



Friday 18th September 2026

NEWSLETTER

The Latest News From Cradley Primary School

A Note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another lovely, busy week at Cradley Primary School and Nursery, with lots happening both during and beyond the school day.

It has been wonderful to welcome our Teeny Tots back into school this week. We love having our youngest members of the community visit us, and it is always lovely to see new and familiar faces.

Our Forest School Tots have also been enjoying time outdoors, exploring, playing and learning in our beautiful Forest School environment. These sessions are such a lovely way for younger children and their families to begin to feel part of the Cradley family.

Our after-school clubs have started this week too, giving the children even more opportunities to try something different, develop their interests and, most importantly, have fun. Thank you to everyone who helps to make these additional opportunities possible.

Three weeks into the new school year, it is lovely to see the children settled, happy and working hard. There is a real buzz around school and so many examples of children living out our Christian values through kindness, friendship and supporting one another.

As always, thank you to our families for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Jones

Headteacher

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





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Calendar Dates

- 22 Sept - Nasal Flu Immunisation Years R-6
- 24 Sept - Teeny Tots, 10.00-11.30am (every Thursday)
- 25 Sept - Oak Class Collective Worship, Parents welcome, 2.45pm
- 30 Sept - Sycamore Class Open Classroom, 9.00am
- 2 Oct - Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection
- 2 Oct - Forest School Tots, 10.30am-12.00pm (every other Friday)
- 8 Oct - School Photos
- 14 Oct - Maple Class Open Classroom, 9.00am
- 19 Oct - KS2 to Storytelling Festival
- 20 & 21 Oct - Parents Evening
- 22 Oct - KS1 to Storytelling Festival
- 22 Oct - Oak Class to Private Peaceful
- 23 Oct - Harvest Festival, 2.00pm at the church
- 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
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

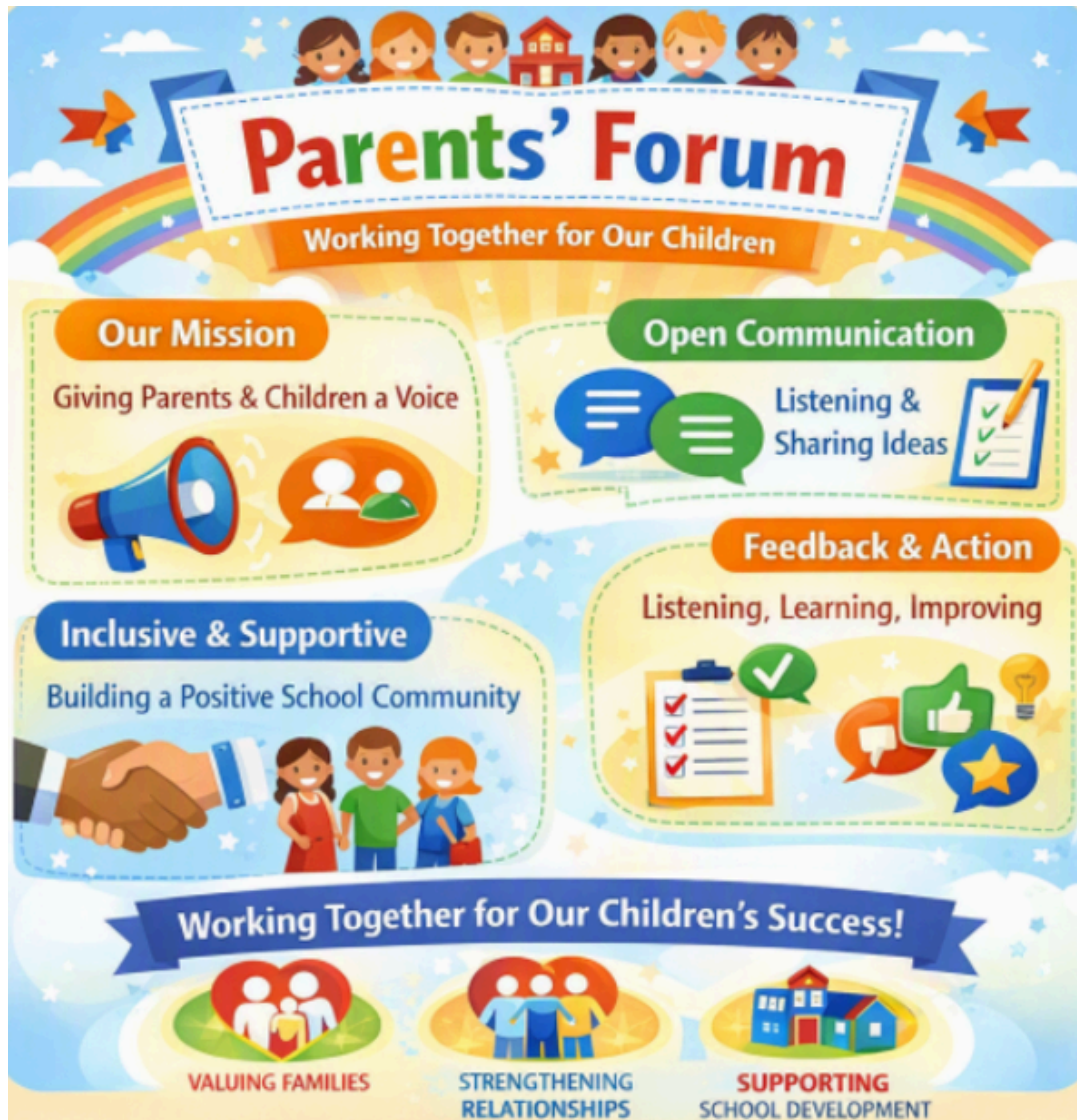
Attendance

Well done to Oak Class who have had 99.05% 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	98.33%
Sycamore Class	97.14%
Birch Class	98%
Oak Class	99.05%





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



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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

Our annual FoCS AGM will take place on Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to join us—whether you would like to share ideas, get involved, or simply learn more about how FoCS supports the school. The meeting link is provided below and will also be shared again in advance of the meeting.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: [https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/346553195271793?
p=mhSCESJU7DjUiyWpvO](https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/346553195271793?p=mhSCESJU7DjUiyWpvO)

Meeting ID: 346 553 195 271 793

Passcode: kx3Di9TS

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 4 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!*





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Stars Of The Week



Nursery

Friendship Award Stars Of The Week

Sienna
Olly for being such a helpful member of Nursery!
Stanford for coming into Breakfast Club like a superstar
and starting his mornings with such a big smile!

Maple Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Mason
Nola for trying hard in phonics and being an all round
superstar.

Sycamore Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Wilson
Arthur for helping the lunchtime staff and children to clear
their trays.

Birch Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Charlotte
Owen for coming back to school with such a positive
attitude towards his learning.

Oak Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Jonah
Jenson for his excellent ambition and being a great role
model.

Headteacher Award

Zoe for continuing learning at home by making Stone Age
tools.
Freddie F for continuing learning at home by making Stone
Age tools.

Nursery



My Favourite Food is.....



Gruffalo Crumble!!



PIC•COLLAGE

During the week the children have been focusing on our story of the week 'The Gruffalo' taking part in various activities across all areas of development. In PE the children enjoyed searching for the characters from the story that were hidden around the hall, whilst practising a range of physical movements.

Gruffalo Crumble was on the menu Tuesday and the children helped to prepare and mix ingredients together to make a very tasty treat, which they got to enjoy later in the afternoon with some warm custard. Their senses were encouraged even further on Wednesday by Katrina, who had sorted a selection of scents and tastes for the children to try and guess and describe.

We all joined in with some singing and dancing on Thursday with Kelley, clapping and jumping along to songs about our emotions and our bodies. It was lovely to hear the children singing along to some familiar songs and copying actions.....great practise for when the Nativity rehearsals start!!

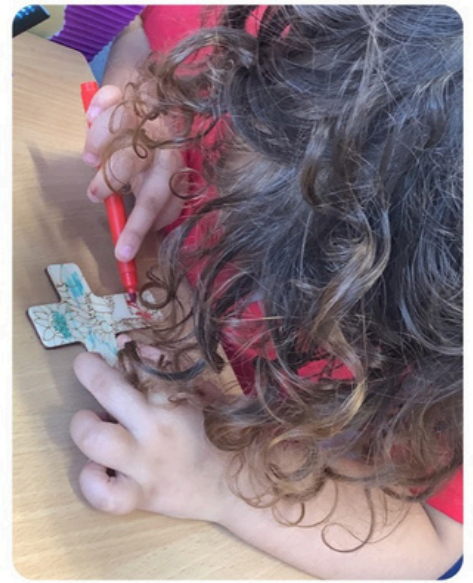
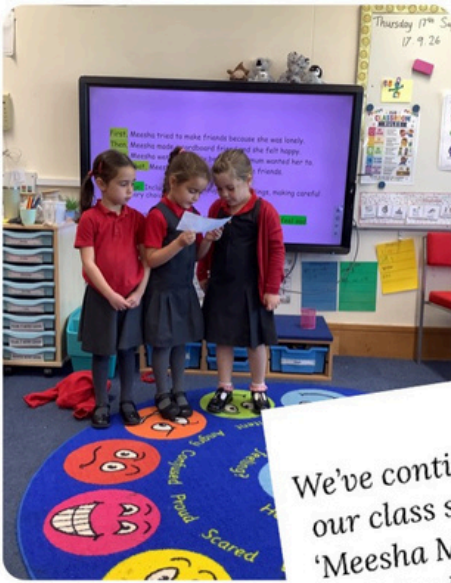
We have finished the week off with a trip down into the forest school area, searching again for the Gruffalo and other characters from the story, that were hiding in and amongst the trees and bushes.

Maple Class

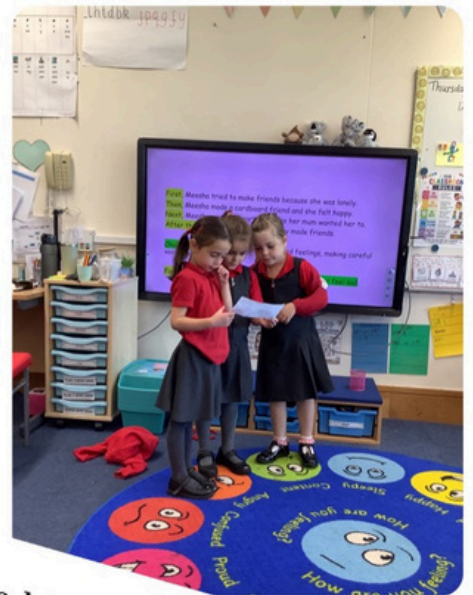
Maple Class are getting used to their routines and are settling in really well to school life!



Sycamore Class



We've continued our class story 'Meesha Makes Friends', thinking about what makes a good friend.



Like Meesha in the story we have also made our own friend models.



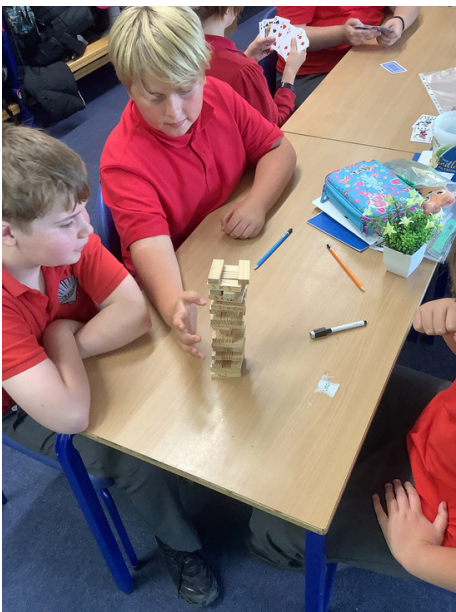
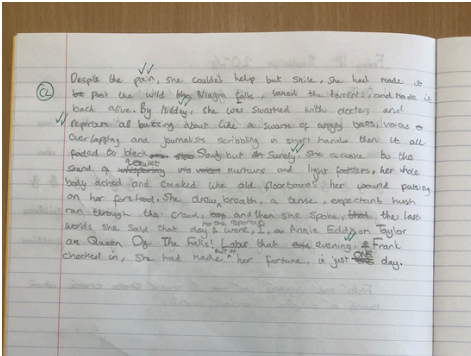
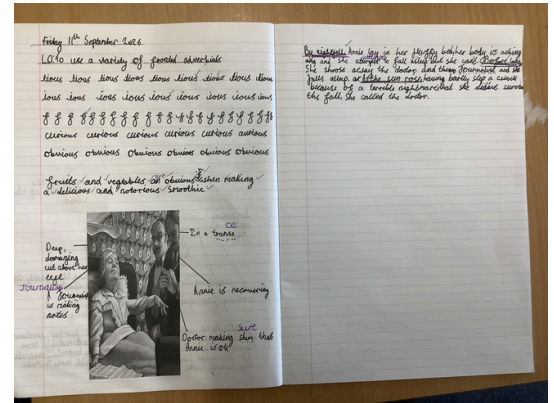
Birch Class

Birch Class have had a fun computing lesson this week customising their outlook account. Look out, there might be an email coming your way soon!



Oak Class

Oak Class have had a fantastic first couple of weeks back in school. They have produced some amazing work and enjoyed lots of games too!





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 September
	2nd 16th 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