



Friday 11th September 2026

NEWSLETTER

The Latest News From Cradley Primary School

A Note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a fantastic first full week we have had! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to see our children settling so well into their new routines. They have returned with such enthusiasm and positivity, and it has been lovely to see them reconnecting with friends, getting to know new adults and becoming familiar with the expectations and routines of school once again. It has also been great to welcome Rev Rosie to school this week to lead our Collective Worship. The children have enjoyed coming together and reflecting as a whole school community, and we are very grateful to Rev Rosie for spending time with us.

We have also been delighted to welcome our Teeny Tots and Forest Tots families into school. It is lovely to see our youngest children and their families becoming part of our school community, and we look forward to seeing them throughout the year.

Next week, we are delighted that our school clubs will begin, providing our pupils with even more opportunities to develop their interests, discover new talents and enjoy learning beyond the classroom.

You should have received a copy of our key dates for the term. We are trying to give you as much notice for events happening in school. I have included in this newsletter information about our Parents' Forum. We are incredibly proud of the positive relationship we have with our families, and we hope the Parents' Forum will play an important role in our school community. This was also recognised very positively in our recent Ofsted report. I will be delighted to share the final version of the report with you over the next few days, once we have received the completed document.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working alongside us to make our school such a positive and welcoming place for our children.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week ahead.

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

Poppy and Bethany, our Worship Leaders, have recorded a prayer for the Diocese of Hereford today.





Calendar Dates

- 17 Sept - Teeny Tots, 10.00-11.30am (every Thursday)
- 18 Sept - Forest School Tots, 10.30am-12.00pm (every other Friday)
- 22 Sept - Nasal Flu Immunisation Years R-6
- 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
- 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
- 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 Birch Class who have had an amazing 100% 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	94.79%
Sycamore Class	96.43%
Birch Class	100%
Oak Class	98.10%





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

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.



Hello everyone,

Welcome back! We hope everyone has had a brilliant first full week back at school and is settling happily into the new term.

For anyone new to Cradley, we are Friends of Cradley School — a parent and carer-led group of volunteers who help raise funds for the school. Every event, activity and initiative we organise is done voluntarily, and every penny raised goes back into supporting school trips, equipment, events, activities and those extra special moments that help create lasting memories for the children.

We are always grateful for extra helping hands, whether that is on an ad-hoc basis or as a more regular volunteer. If you would like to get involved, please speak to reception — we would love to hear from you.



Cradley Christmas Cards

The children have been busy getting creative with their Christmas card designs, and they are looking fantastic! A big thank you to our FoCS volunteers who went into school to support the children with their festive masterpieces. Further information about your child's design and how to place orders will be shared in the coming weeks.



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.

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.

Friends of Cradley School (FoCS) News

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





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

Archie K

Arianwen has been doing an amazing job with her self-care skills and independence.

Gabriel has been growing beautifully in confidence and it has been wonderful to see him becoming more talkative to adults and his friends

Maple Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

William

Eloise for always listening and being kind to others.

Sycamore Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Nathan

Reuben for showing fantastic independence and taking responsibility for your own learning.

Birch Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Jesse

Jesse for being the kindest and most thoughtful friend.

Oak Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Austin

Daisy for her incredible work ethic.

Headteacher Award

Poppy for the amazing way she has taken on her Worship Leader responsibility, also for writing this week's Reflection.

Cherish for the way she has taken on her role as buddy, helping and supporting them in such a brilliant way.

Nursery



We have had a lovely week in Nursery, welcoming our families, both old and new back after a beautiful Summer break. This term our topic is 'All About Me' and it is a lovely way of getting to know more about the children and what they like.

Elmer has been our focused book of the week and the children have been taking part in a variety of activities in relation to this. They have been colour sorting and grouping as well as recognising numbers and counting out the matching number of elephants.

In PE the children enjoyed a very energetic colour sorting activity, placing objects into the correctly coloured hoops as quickly as they could whilst moving around the room in various ways, practising their co-ordination and developing an awareness of space.

This morning we visited Forest School for the first time and the children explored their new surroundings whilst searching for Elmer's coloured strings.

Maple Class

We have had a brilliant first full week in Maple Class - the children have settled in really well!



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Sycamore Class



*It has been a busy
and exciting week
in class 2!*



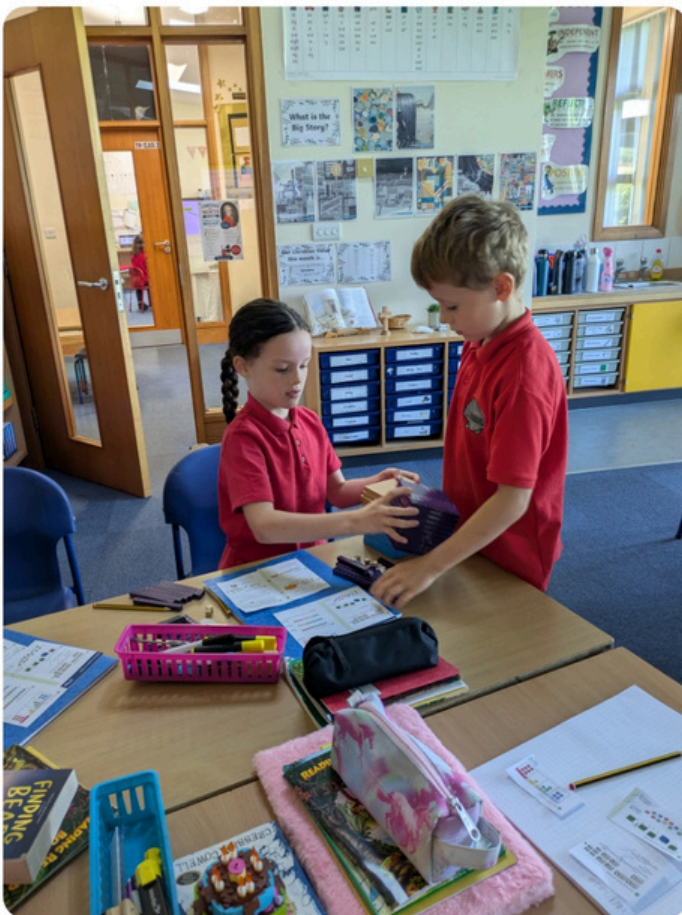
Sycamore class



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Birch Class

Birch Class have been busy this week in Maths using Base Tens to create numbers and partitioning numbers to 10000.



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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