

SUMMER TERM

1 May 2026



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School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your cooperation, patience, and understanding during yesterday's school closure due to a power cut. Following advice from the Local Authority, we were required to close the school site while the situation was assessed and National Grid carried out repairs, and at the time we were uncertain how long this would last.

We greatly appreciate the support shown by our families during this period of disruption. Your flexibility and understanding helped us manage a challenging situation as smoothly as possible. Thank you to everyone who ensured that children returned promptly once the school reopened. Your continued support for your children's education is invaluable, and it was wonderful to welcome everyone back into school.

On a more positive note, our Year 3/4 residential was an amazing success. The children had a fantastic experience, creating lasting memories while developing confidence, independence, and teamwork.

A special thank you goes to Miss Hughes and Miss Reckling for their dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work in making the residential such a wonderful opportunity for our pupils.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of our school community.

Enjoy the extended weekend! I hope the sunshine lasts.

God Bless,
Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

HONESTY

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth."

John 3:18



School Calendar



May

- 6 - Maple Class Collective Worship
- 7 - Rags to Riches Collection
- 9 - FoCS Fun Run
- 12 - Nursery to Eastnor Castle
- 15 - Maple Class to All Things Wild
- 15 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival @ Ledbury RFC
- 20 - Oak Class Cricket Tournament at Eastnor (letter to follow)
- 21 - Birch Class Cricket Tournament at Eastnor (letter to follow)
- 22 - Whole School Walk
- 22 - End of Half Term

June

- 1 - Back to School
- 9 - Class Photos
- 10 - Sycamore Class to Court Equestrian
- 10 - Birch Class Collective Worship

Music Lessons At Cradley

**PIANO, CLARINET,
SAXOPHONE AND
SINGING LESSONS**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT**

elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com



Guitar & Ukelele Lessons
with Tom Doherty
tom-doherty@hotmail.co.uk

Attendance



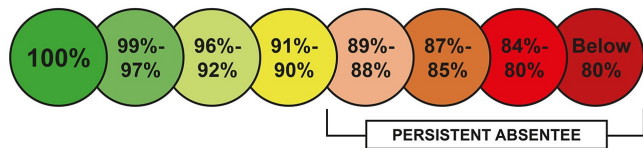
Well done to Maple Class who have had 99.15% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	99.15%
Sycamore Class	93.8%
Birch Class	97.85%
Oak Class	94.08%

Whole school 96.22%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

**STORRIDGE, CRADLEY & MATHON
TEENY TOTS PLAY GROUP**

Join us for play, singing and nature walks
Thursdays during term time
Children aged 0-5 years
10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Only £2 per family,
Includes a drink and a snack.

At the Scout Hut in Cradley
The Old Rectory Rooms, Churchfields Lane, Cradley,
Herefordshire WR13 5LL
Call Rachel with any questions 07790890183
Parents/carers are responsible for their children at all times.



Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

Hello everyone,

What a sunny week it has been.

Sponsored Family Fun Run Saturday 9th May

We are so excited to announce our first ever family fun run being held on Saturday 9th May. It's set to be a fantastic day for families to come together, have fun, and support our wonderful school – all details can be found below.

Every donation and contribution helps us create **memorable experiences** for our children, from school trips and transport to educational resources and enriching activities.

Thank you so much for your continued support — it truly makes a difference – we couldn't do it without you. 

We are looking for volunteers to help with this event, if you can support us in organising or helping on the day, please get in touch with school reception, Cass, Charlotte or Verity

Cradley Tea Towel

The children have taken so much love and care in creating their designs for our school Tea Towel. You can purchase these for only £6 each. Great keepsakes and gifts. See more information below.

Join our [Friends of Cradley Church of England Primary School \(FoCS\)](#) Facebook page.




Support the school whilst you online shop




Thinking of booking your summer holiday – remember to check if your travel agent is donating. 


Easy Fundraising is one of the simplest ways to support Friends of Cradley School and it doesn't cost you a single penny.

Hundreds of high-street brands donate every time you shop online.

-  Sign up via Easy Fundraising App – your chosen cause is Friends of Cradley School
-  Shop as usual
-  FoCS receives a donation

 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.

Join the FoCS Family!

We're always excited to welcome new faces!

If you fancy joining our friendly, fun-loving crew, just chat to:

Cass, Charlotte or Verity

...or pop by reception anytime.

No experience needed — just enthusiasm and a smile!

Have a Fabulous Bank Holiday!

Cass, Charlotte & Verity

Cradley Tea Towel

£6 each



The children have spent time on their self-portraits which have now been turned into a keepsake tea towel.

Please contact Verity, Cass or Charlotte from FOCS or Jane in the School Office. Limited quantity available, cash payments only please.

All proceeds go directly to FOCS to contribute towards transportation for trips and events, equipment for school including additional iPads as well as fun activities for the children



Friends of Cradley School

FOCS SPONSORED FUN RUN

SATURDAY 9TH MAY

14:00-16:00

Cradley CE Primary School

100m Nursery and Class 1 run

Class 2 and 3 - Full school field run

Class 4 longer run/walk 3k (Class 2 and 3 welcome to join this with Parents)

Scan here to donate



Refreshments for sale including
ice creams and drinks



Friends of Cradley School

The Friends of Cradley School provide invaluable funds which help to pay for transport to and from events and trips, as well as equipment for the school, including a current project to fundraise for additional iPads.



<https://superkind.org/campaign/friends-of-cradley-primary-school-sponsored-fun-run>

Friends of Cradley School (FOCS)



Friends of Cradley School

Spring/Summer events



Disco!

Friday 6th February
6pm-8pm



£4 per child. Please bring change.
Tuck shop, glow stall, quiet room,
hot dogs and a bar (for the
grown-ups!)

Marshmallow Fridays

Friday 13th February and Friday
27th March @ 3:15pm in the
Playground.



Hot chocolate and sweet treats for
sale; **please bring change**.
More dates will follow in the Summer
term.

HAPPY EASTER

Whole school Easter
colouring competition &
name the bunny
competition for
nursery

£2 per entry - all
entries in by Friday 20th
March



Family Bingo Night

Friday 20th March, doors open
6pm and eyes down at 6:30pm
More details to follow from the
School Office. FOCS will be selling
refreshments.

Non-uniform Day
Friday 13th March
in exchange for a
raffle prize for the
Bingo evening

Sponsored Run Saturday 9th May

We are so excited
for this!
Sponsored family
fun run.
More details to
follow but please
save the date!



Sports Day

Tuesday 16th June
FOCS will be selling
refreshments
throughout the event.

Cradley Village Fayre Saturday 27th June

FOCS will have a stall. Please
come along and support this
brilliant village event. Look
out for details advertised
locally.

School Summer Fayre From 3:15pm on Friday 10th July

Lots of stalls,
refreshments and of
course the inflatables!

Whole School Tea
Towel design
Look out in the
Summer Term for
details of how to
order your keepsake
and raise funds for
FOCS.



Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



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**

- 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:

Thursday 7 May 2026

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



Clubs

Below is the list of extra-curricular clubs available to children this term.

Club	Day/Time	Years	Member of Staff
Multi-skills	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-3	Ms Creek
Choir – KS2	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Hughes
Gardening	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Mrs Jones
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	JH Football Coaching
Drawing	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 2-4	Mrs Galvin
SATs Practice	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	Yr 6	Mr Probert
Bikes and Scooters	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-1	Mrs Theakston

To ensure these clubs remain positive, safe and enjoyable for everyone, it is essential that children meet our expectations for behaviour at all times. Any child who does not meet behaviour expectations may be withdrawn from the club.

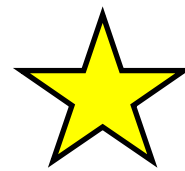
Children must also ensure they:

- have appropriate sports kit or PE kit including trainers
- bring the correct equipment as necessary
- follow instructions and show respect to staff and other pupils.

Many thanks for your continued support.



WEEKLY AWARDS



HAZEL CLASS

Friendship Award
Stars of the Week

Nola

Mason for showing fantastic independence in all areas of self-care.

Sienna for being such a caring and thoughtful friend, using lots of wonderful new vocabulary, and being an all-round superstar in nursery.

MAPLE CLASS

Friendship Award

Melody

Ivy

Star of the Week

Wilson for fantastic improvement in his writing.

SYCAMORE CLASS

Friendship Award

Innis

Star of the Week

Oliver for showing great maturity and being a fantastic role model in Sycamore Class.

BIRCH CLASS

Stars of the Week

All of Birch Class for being amazing on the residential!

OAK CLASS

Friendship Award
Stars of the Week

Dexter

Rosie for taking such pride in the presentation of her work.
Zach for his excellent effort and focus, especially in maths.

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Wilson for amazing behaviour and attitude in Breakfast Club.
Aidan for super independent working this week.

Award Winners This Week





Nursery News



Forest School



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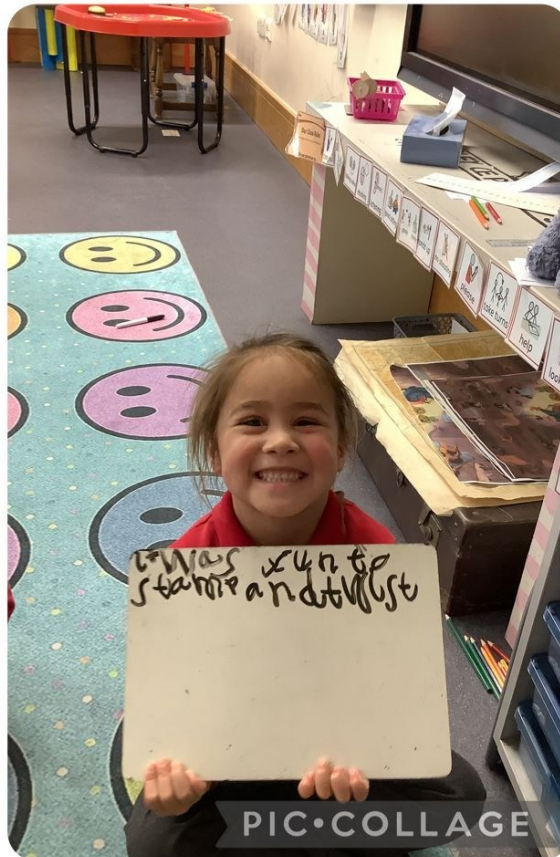
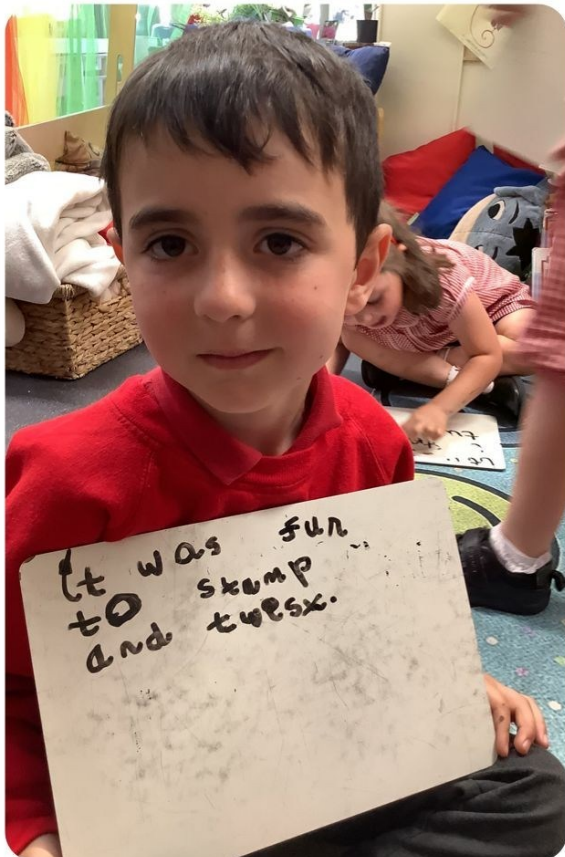
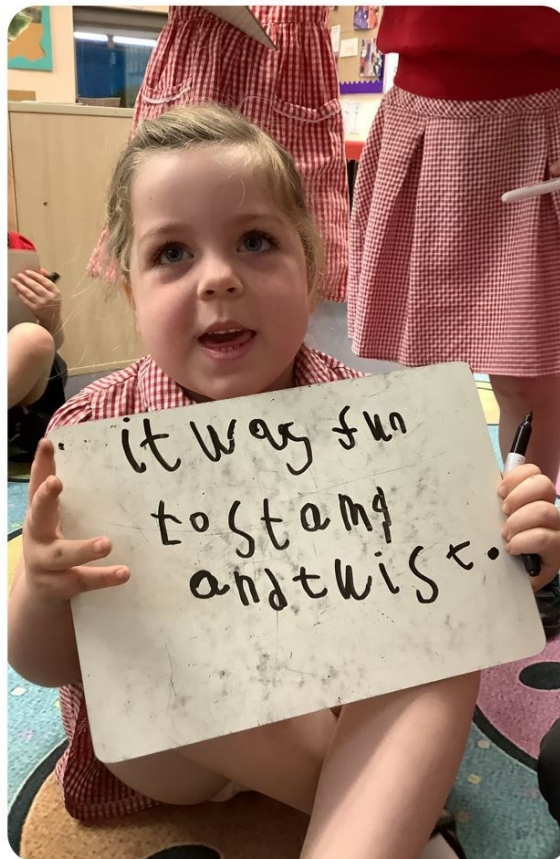
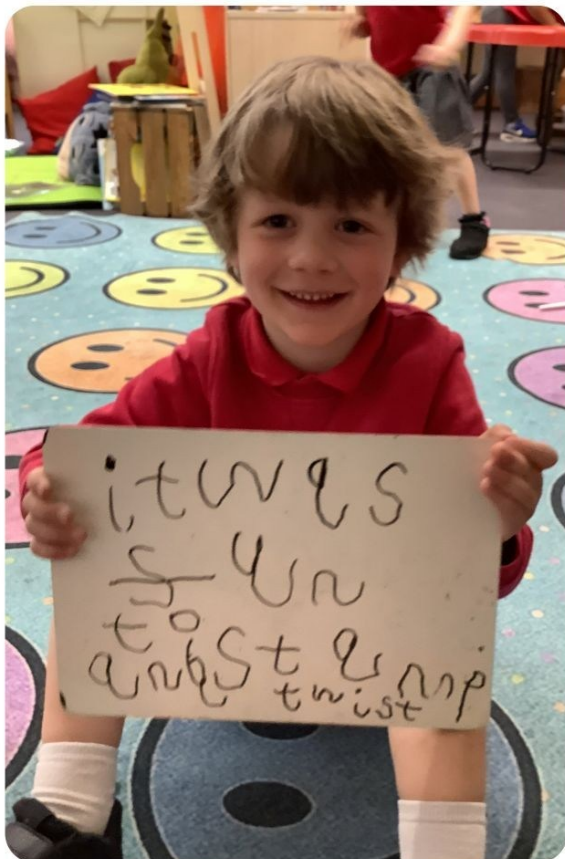
What lovely weather we have had again this week. It has been so nice to spend lots of time exploring and playing outdoors.

The children have been displaying some great imaginative and creative thinking in their outdoor role play, pretending that they are living in castles, and are knights rescuing princesses from fire breathing dragons! They have been recalling some familiar stories that have helped them to expand and build upon their play, both alone and in small groups.

Inside, they have had opportunities to practise and develop pencil grip and control, using a selection of pens and pencils and have been working to piece together a variety of different sized jigsaw puzzles, encouraging mathematical thinking.

Maple Class

Maple Class have been working hard on their writing this week!



Maple Class

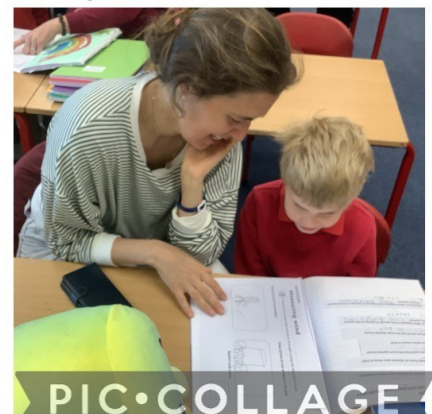
Another brilliant week of cricket skills for Maple Class!



Sycamore Class



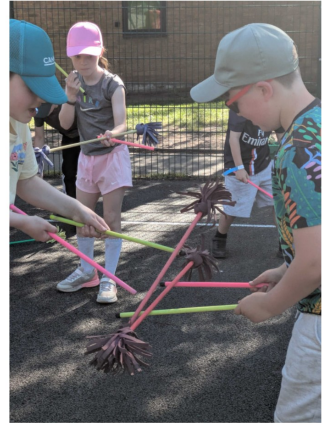
Class 2 were so excited to welcome our families in to share their work. Thank you to everyone who came.



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Birch Class

Birch Class have been amazing on their residential trip this week! They've had so much fun!





Teeny Tots Stay & Play Group

☀️ **We Need a New Volunteer!** ☀️

Would you like to support your local community?

Teeny Tots Stay & Play is looking for someone enthusiastic to **run our toddler group from September.**

📍 **Serving:** Cradley, Storridge, Mathon & surrounding areas

📅 **When:** Thursday mornings (term time)

🕒 **Time:** 10:30am - 12pm

🏠 **Where:** Cradley Scout Hut

Why It Matters

This group has been a cherished part of the community for **decades**. It would be such a shame to lose this valuable space for local families.

Interested in Volunteering?

Please contact **Rachel** on **07790890183**.

Your help could keep this wonderful group thriving! 🌈

Ledbury Young Poets Competition

IN MY IMAGINATION

What's in your imagination?

A rocket to zoom to space? A sky full of candyfloss clouds? A world where everyone is kind? A memory of the perfect day? Whatever you're imagining, we want to hear it...in a poem! We don't mind whether the poems are happy or sad, funny or angry, we just want to see you painting incredible pictures with words.
Good luck!

WHO CAN ENTER?

You! As long as you live in the UK and are able to come to Ledbury for the prize-giving.

2 age categories: 5-11 & 12-18

Make sure you get your entries in by the closing date! **Entries close at 23:59 BST on 7th May 2026**

To enter and for more info and detailed guidelines, please go to our website.

[LEDBURYPOETRY.ORG.UK](https://ledburypoetry.org.uk)

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POETRY

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*Expires Sunday 3rd May



MAY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

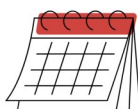
in Malvern



THE DOWNS MALVERN

Brockhill Road, WR13 6EY

All children welcome | Ages 3-16 | 8am - 5pm



Tuesday 26th May -
Friday 29th May

teamsupersports.co.uk/malvern



CRADLEY SUMMER FESTIVAL

27 June 2026

at

Queenswood

Fete 11am - 5pm

Including old favourites: Novelty Dog Show, craft stalls, bouncy castle

NEW this year: Climbing Wall, Superhero/Princess Meet & Greet,
Party Games in the Arena and more...

Refreshments: Bar, Coffee63, Wheelie Good Pizzas, Hog Roast, refreshment tent

Rock and Folk Concert 7.30pm

with Accolade

Refreshments: Bar, Hooked&Cooked

Advance tickets: £3 for the Fete, £8 for the concert

(£4 and £10 on the gate)

Children **FREE**

