

SUMMER TERM

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School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share some wonderful news and celebrations in school this week.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of our families and children for the fantastic improvements in attendance this year. Thanks to your continued support and commitment, we have increased attendance by an incredible 230 days through fewer illnesses and improved attendance overall. This is a tremendous achievement and reflects the strong partnership between home and school.

We are especially proud that our school currently has the highest improvement in attendance across the county. Even more encouraging is that our attendance is now above pre-COVID levels, a milestone that demonstrates the resilience, determination, and positive attitude of our whole school community.

Every day in school matters, and these improvements are already having a significant impact on children's learning, confidence, friendships, and wellbeing. Thank you for helping us to make attendance such a priority.

We also enjoyed a very special celebration this week as we joined schools across the country in marking Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. Children took part in a special national online collective worship, learning more about his remarkable work protecting our planet and inspiring generations to care for the natural world.

Of course, no birthday celebration would be complete without cake and our children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating with 100 cupcakes! Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Together, we are making a real difference for our children every single day.

Have a great weekend and don't forget to support the fun run tomorrow!

God Bless,

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

- 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
- 12 - Nursery to Three Counties Show
- 12 - Choir to Three Counties Show

Music Lessons At Cradley

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



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT**

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Guitar & Ukelele Lessons
with Tom Doherty
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Attendance



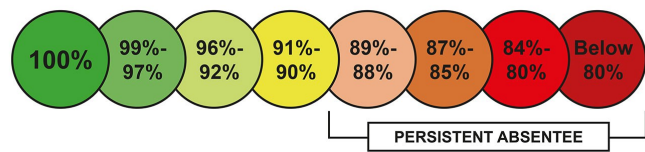
Well done to Birch Class who have had 97.95% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	93.41%
Sycamore Class	95.83%
Birch Class	97.95%
Oak Class	96.88%

Whole school 96.02%

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)

News

Friends of Cradley School

Hello everyone,


We hope you've got your stretches in, and you are ready for the sponsored Fun Run tomorrow.

Everyone is welcome whether you have sponsorship or not

  **Sponsored Family Fun Run 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. 

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. **We will also be selling tea towels at the Fun Run tomorrow.**

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 weekend! 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!

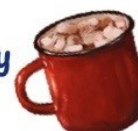
Friday 6th February
6pm-8pm



£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.



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.

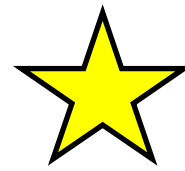
Children must also ensure they:

- 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	James Ezra for showing fantastic confidence in taking the lead and widening his circle of friends. Gabriel for showing wonderful progress in his social skills.
MAPLE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week	Faye Deklan for taking pride in his letter formation and care with his reading.
SYCAMORE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week	Rowan Arthur for his hard work and focus in phonics. Benjamin for being a conscientious and reflective learner.
BIRCH CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Oscar Sophie for taking such pride in her work. Freddie for being brave on residential.
OAK CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Charlie Daisy for making excellent effort with her presentation. Bethany for the huge steps she has made with her presentation.
HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD	Bethany and Rennelle for the mature way that they spoke to Governors in their pupil voice.

Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday





Nursery News



This week the children have spent a lot of time playing outside - where ball games have been popular. They have enjoyed teaming up and joining in with games of football, practising dribbling and shooting into a goal. Using the balls in a different way, the children have been turn taking to roll small balls down plastic tubing tracks that they have put together themselves, racing to see which colour ball is the fastest!

Talking of going fast.....on Wednesday, there was lots of role playing going on as the children were being issued speeding tickets by 'traffic wardens' Katrina and Brooke, when they were driving the wrong way along the road or going too fast!

They have enjoyed an ice play tray, where they have had to become problem solvers, working out the best way of freeing the ice from the cases it was in. Practising their fine motor skills, the children role played and experimented with a variety of tools and ways to release the ice.

Maple Class

Maple Class were amazing in their Collective Worship this week, and with the Open The Book Team!



Sycamore Class



Thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Jackson for allowing us to visit their farm. It was such a wonderful opportunity for the children to see different animals.



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Sycamore Class

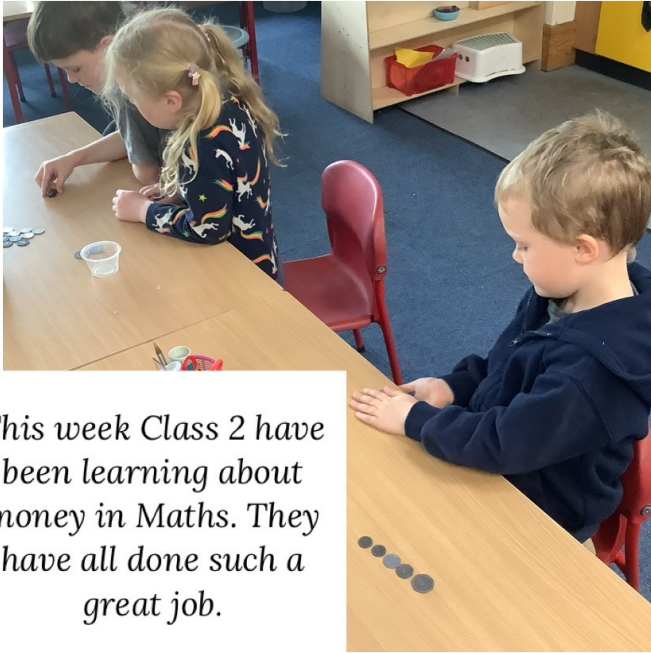


In Science, Class 2 worked in groups to sort animals into groups based on their characteristics.



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Sycamore Class

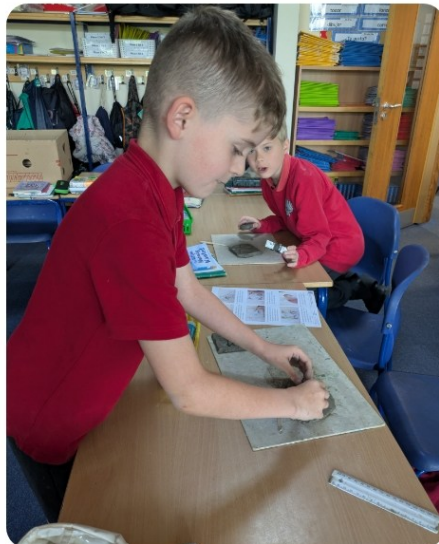


This week Class 2 have been learning about money in Maths. They have all done such a great job.



Birch Class

Birch Class have been creating Islamic tiles out of clay this week.





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! 🌈

SAVE 10%

*Expires Sunday 3rd May



MAY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

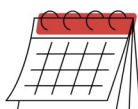
in Malvern



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**

