



Friday 25th September 2026

NEWSLETTER

The Latest News From Cradley Primary School

A Note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week at school! The sunshine has certainly made a difference, and it has been wonderful to see the children making the most of our outdoor spaces and enjoying time on the field.

We have had another busy week, with lots happening across the school. Our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed taking part in an Orienteering Festival at Eastnor, which was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their teamwork, resilience and outdoor skills.

We also held our Friends of Cradley School (FoCS) AGM this week. There are lots of exciting events planned for the year ahead, but these can only happen with the support of our wonderful parent and wider school community. We would really appreciate your help with organising and running events. Whether you can give a little time, help behind the scenes or simply support an event on the day, every contribution makes a difference.

We are also looking to increase the opportunities for volunteers in school, including helping children with reading and supporting our Forest School activities. Parents, grandparents and other family members are very welcome to get involved. Anyone volunteering regularly in school will need a current DBS check, which the school can arrange.

We are also keen to develop our Parents' Forum and would love to welcome new members. In particular, we are currently looking for someone who would be happy to represent Nursery and someone to represent Sycamore Class. The forum is a valuable way for parents and carers to share ideas, raise questions and help us continue to develop our school. The next meeting will be on 5th October at 2.15pm

Finally, please do spread the word about our upcoming Open Events on 15th and 17th October. We are looking forward to welcoming prospective families and showcasing all that our school has to offer. We are also planning a family Ground Force Day on the 17th so look out for further details.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Our school community is at its best when we work together, and there are lots of exciting opportunities ahead.

Have a great weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Jones



Value of the Month

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"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the Fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

1 Corinthians 1:9

We wish Mrs Grizzell all the best as she begins her maternity leave, and we look forward to seeing her and meeting her little one soon!



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Calendar Dates

- 30 Sept - Sycamore Class Open Classroom, 9.00am
- 1 Oct - Teeny Tots, 10.00-11.30am (every Thursday)
- 2 Oct - Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection, 9.00am
- 2 Oct - Forest School Tots, 10.30am-12.00pm (every other Friday)
- 2 Oct - Harvest Festival, 2.00pm at the church
- 9 Oct - Hello Yellow - wear yellow to school for Young Minds
- 14 Oct - Maple Class Open Classroom, 9.00am
- 19 Oct - KS2 to Storytelling Festival
- 20 Oct - School Photos - NEW DATE
- 20 & 21 Oct - Parents Evening
- 22 Oct - KS1 to Storytelling Festival
- 22 Oct - Oak Class to Private Peaceful
- 23 Oct - Marshmallow Friday, 3.15pm
- 23 Oct - Finish for Half-term

School Lunches

Week one	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	w/c
MAIN	Ham & Pineapple Croquette Potatoes Peas	Pasta Bolognese Bake with added vegetables. Sweetcorn Garlic Bread.	Fish Cakes Hash Browns Spaghetti Hoops	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Gravy	Hot dogs Salad Bar Baked Beans	31/08/2026 21/09/2026 12/10/2026 09/11/2026 30/11/2026
VEGETARIAN	Cheese Omelette	Quorn Bolognese with added veg	Meat Free Sausage Roll	Quorn Fillet	Veggie Hot Dog	
PUDDING	Chocolate Sponge & Choc Sauce	Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurts	Ice Cream	Banana Cake	Fruit Jellies	
WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAIN	Lasagne Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato Day Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo Salad Bar	Oven Baked Fish Croquette Potatoes & Peas	Sausages Roast Potatoes Carrots & Broccoli Gravy.	Margherita Pizza Salad Bar Baked Beans	07/09/2026 28/09/2026 19/10/2026 16/11/2026 07/12/2026
VEGETARIAN	Veggie Lasagne	As above	Cheese & Onion Quiche	Veggie Sausage	As above	
PUDDING	Blueberry & Lemon Sponge & Custard	Cherry Cupcake	Flavoured Mousse	Flapjack	Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurts	
WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAIN	Mild Chilli Con Carne, Taco Shells Rice & Sweetcorn	Chicken & Veg Pie Croquette Potato Broccoli Gravy	Fish Fingers Hash Browns Peas	Italian Pasta Bake Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Chicken Burger Baked Beans Salad Bar	14/09/2026 05/10/2026 02/11/2026 23/11/2026 14/12/2026
VEGETARIAN	Veggie Mild Chilli Con Carne	Veggie Pie	Veggie Fingers	As above	Veggie Burger	
PUDDING	Chocolate Brownie	Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurts	Ice Cream	Sprinkle Cake	Fruit Fruit Yogurts	

ALSO AVAILABLE TO ORDER: JACKET POTATOES – WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, BAKED BEANS, TUNA MAYO & SALAD BAR.

FRESHLY MADE BAGUETTES – CHEESE, HAM OR TUNA MAYO SERVED WITH FRESH SALAD BAR.

FRESH FRUIT ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

Here is the menu for this term. Orders should be placed on Arbor. Please order for the following week by midnight on the Wednesday before. A text reminder will be sent. Thank you.



Clubs

These are the clubs on offer this term. Please note that some are running for half the term and others are for the whole term.

Clubs will start on Monday 14th September and will end on Friday 11th December 2026.

Please sign your child up on Arbor under Activities/Clubs.

Club	Day/Time	Years	Member of Staff
Choir	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Hughes
Lego	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 1-2	Mrs Galvin
Gardening	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 5-6	Mrs Jones
Basketball (First Half-term)	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-4	Miss Foster
Basketball (Second Half-term)	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 5-6	Miss Foster
iPads (First Half-term)	Wednesday Lunchtime	Yrs 1-2	Mrs Grizzell
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	AFC Worcester Sports Coaching
Little Fishes Craft (First Half-term)	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 1-2	Mrs Jones
Netball (Second Half-term)	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 4-6	Ms Creek
Dance	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Furlong

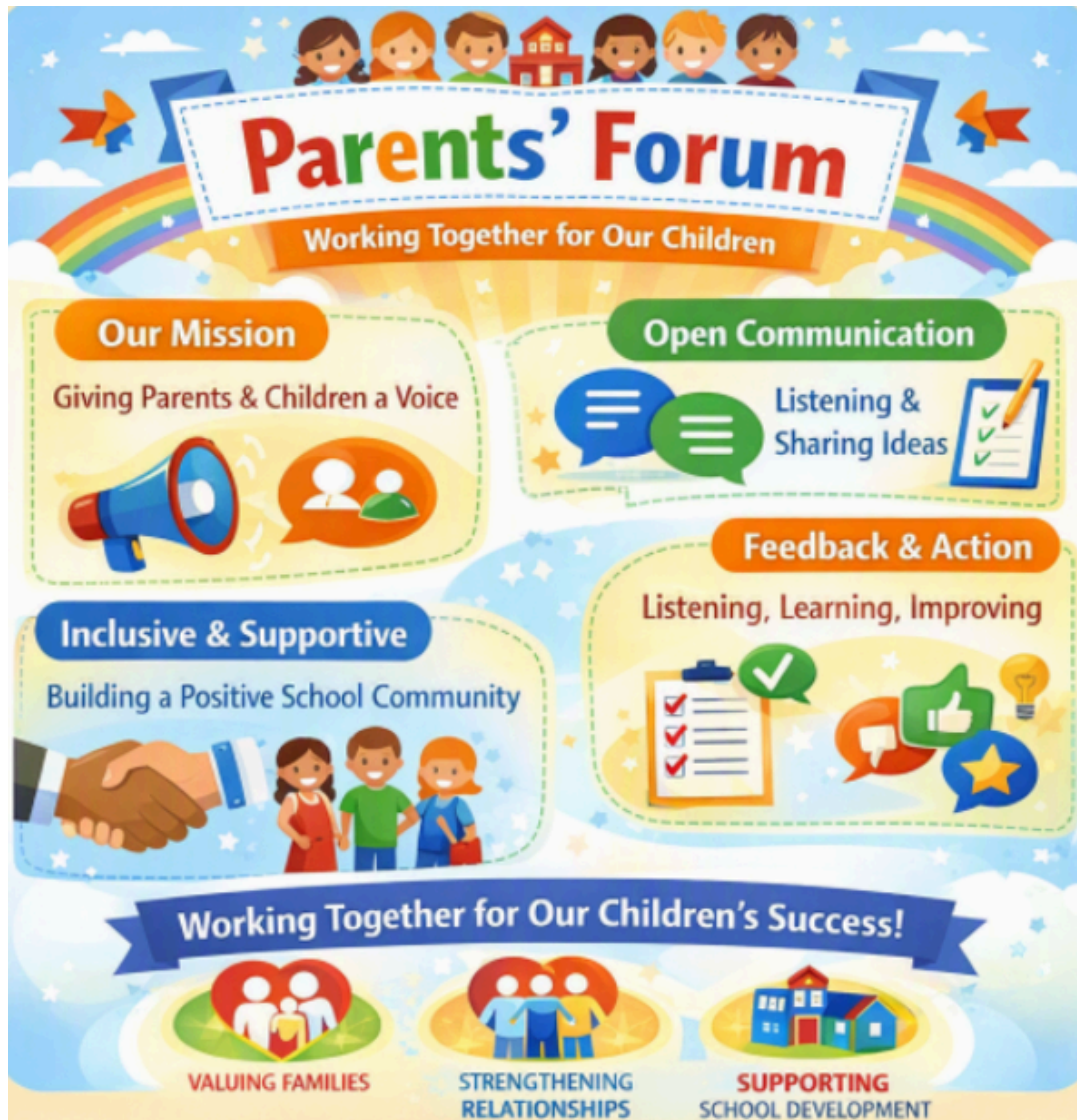
Attendance

Well done to Maple Class who have had an amazing 100% attendance this week! They will look after the Attendance Bear next week!

Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	100%
Sycamore Class	94.29%
Birch Class	98.67%
Oak Class	94.71%





The Parents' Forum aims to be the voice of parents and children, working in partnership with the school to share collective views, provide constructive feedback, and foster positive collaboration.

We are committed to maintaining open and honest communication between families and the school to support every child in reaching their full potential.

By working together, we will promote inclusivity, strengthen relationships, and help create a positive, supportive learning environment where all children can thrive. The forum will support the school to listen, learn, and act on feedback, ensuring that the needs and experiences of pupils and families are valued and considered in ongoing school development.

Please let Mrs Jones know if you would like to be a part of this.

Autumn term dates:

Monday 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December at 2.15pm

Musical Instrument Lessons

We are fortunate to have two music teachers who visit school to teach a variety of instruments. If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument please contact the teacher directly.

PIANO, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE AND SINGING LESSONS



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT**

elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com

Guitar Lessons

Guitar, Ukulele and Bass Guitar lessons are currently available at school.

Music lessons are a great way to help children's creativity.

Music lessons improve memory, attention and language skills and also help boost confidence.

Also, learning an instrument is fun!

Lessons take place in school on Tuesdays in term time.

Please call or text teacher Mark Leedham (Encore Music Service) on 07813 643175 or email markleedham@yahoo.co.uk if your son or daughter would be interested in taking lessons.



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Friends of Cradley School (FoCS) News

FoCS Newsletter: Easyfundraising - a free and easy way to support Cradley School this term- see below for more information or scan the QR code.



FoCS AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the FoCS AGM. To request a copy of the minutes, please contact the FoCS team.

🍷 Marshmallow Friday 🍷

Join us afterschool on Friday 23rd October from 3pm where the FoCS team will be selling hot chocolate and treats, bring cash 😊

🎄 Christmas Wreath Making Evening

After last year's Christmas Wreath Making evening sold out, we are delighted to be bringing it back for another year! Join us on Friday 27th November 2026 at 6.30pm at Cradley School for a festive evening of creativity. Friends and family are very welcome too. Please see the poster below for full details.

🚨 Only 2 tickets left 🚨

Keep up to date with our latest news, reminders and events by joining our [Friends of Cradley Church of England Primary School \(FoCS\)](#) Facebook page.

Support FoCS while you shop online



Did you know you can raise free donations for Friends of Cradley School simply by doing your usual online shopping? Easy Fundraising is a quick and simple way to support the school, and it will not cost you a penny.



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Hundreds of well-known retailers donate when you shop online through Easy Fundraising.

- ✓ Sign up through the Easy Fundraising app or website
- ✓ Choose Friends of Cradley School as your cause
- ✓ Shop as normal
- ✓ FoCS receives a donation to help support the children

 Ready to start? Sign up here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=47592&invite=s84dvt&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

 Top tip: Enable the donation reminder on your phone or device so you never miss a contribution.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Every donation, volunteer hour and shared post helps make a real difference to our school community.

Join the FoCS family

We are always excited to welcome new faces. Whether you can help at the odd event, share ideas, or would like to become more involved, we would love to have you with us.

If you would like to know more, please speak to Cass, Charlotte or Verity, or pop by reception for a chat.

No experience is needed — just enthusiasm, a little time when you can spare it, and a willingness to get involved.

 Wishing everyone a wonderful term ahead

With thanks,
Cass, Charlotte & Verity

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Friends of Cradley School



Christmas Wreath Making

The Friends of Cradley CE Primary School are excited to host our 2nd annual wreath making evening, run by the wonderfully talented *Jemima* of The Little Flower Farm, Malvern Hills.



The hall at Cradley CE Primary School



Friday 27th November at 18:30



£40 per person including all materials,
a hot drink and festive sweet treat 🍰

*Please speak to Cass, Charlotte or Verity
to book your ticket!*



Friends of Cradley School (FoCS) News



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

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| ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing | ☒ Jewellery and Accessories |
| ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear | ☒ Belts and Handbags |

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Friday 2nd October 2026

Please remember - NO UNIFORM





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Stars Of The Week



Nursery

Friendship Award Stars Of The Week

Archer

Avyaan for confidently joining in with PE and showing such enthusiasm throughout the session

Sienna for being an all-round superstar, shining in everything she does.

Maple Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Harper

Freddie for lovely sitting on the carpet and trying really hard with his writing.

Sycamore Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Melody

Philip for never giving up and always persevering when things get tricky.

Birch Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Zoe

Benjamin for his enthusiasm and eagerness to learn, especially in History.

Oak Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Sophie

Lottie for showing resilience and always trying her best.

Headteacher Award

Daisy and Rosie for being super helpful and taking responsibility for keeping the ASC shed tidy.

Eloise for being an amazing member of Maple Class and showing all of our school values.

Nursery



There is a definite feel of Autumn in the air....the mornings are getting chillier and the nights are getting darker. This week we have been noticing some of the changes that are happening around us and finding out more, through a selection of activities and experiences.

The children have been out and about exploring our school grounds, searching for shiny conkers and picking up leaves, which they have used to make some beautiful leaf pictures in their own choices of Autumnal colours. Our sensory tray has been home to lentils, conkers, fir cones and pumpkins - allowing the children to discover new objects, extend their curiosity and develop language, through their play and interactions.

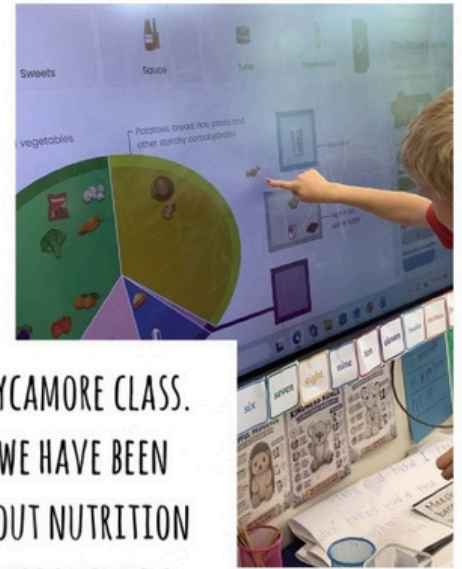
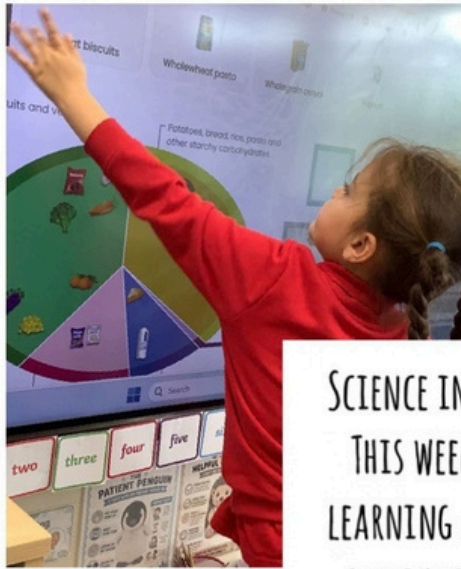
Role play has been popular with the children this week, both inside and out - they have been busy in the kitchen area, cooking and cleaning as well as looking after the babies and 'getting ready for work.' The children have been reliving those familiar routines and experiences from home during their play as they pretend to be 'grown ups.'

Maple Class

Maple Class have had a brilliant week - they've particularly enjoyed Forest School!



Sycamore Class



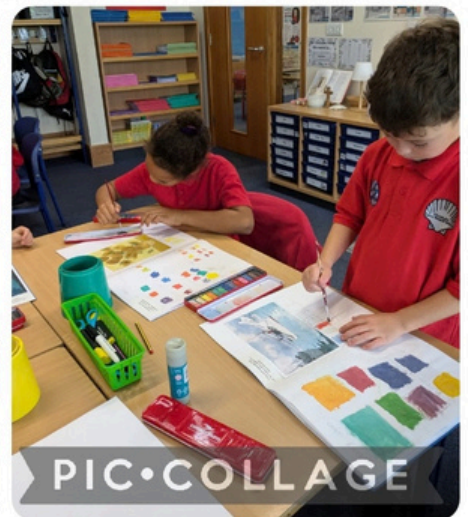
SCIENCE IN SYCAMORE CLASS.
THIS WEEK, WE HAVE BEEN
LEARNING ABOUT NUTRITION
AND THE IMPORTANCE OF A
HEALTHY DIET.



PIC•COLLAGE

Birch Class

Birch Class have been busy creating a colour palette of different artworks this week.



Oak Class

Oak Class spent yesterday at Eastnor Castle taking part in orienteering with other local schools. They had a great time!





IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2027-2028

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2027
(to commence September 2027)

Applications can be completed from
14 September 2026 online
(scan QR code) or visit:



www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not
guarantee a place at the associated primary
school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or
schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk



FOREST SCHOOL TOTS
at Cradley Primary School

UPCOMING DATES

Calendar Icon	Date
4th	2nd
18th	16th
September	October

10:30 to 12 noon

Crafts **Activities** **Games**

All ages but children should be walking.
Crafts, activities, games all in our beautiful forest school setting.
Led by experienced Forest School Leader.

£5 per family

Call 01886880315
or email admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk to book in.

CARVE A PUMPKIN



A competition sponsored by Cradley Village Hall for all aged 5-10 and 11-14 for a prize in each class of £5 for the best and most imaginative carved pumpkin to be judged during the final week of October.

Simply take a pumpkin and carve a face or just a design onto it. The weirder, the more dramatic – or even the funnier – the better.

Any size pumpkin will do, and if you want to embellish it, feel free!

Details of where to bring your carved pumpkin, and when, will be in the October edition of the Newsletter, so watch out for them!

And start practising NOW!





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Cradley School and Nursery

Enriching Lives.

A small school with a *big heart*,
where children are taught, nurtured
and encouraged to be the *best* that they can be!



OPEN EVENTS



**THURSDAY
15TH OCTOBER**

9.30 – 11.00am

Contact the school office



**SATURDAY
17TH OCTOBER**

10.00am – 12.00pm

Contact the school office

Contact the school office for more details



01886 880315



admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk

Everyone Welcome