

In DT children started their unit on Kites, we began by thinking what kites are used for and what different countries use them for. Finishing by decorating a kite.

We have been lucky enough to have a fun yoga session where the children were able to use this time to relax and be calm.



YEAR 2 TEAM UPDATE



We have settled back after a lovely Christmas break well.

We kickstarted our new term with a book given to us by Mrs Allen called 'The Worry Jar'. As a class we have been thinking of ways we can improve our classroom so that we can reflect on worries and not let them take too much space in our heads. A majority vote has decided that our classroom would benefit from a worry jar where children will be able to write down their worry and place it in the jar just like the girl did in the book.

We had a lovely yoga session with Mrs James on Thursday. We learnt lots of poses and ways to help us feel calm. This will be another great addition to ensuring our classroom is calm and safe.

In maths, we have been looking at money-identifying coins and adding amounts together.

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

YEAR 3 TEAM UPDATE

Year 3 have had a very settled first week back, with a positive attitude and lots of motivation for their learning! We focused on the text *The Worrier* to begin the year. We created our own class worry jar and prepared our own jars to write poems about how we could help people with their worries.

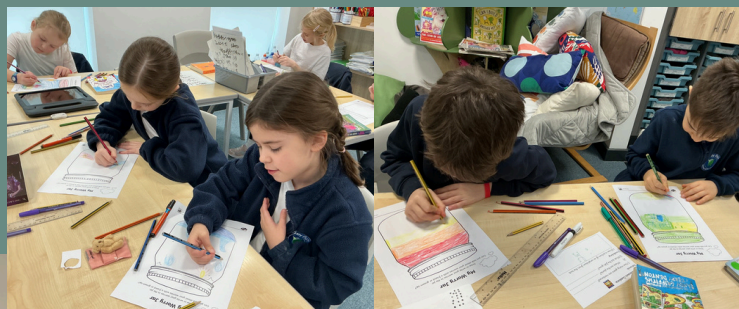
This week, they took part in a relaxing Yoga session run by Mrs James, who came to visit us. We hope that the children have some ideas that they can take away with them to use in their own time in order to relax.

In music, the children finally got to try out playing the ukulele! During the forthcoming weeks, the children will be learning how to hold the instrument, play individual notes and their first chord! We are really looking forward to seeing the children progress on their instruments!

In English, the focus has continued to be multiplication and times tables. The children have made links to the 2, 4 and 8 times tables and noticed patterns. They are becoming increasingly fluent when reciting them - please continue to practise these at home weekly for 10 minutes, in addition to completing Spelling Shed homework.

They 'Year of Reading' has begun this week! Year 3 are avid readers and are always keen to swap their class library books. I have been really impressed that some of them have already filled their 'bookshelves' in their reading exercise book, because they have read so many books already! Please continue to read daily at home if possible, but at least 4 times per week, recording it in the children's reading diaries.

We have also begun learning about plants in Science, making links to our Geography topic on the Conservation of Bees. We are really looking forward to making some bee habitats in Forest School in the forthcoming weeks!



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



AI

The use of AI is something that we all need to be aware of especially when it comes to protecting young children.

Generative AI has revolutionised the creation of hyper-realistic text, images, audio, and video, transforming the digital landscape but also introducing unimaginable dangers for children. Predators are harnessing these technologies to create fake yet convincing sexually explicit images and child sexual abuse material (CSAM), manipulate children through grooming tactics, and infiltrate digital spaces with devastating consequences. Visit www.weproTECT.org for more information about this growing threat and find out what can be done to keep children and young people safe online.

Here I have shared information on a short film which exposes the harrowing ways generative AI applications and chatbots are being weaponised to exploit children online. This film lays bare the scale of the crisis and underscores the need for unified action. A link to the film can be found by searching: Protect Us. Please note, this film is not suitable for children, and you may find it a difficult watch.

Digital Lives

I have also provided a link to a useful guide that will help you to have conversations with your children about digital safety and help you to better understand the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day

'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England



DATES FOR THE DIARY AUTUMN TERM

23.01.26	Friday	FOFP - Wellbeing Event
26.01.26	Monday	Year 1 Church Visit
06.02.26	Friday	NSPCC Number Day - Details to follow
10.02.26	Tuesday	Packington Farm Talk for Nursery, Reception & Year1
12.02.26	Thursday	FoFP - School Disco
13.02.26	Friday	Reception Art Exhibition Year 2 Camp In experience - Details to follow Break up for Half Term
23.02.26	Monday	School Re-Opens
10.03.26	Tuesday	Parent Consultations - 1:00pm - 6:00pm
11.03.26	Wednesday	Parent Consultations - 3:30pm - 5:00pm
20.03.26	Friday	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
24.03.26	Tuesday	Spring Bonnet Parade
25.03.26	Wednesday	Year 3 - Church Easter Story to Parents
27.03.26	Friday	Egg Race Break Up for Ester Holidays
13.04.26	Monday	School Re-Opens

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 - 96.3%

Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 98.5%

Year 2 - 97.9%

Year 3 - 98.3%

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

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

Sports



ACTIVE SPORTS

HOLIDAY CAMPS



4-11 Years

10% sibling discount

5th day free offer

8-3pm

late pick up - 5.30pm



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MORE INFO

**Keeping Kids Active
whilst having fun!**

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INFO AND BOOKING



Booking is deemed acceptance of our Terms and Conditions.
Not all venues have a URN OFSTED number

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