

SPRING TERM
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School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful Spring term at Cradley School, it is good to reflect on all that we have achieved.

It was WONDERFUL to see so many of you join us for our Easter Service! The children were absolutely fantastic – their singing filled the church with such warmth and energy, and those who spoke did so with real confidence and clarity. It was a truly special occasion that showcased not only their talents but also the strong sense of community we have here at Cradley.

Congratulations to all our Easter egg competition winners! The creativity and effort that went into the entries was brilliant, and it was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and pride in their work. Well done to everyone who took part – you made the judging incredibly difficult!

The children have had a wonderful time today with our Easter egg hunt. Children had to find an egg and then find the person whose name was on the egg. It took great team work to ensure everyone's egg was found. The excitement and joy on their faces as they searched for eggs on the school field has been a perfect way to end the term.

I'm pleased to let you know that Welsh Water will be repairing our Thrive area over the Easter holiday. This means the children will return in the summer term to an improved space that will continue to support their wellbeing and personal development.

We still have places available for our holiday club during the Easter break. If you would like to book a place for your child, please contact the school office as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity for the children to enjoy fun activities and spend time with their friends during the holidays.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support and partnership. Your engagement with school life makes such a difference to our children's experiences and achievements. I'd also like to thank our incredible staff team, who work tirelessly to ensure every child at Cradley feels valued, supported and inspired to learn. A special thanks to the holiday club team who will be carrying on over the Easter break. Their dedication and commitment is truly appreciated. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break with your families. We look forward to welcoming the children back for what promises to be an exciting summer term.

God Bless

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

HUMILITY

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.'

Ephesians 4:2



School Calendar



March

30 March - 2 April - Holiday Club

April

7-10 - Holiday Club

14 - Summer Term Starts

15-17 - Y5/6 Conwy Residential

29 - Sycamore Class Open Classroom

29-1 May - Y3/4 JCA Condover Hall Residential

May

6 - Maple Class Collective Worship

7 - Rags to Riches Collection

15 - Tag Rugby Festival @ Ledbury RFC

22 - End of Half Term

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

Mrs Bennett now also teaches flute.

Piano, clarinet, flute, saxophone and
singing - Wednesday

Guitar and ukelele - Monday and
Tuesday

Attendance



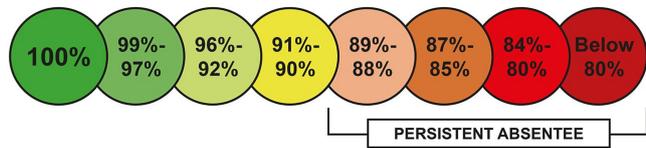
Well done to Birch Class who have had an amazing 100% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class 97.44%
Sycamore Class 98.75%
Birch Class 100%
Oak Class 99.54%

Whole school 98.93%

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.

Easter 2026

30th March—2nd April

7th—10th April

Holiday Club

**At Cradley CE Primary School
WR13 5NG**

**Booking is
now open!**

Session Times

9am - 1pm

9am - 3pm

8am - 5pm

1pm - 3pm

Activities

- Enrichment activities including Tennis and Tae Kwon Do
- Visits from Reptomania and The Mountain Girl
- Weekly Forest School sessions

Breakfast (8am-5pm session) and healthy snacks are provided.

Hot Lunch option is available when booking or children must bring their own packed lunch.

**For more information please email
ismith@cradley.hereford.sch.uk**

Booking and payment must be made in advance using this link: <https://eequ.org/book/cradley-holiday-club-with-cradley->

Easter Holiday Club

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30th March—2nd April	Connexus Sports	Forest School	Great Malvern School of Tae Kwon Do	Inflatable Day	Holiday Club Closed
7th—10th April	Holiday Club Closed	Forest School	Reptomania	The Mountain Girl	Connexus Sports

All activities are weather dependent and subject to change.



Friends of Cradley School

Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

News

Hello everyone,

That's a wrap! I think we are all ready for the Easter break. 🐰 🥚 🐣

A huge **thank you to everyone who supported last week's Bingo** — we raised an incredible **£353!** 🎉 😊
What a fantastic result.

We've also been blown away by the generosity of donations for our Easter competitions and activities — thank you all so much. ❤️

A very special shout-out to **Verity B's father - Monarch Car Sales in Worcester and Christina H** for their exceptionally generous donations — we're incredibly grateful. 🙏

🏃 🎉 **Sponsored Family Fun Run Saturday 8th May** 🎉 🏃

We are so excited to announce our first ever family fun run being held on Saturday 8th May. It's set to be a fantastic day for families to come together, have fun, and support our wonderful school — with full details coming after the Easter break.

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 🧡

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 – TUI are donating 2.5% 🌞

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

🔗 Or 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 Weekend!**

Cass, Charlotte & Verity

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.

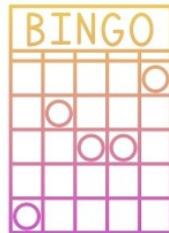
Hot chocolate and sweet treats for sale; **please bring change.** More dates will follow in the Summer term.



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 19th May

FOCS will be selling refreshments throughout the event.

School Summer Fayre

From 3:15pm on Friday 10th July

Lots of stalls, refreshments and of course the inflatables!

Cradley Village Fayre Saturday 27th June

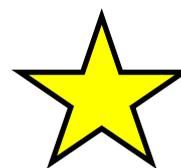
FOCS will have a stall. Please come along and support this brilliant village event. Look out for details advertised locally.

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





WEEKLY AWARDS



HAZEL CLASS
Friendship Award
Stars of the Week

Betsy

Alpha for his increased child led interactions with other children.
James for his increased confidence with visitors to nursery.

MAPLE CLASS
Friendship Award
Star of the Week

Deklan

Reuben for amazing behaviour and listening in After-school Club yesterday.

Evie for an amazing performance in the Easter Service.

Freddie for amazing behaviour in the church yesterday.

SYCAMORE CLASS
Friendship Award
Star of the Week

Aurelia

Oskar for showing great engagement in all learning activities.

BIRCH CLASS
Friendship Award
Stars of the Week

Rory and Ayvah

Haydn and Lottie for their work in maths, working independently and increasing their understanding of mixed numbers and fractions.

OAK CLASS
Friendship Award
Stars of the Week

Zach

Dominic for his oracy skills at the Easter Service.

Rowan for his effort and determination to improve.

**HEAD TEACHER'S
AWARD**

William G, Billy-Joe, Sophie and James H for being 'always' children - always working hard, doing their best and being good role models.

Head Teacher's Award



Stars of the Week



Friendship Award



Reader of the Week





Nursery News



This week we have been learning all about Easter, taking part in a variety of experiences and activities to extend our learning.

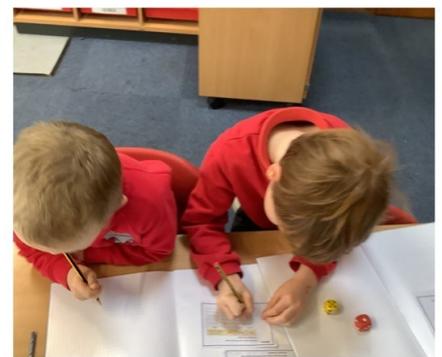
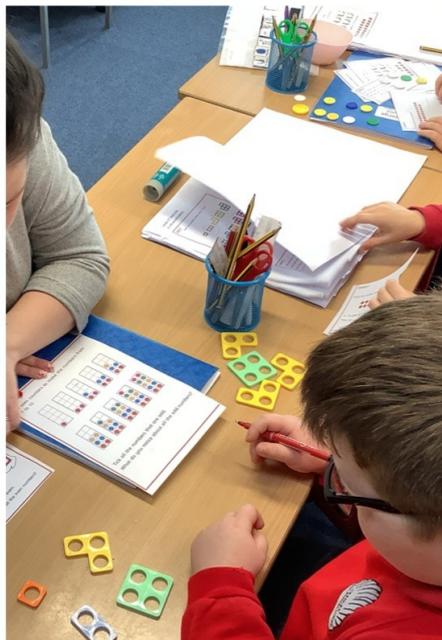
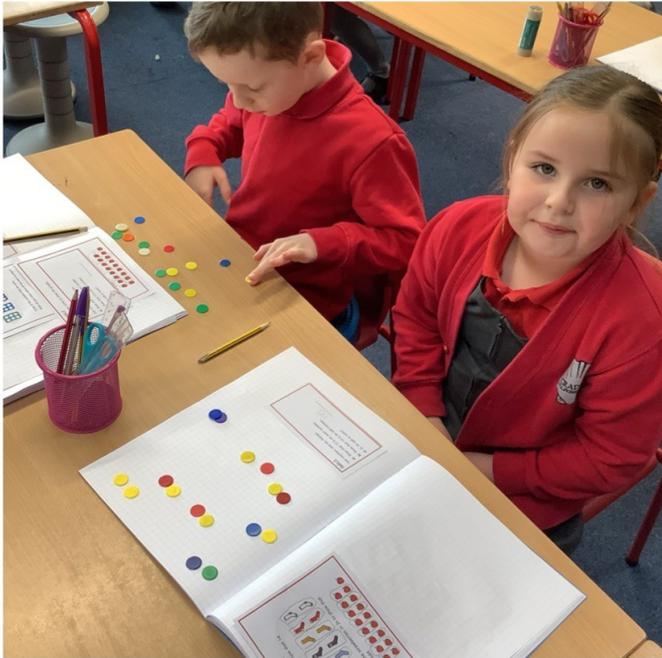
Hot Cross Buns were on offer at snack time on Monday, after Lauren led a circle time that was all about why we eat Hot Cross Buns and how they link to Easter.

There have been lots of art and craft activities available for the children to show off their creative skills, making Easter eggs, Crowns and Chicks using an assortment of resources and methods.

The preschool children joined their family and friends on Thursday to watch the school Easter service at the church. They were entertained with singing and dancing, which they all really enjoyed. This was followed by an Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds, with more of our friends, this time from Teeny Tots. The children searched high and low for eggs and were rewarded at the end with chocolate and sweet treats. This was followed by more Easter themed play activities back in nursery.

Thank you so much to Teeny Tots for organising such a fun and exciting event.

Sycamore Class



In Maths this week,
Class 2 have been
exploring odd and
even numbers.

PIC•COLLAGE

Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Service



Herefordshire Libraries

Herefordshire Young Historian Award 2026

My Family History – Discover your past and tell your story

Every family has a story, and this is your chance to discover and share yours. Where do they come from? What was life like when they were younger, and are there any traditions or special memories your family has?

You might find out about:

- Where your family originally comes from
- Interesting stories from parents, grandparents, or relatives
- Family traditions, celebrations, or favourite activities
- Important moments in your family's past

You can present your family history in a creative way. For example, you might write a short story, make a poster, draw a family tree, or include photos and drawings. Your entry must fit an A4 sheet

Open to 9 - 11 year olds

Hand your entry in to any Herefordshire Library or enter at herefordshire.gov.uk/libraries by Friday 8th May for a chance to win

herefordshirehistory.org.uk

HEREFORDSHIRE LORE
Living Local History



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**

