



**AUTUMN TERM**  
**5 December 2025**

**CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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# **School Newsletter**

## **Message from the Head Teacher**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and festive week it has been in school! We were delighted to see the children in our Nursery, Maple and Sycamore Classes shine in the amazing 'The Fireside Nativity' performance. Their confidence, enthusiasm, and hard work made it a truly special occasion. Thank you for your support in helping them learn their lines and prepare so beautifully and also to the staff for their time and dedication.

A huge thank you to FoCS for organising the fabulous pop-up shop—our children loved choosing their gifts, and we are grateful for all the time and effort that went into making it such a success.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the ASC staff for hosting a brilliant Christmas Party. The children had a wonderful time, and it created even more festive excitement as we move closer to the holidays.

As we continue preparing for Christmas, the school is filled with joy and anticipation. We look forward to celebrating together as a community at our Carol Service on Thursday 18th at 6pm. It will be a lovely opportunity to gather, sing, and share the warmth of the season. We hope to welcome many of our families there.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

God bless,

Mrs Jones

### **VALUE OF THE MONTH**

#### **PEACE**

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



# School Calendar



## December

- 16 - Christmas Lunch
- 17 - Whole School to Panto at Worcester - adult tickets available, £14.50, please ask at the office.
- 17 - Nursery to West Midlands Safari Park
- 18 - Carol Service at Church 6pm
- 19 - Last day of term
- 22 & 23 - Holiday Club
- 29 & 30 - Holiday Club

## January

- 6 - Back to school
- 20 - Rags 2 Riches clothing collection

## 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



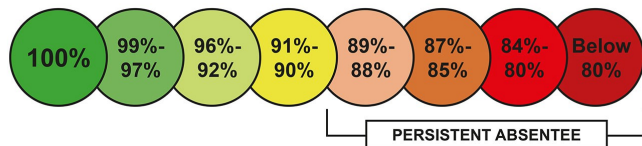
Well done to Oak Class who have had 98.96% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.45am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	98.46%
Sycamore Class	96.73%
Birch Class	95.26%
Oak Class	98.96%

Whole school 97.35%

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which **CIRCLE** are you in?

## Clubs

We are busy working on the extra-curricular clubs programme for next term.

If you would like to volunteer to run a club - either after school or at lunchtime - please let the office know. You will need to hold a current enhanced DBS.

Any sports that we don't currently offer, or any other activities - craft, board games etc - would be most welcome!

The new timetable will be circulated once we're back in school.



# Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

## News

### Friends of Cradley School

Hello Everyone

The FoCS Elves are still busy at it! Here is a run down of the upcoming events FoCS are holding:

#### Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and supported the local community by popping on by. Fantastic day had by all.

#### Pop Up Shop

Thank to everyone who has donated, volunteered and supported with making the Pop-Up-Shop a success. The children as always have had an amazing afternoon picking out presents for their loved ones.

#### Christmas Carol Concert

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the Christmas Carol Concert. The generosity is much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 18th December** at Cradley Church.

#### Christmas Raffle

We have some amazing prizes on offer for the Christmas Raffle which is being held on **Friday 19th December**. So far, we have the following prizes up for grabs:

#### **Our Amazing Prizes**

- **Cotswold Wildlife Park tickets**
- **Ice Quest Malvern tickets**
- **Malvern Candle Company goodies**
- **Malvern Theatre cinema tickets**
  - **Spetchley Garden entry**
- **Three Counties Showground tickets**
  - **We Flourish donation**
- **West Midlands Safari Park tickets**
  - **High Tea for two at Holloway**
- **Our amazing food and goodie hampers**

**If you need more tickets, please ask a member of the FoCS team or school reception.**

**!! Donate whilst you do your online Christmas Shopping for free !!**

If you haven't already, please sign up to Easy Fundraising. 100s of high-street brands donate every time you shop online. A free and easy way to raise funds.

Simply sign up and download the Easy Fundraising app. Your chosen cause is "Friends of Cradley School"

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcradleyschool>

**Make life easier and enable your donation reminder – you can find information on how to do this via Easy Fundraising website or our Facebook Page "Friends of Cradley Church of England Primary School (FoCS)"**

If you can help with any of the upcoming Christmas events, please contact reception or a member of the FoCS team. As much help as possible is needed and appreciated.

Thank you from the FoCS team - Cass, Charlotte and Verity.



# Friends of Cradley School (FOCS)



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## Upcoming events



### Marshmallow Fridays

24th October **and** 28th November @ 15:15 in the Playground.

Hot chocolate and marshmallows; please bring change.



### Crazy Hair Day

Friday 28th November  
Wackiest hairstyles (with normal School uniform).

Please bring a donation of a gift for the pop-up shop (no edibles).



### FOCS Stall at the Cradley Christmas Fayre

At Cradley Church and Village Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Volunteers needed to help on the day.



### Non-uniform Day

Friday 5th December

Please bring a donation for the Christmas raffle - biscuits, box of chocolates, bottles of alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks.



### Wreath Making

28/11 & 01/12

We are really looking forward to 2 fun, festive evenings run by the Little Flower Farm in our School hall.



### Christmas Pop-up Shop

Friday 12th December  
Please send your child in with money in a named purse to purchase gifts for their family (£1/gift).



### Christmas Carol Concert

Cradley Church, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

We will be selling drinks and sweet treats. Please bring change.



### Annual FOCS Christmas Raffle

Look out for raffle tickets coming home with your children and get selling to family and friends!

**Draw takes place Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 15:15 in the Playground!**



**Family Bingo Night Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**



**It's Disco Time! Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Look out for more details of our Spring and Summer events when we return to School in January.



# WEEKLY AWARDS



## HAZEL CLASS

### Friendship Award

Liora

### Stars of the Week

Edith for being amazing in the nativity.

Otto for being fantastic in the nativity.

## MAPLE CLASS

### Friendship Award

Evie

### Star of the Week

William for always being an amazing role model.

## SYCAMORE CLASS

### Friendship Award

Oliver

### Star of the Week

Jesse C for his fantastic reading over the term.

## BIRCH CLASS

### Friendship Award

Josh

### Stars of the Week

James for his independence and perseverance in DT this week.

Ayvah for her independence and perseverance in DT this week.

## OAK CLASS

### Friendship Award

Jenson

### Stars of the Week

Charlie for his consistent focus and enthusiasm for learning.

Rosie for her 'eureka' moment with division.

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Kenny for a huge improvement in attendance over the last few weeks.

Ayvah for an amazing piece of writing and for the effort she put into it.



## Head Teacher's Award



## Stars of The Week





## Friendship Award



## House Points Cup

Well done to Masfield who have won the House Points Cup this term! Members of Masfield House can wear their own clothes to school on Monday.







The excitement is really starting to build in nursery, as we are getting closer to Christmas. This week the children shared three wonderful nativity performances, in front of family and friends - and I am sure that you will all agree that they all did a super job! With big smiles on their faces, they sang along and joined in with many of the actions.

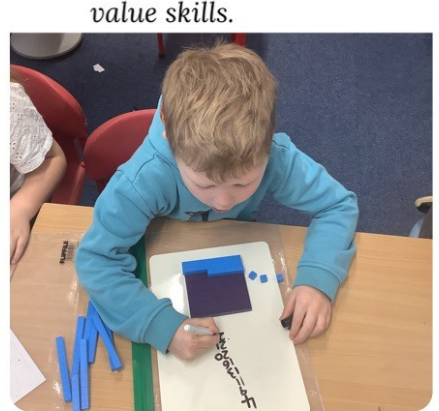
With only one week left to go, we are looking forward to having so much more fun and laughter before the term is over.



# Sycamore Class



Class 2 have been working independently on their Maths this week, developing their place value skills.



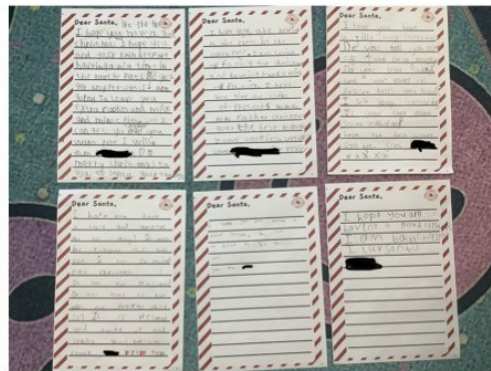
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# Sycamore Class

Class 2 are feeling festive.  
We have enjoyed writing  
letters to Santa and posting  
them this week. 🎄

ALL I WANT  
FOR CHRISTMAS IS...





## Sycamore Class

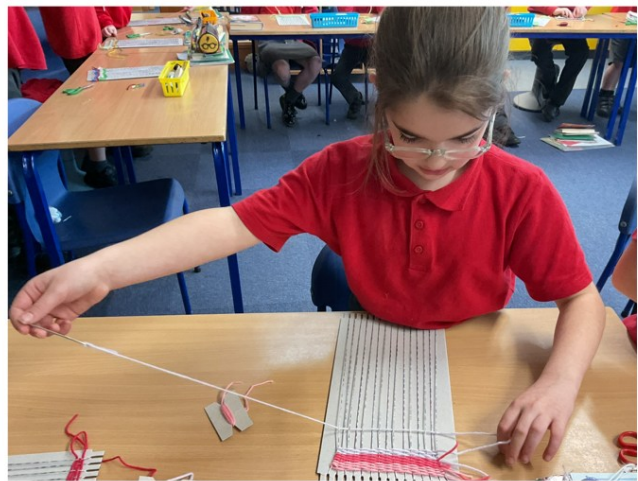
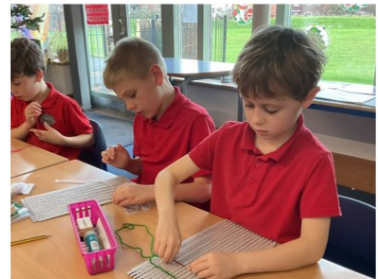


A well deserved 'yes day' in class 2 today for filling up our marbles in the jar. We enjoyed pjs, a festive film, popcorn and yummy brownies.



# Birch Class

Birch Class have been busy weaving this week, using their own looms. Amazing creations!



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## Christmas

22-23 December

29-30 December

# 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
- Trip to West Midlands Safari Park
- Movie and party afternoons

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](mailto:ismith@cradley.hereford.sch.uk)

Booking and payment must be made in advance using this link: [Cradley Holiday Club with Cradley Holiday Club - Eegu](#)

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# Christmas Holiday Club

Monday 22nd December	Tuesday 23rd December	Monday 29th December	Tuesday 30th December
Morning - Connexus Sports	Santa Safari at West Midlands Safari Park	Morning - Connexus Sports	Morning - Tae Kwon Do with GMSTKD
Afternoon - Movie afternoon		Afternoon - Movie afternoon	Afternoon - Party Afternoon

All activities are weather dependent and subject to change.

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Reception admissions for 2026-2027

Do you have a child born between  
1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

If so you will need to apply for a school place  
by 15 January 2026  
(to commence September 2026)

Applications can be completed from  
**15 September 2025** online  
(scan QR code) or visit:



[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions](http://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.

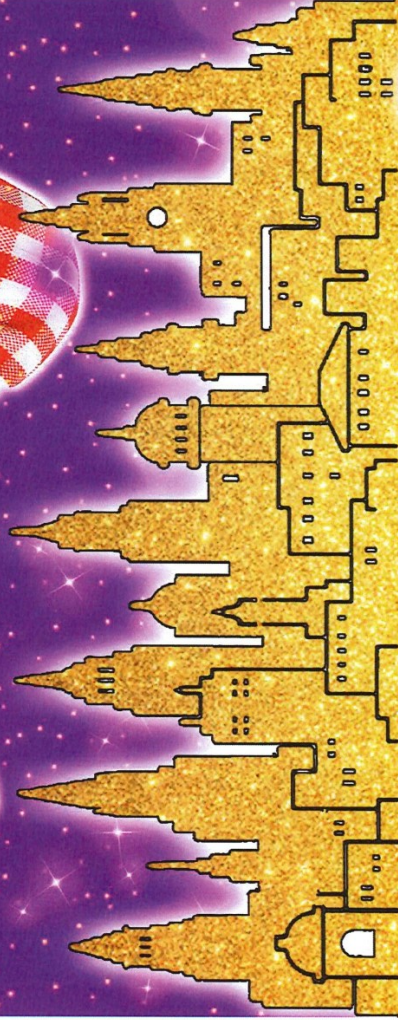
For further information please contact the school  
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or  
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or in person on the door



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## 12th-14th February 2026

(2pm matinee on 14<sup>th</sup>)

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