

**SPRING TERM**  
**13 FEBRUARY 2026**



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# School Newsletter

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a special few weeks here at school. The children have worked incredibly hard and have embraced all the learning opportunities and experiences that have come their way.

This week, Sycamore Class led our Collective Worship, and they did so beautifully. Their thoughtful reflections, clear speaking, and confident singing made the occasion particularly memorable. We were delighted to receive such lovely feedback from the Open The Book team, who commented on the children's enthusiasm, engagement, and the respectful way they participated in worship. It is always wonderful to see our pupils living out our school values in such a meaningful way.

We were also thrilled to welcome so many of you to our musical concert and celebration assembly today. The children enjoyed performing in front of an audience. It was lovely to see their confidence and the progress they have made since last year. It was a fantastic way to bring our school community together and end the half term on a high note.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are so proud of all that the children have achieved this half term and look forward to an exciting new one ahead.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break.

God Bless,

Mrs Jones

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

### LOVE

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22



# School Calendar



## February

23 - Back to school

24 - Parents Evening - 3.30-5.30pm - book on Arbor

25 - Parents Evening - 5.30-7.30pm - book on Arbor

## March

5 - World Book Day

13 - FoCS Non-uniform for bingo prizes

20 - Red Nose Day

20 - FoCS Easter Bingo

27 - End of Term

## Music Lessons At Cradley

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



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT**

**[elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com)**



Guitar & Ukelele Lessons  
with Tom Doherty

[tom-doherty@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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



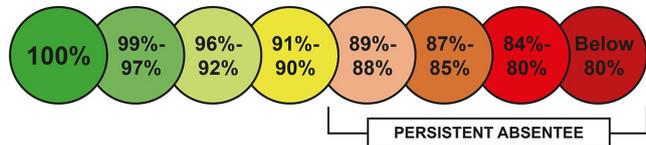
Well done to Maple Class who have had 97.44% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	97.44%
Sycamore Class	89.94%
Birch Class	93.16%
Oak Class	93.45%

Whole school 93.50%

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

# Music Concert



We had a wonderful music celebration this morning - well done to all of the children who performed!



# Clubs

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

## Spring Term 2026

Club	Day/Time	Years	Member of Staff
Choir – KS1	Monday Lunchtime	Yrs R-2	Miss Hughes
Netball	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 4-6	Ms Creek
iPads	Tuesday Lunchtime	Yrs 3-4	Mrs Jones
Choir – KS2	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Hughes
Drawing	Wednesday Lunchtime	Yrs 3-6	Mrs Jones
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	JH Football Coaching
Ball Skills (starts 22 January)	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 2-3	Mrs Galvin
SATs Practice	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yr 6	Mr Probert
Yoga	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-2	Mrs Theakston
Tag Rugby (after half-term)	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	Mr Clayton

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.



**Friends of Cradley School**

# **Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)**

## **News**

Hello everyone,

The weekend is nearly here.

**A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our annual FoCS disco such a fantastic success. Together, we raised around £400, and every single penny will go straight back to the children — supporting school trips, transport, equipment, and, most importantly, creating those unforgettable memories that last a lifetime.**

 **Marshmallow Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, bring change and grab a cup of warm cocoa and sweet treats** 

**!! Check out our calendar of upcoming events below !!**

 **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)



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## Spring/Summer events



### Disco!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 3:15pm in the Playground.

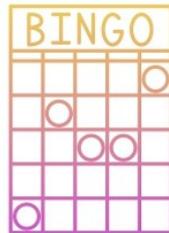
Hot chocolate and sweet treats for sale; **please bring change.** More dates will follow in the Summer term.



# HAPPY EASTER

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

£2 per entry - all entries in by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March



### Family Bingo Night

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for a raffle prize for the Bingo evening

### Sponsored Run Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

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



### Sports Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

FOCS will be selling refreshments throughout the event.

School Summer Fayre From 3:15pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Lots of stalls, refreshments and of course the inflatables!

### Cradley Village Fayre Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

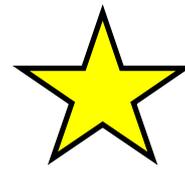
FOCS will have a stall. Please come along and support this brilliant village event. Look out for details advertised locally.

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

Eloise

### Stars of the Week

Ezra for always being polite and having amazing manners.  
Olly for growing in independence and having great self-help skills.

## MAPLE CLASS

### Friendship Award

Evie

### Star of the Week

Bobby for her fantastic effort in PE.

## SYCAMORE CLASS

### Friendship Award

Arthur

### Stars of the Week

Rowan and George for demonstrating excellent creativity in their 'big write' work.

## BIRCH CLASS

### Friendship Award

Stan

### Stars of the Week

William for consistently taking incredible pride in the presentation of his work.  
Owen for consistently demonstrating all of our school values.

## OAK CLASS

### Friendship Award

Cherish

### Stars of the Week

Thomas for his excellent focus in maths.  
Bethany for fantastic determination in her learning.

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Jenson and Rowan L for super manners and making mature choices.

Billy-Joe for wonderful independent writing.

Phoebe for outstanding reading in her part for Open The Book.

## Head Teacher's Award



## Stars of The Week



## Friendship Award



## Reader of the Week





## Nursery News



This week we have concluded our topic of Wild Animals and have been enjoying playing with animals from around the world in a variety of different sensory trays. The children have been splashing around with the animals in the bubbly water, stomping them through the gloopy green cornflour and have enjoyed rolling them around in a chocolate angel delight muddy swamp.

Our Valentine's Day preparations and celebrations have already began and the children have enjoyed heart shaped waffles and strawberries for snack and have been busy making 'Love Bug' cards. In cooking today, the children have been making heart shaped shortbread cookies to share with loved ones at home.

# Sycamore Class



*In Science, Class 2 are learning about their senses. They investigated their senses by seeing if they could complete tasks without their sight. They found ordering things by temperature, size and weight easy, but found it impossible to group things by colour!*



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# Sycamore Class



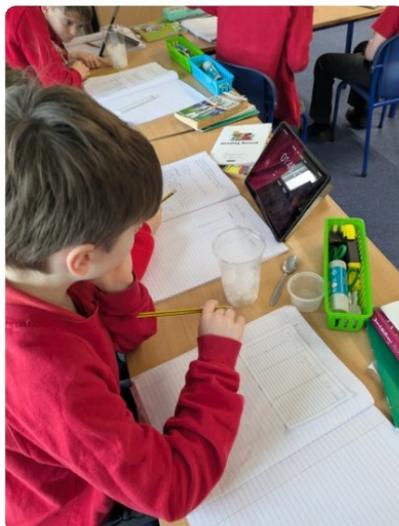
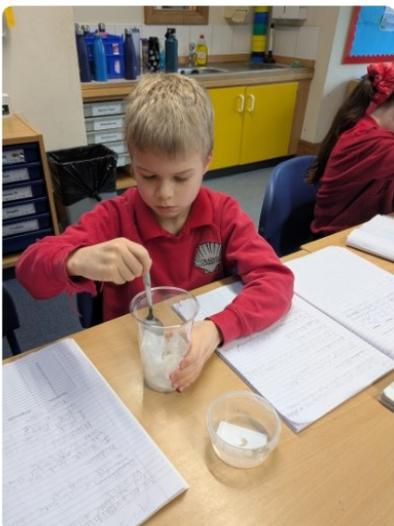
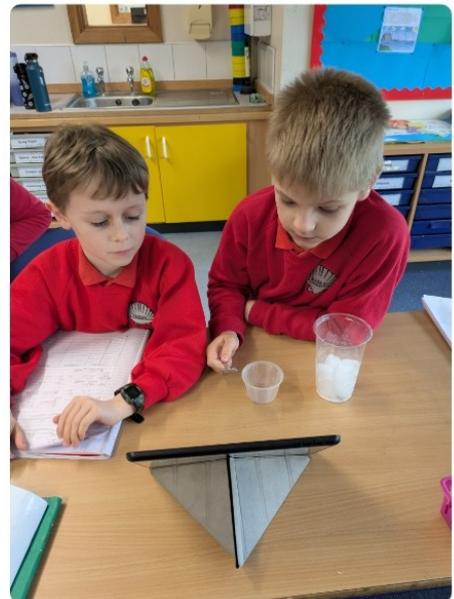
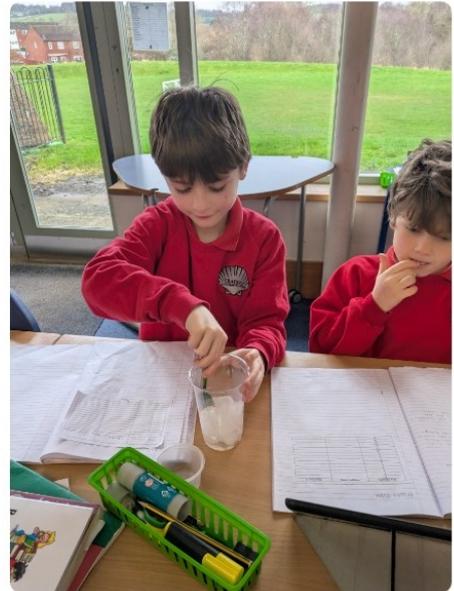
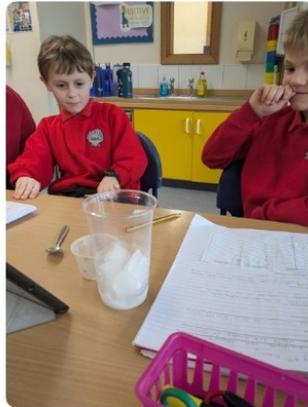
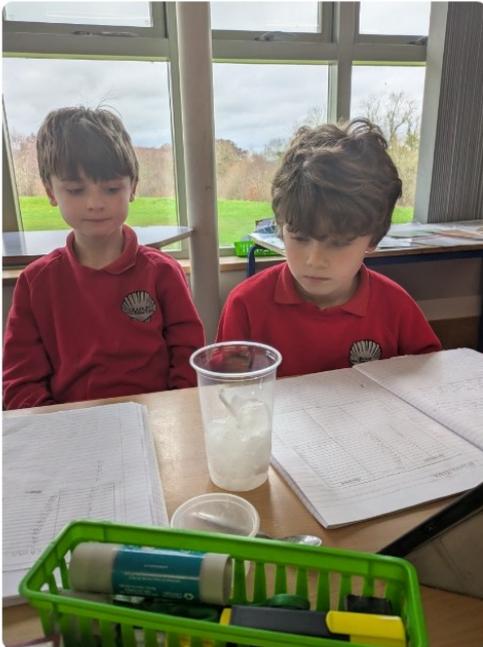
Sycamore had a fun Art lesson, exploring different textures.



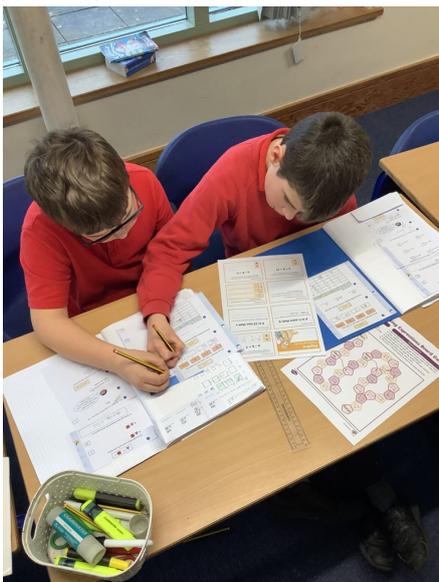
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# Birch Class

On Monday Birch Class were all scientists. They were exploring how they could melt ice more quickly by adding salt.



# Oak Class



Oak Class have had another busy week - in geography they have been exploring our local area, in art they have continued their environmental art, and in maths they have been grappling with some tricky algebra!

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE  
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

## Whitman's Hill Quarry

Mark Baggott, Earth Heritage Trust champion for Whitman's Hill Quarry, plans on visiting the quarry on Saturday 7th March from Storridge Village hall car park. He can provide a fossil display and a few fossils for sale plus the fossil boxes (like the one already in school) and fossils from the quarry in the hall as well and teas and coffees.

The trip will be from 10am until 2pm, setting off for the quarry around 10.30am once all are ready.

The car park is the limiting factor on numbers (use the church lay-by if full) so as previously there will be a charge of £5 per car or £2 per head whichever is the greater and ensures we cover the cost and any surplus will be a donation to the fossil box project, (we have now delivered 188 boxes to schools across the UK).

Get in touch with Mark Baggott on [m.baggott@worc.ac.uk](mailto:m.baggott@worc.ac.uk) or 07748 181044 if interested and he will book 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.

# February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.

## **Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail**

**Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail**

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamper to take home.

## **Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs**

**Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5**

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

## **Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror**

**Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation**

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 3+.

## **Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors**

**Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child**

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

## **Glorious Glevum Tour**

**Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5**

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

## **Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber**

**Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5**

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.

