



AUTUMN TERM

CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

24th November 2023

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School Newsletter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER	
Wed 29	9am Class 2 to Hartlebury Castle
DECEMBER	
Wed 6	Class 4 Welcome Wednesday
Fri 8th	Christmas Jumper Day
Tue 12 – Wed 13	Nativity 1.30pm
Thu 14	After School Club Christmas Party
Tue 19	Christmas Lunch
Wed 20	Nursery to Santa Safari
Wed 20	Whole school to Hereford Panto
Thurs 21	End of Term
JANUARY	
Tue 9	Back to School
Thu 25	Rags 2 Riches Collection
Thu 25	Young Voices for Choir

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Sometimes in life it is the little things that blow us away with pride for the progress children make as they journey along with us. It is so important that these little steps that children make all add up to the big journey they are on. It can be something as simple as a 'Good morning' from a child who hasn't the confidence to say it to me at the gate which reminds me why we are all here doing the job we do. It is easy to celebrate the big milestones that children reach but we must always remember the Chinese proverb " a journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step."

Small steps are often the most difficult to take but are also the most rewarding and often lead to bigger things.

Year six parents have already taken the next step in their children's education by completing High School applications and if you are still undecided about Reception places we would love to welcome you to school to show you how we can support your child as they make their next step. Please get in touch with the school office to make an appointment. Online applications close on 15th January 2024.

Have a great weekend everyone.

God bless,

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH COURAGE

"But Jesus immediately said to them:
'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid!'"

Matthew 14:27

Parking

Reminder to Parents and Carers:

Please do not park in the staff car park or entrance at any time of the day. Children should not be allowed to play in the car park or walk across it—it is unsafe.

Thank you for your help in keeping your children safe.



Thank you all for your kind pop up shop donations this morning, any last minute donations (or anything else you find lurking in the cupboard before the event!) please leave in the red box in reception.

We are busy prepping all of our up and coming events from the pop-up shop to the refreshments at the carol concert to the Santa visit but before all of those please come along and support us next Saturday as FoCS and Teeny Tots have stalls at the Village Christmas Fair! We'll be there from 10.30 to 2.30 Saturday 2nd December, we'll have crafts, games, sweets and more!!

Lucy, Kirstie, Cass and the FoCS Team

Attendance



Well done to Class 3 who have had 98.49% attendance this week! They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next 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.**

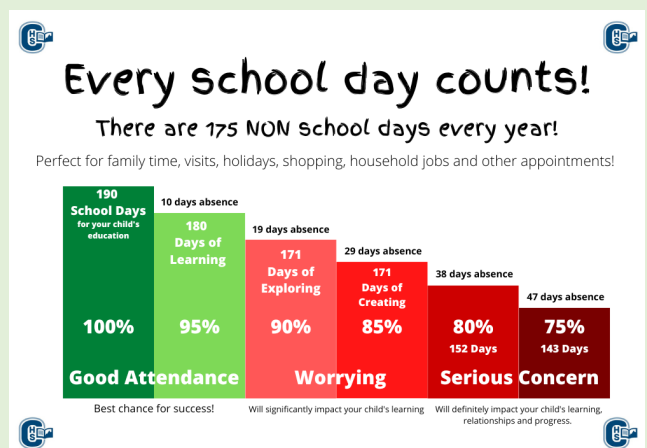
Class 1 – 89.44% Whole school – 95.46%

Class 2 – 95.00%

Class 3 – 98.49%

Class 4 – 97.88%

Class 5 – 95.71%



Breakfast Club

Below are some dates in December which will be Christmas themed at Breakfast Club.

Monday 4th – Christmas colouring

Friday 8th – Making Christmas decorations

Monday 11th – Christmas Disco

Friday 15th – Christmas cards and bag decorating

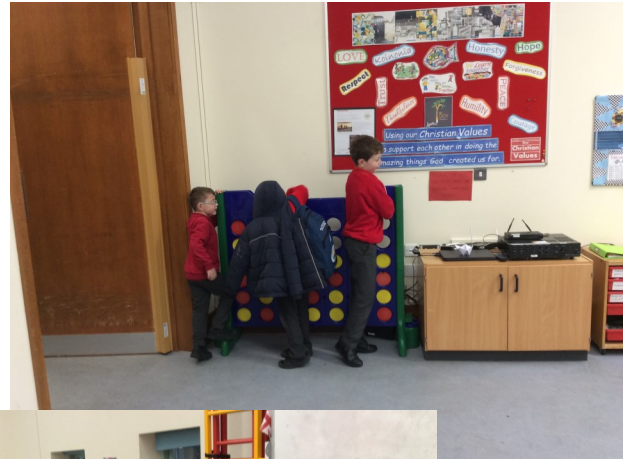
Monday 18th – Christmas games

Thursday 21st – Decorating pancakes with icing



After School Club

This week in After School Club has been packed with arts and crafts. One of our favourite activities was to decorate some paper bags, then we talked about what we can use our bags for. The majority of children thought it would be perfect to put Christmas presents in.



CHRISTMAS AT ASC!

Please find below the days in December which will be Christmas themed at After School Club. These can be booked on School Money.

- Fri 1st - Making Christmas Cards
- Thu 7th - Melted Marshmallows
- Fri 8th - Making Christmas Presents
- Thu 14th - Christmas Party
- Fri 15th - Christmas Movie
- Thu 21st - Christmas Disco



Christmas has arrived!

Here are some days in December which will be Christmas themed at After School Club.

These can be booked on School Money.

Christmas
2-5 January 2024

Holiday Club

At Cradley CE Primary School
WR13 5NG

Booking is
now open!

Session Times & Costs

9am - 1pm	£16
9am - 3pm	£23
8am - 5pm	£28

Christmas

- * Bowling Trip
- * Baking Activities
- * Craft Activities
- * Movie and Popcorn Afternoon

Breakfast (8am-5pm session) and healthy snacks are provided.

Hot Lunch option is available (£2.50) or children must bring their own packed lunch.

To book, log on to School Money - <https://eduspot.co.uk>

For more information please email
admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk
FAO Lauren

HAF bookings for FSM children open on 29 November 2023.

Booking and payment must be made in advance


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Keep in touch with us on social media!



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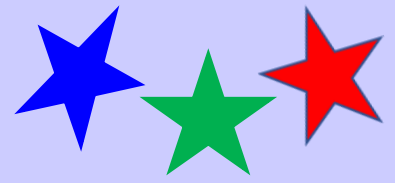


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WEEKLY AWARDS



NURSERY Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Arthur Jack for persisting with his tower building. Pryia for joining in with small group activities.
CLASS 1 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Stanley Ezra for great progress in reading. Phoebe for coping well with Mix-up Maths Day.
CLASS 2 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Haydn Emily for always showing such enthusiasm towards Maths every day. Emily's passion for Maths is so wonderful to see. Charlotte has blown Miss Hughes away with her independent work on Shapes in Maths this week.
CLASS 3 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Kai Austin for always working independently in his Maths. Cherish for making great progress in Maths this term.
CLASS 4 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Eli Harry for the use of mathematical language to explain methods. Charlie for showing great enthusiasm and determination in Maths
CLASS 5 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Toby Ollie E for trying hard in Maths and wanting to work out the Maths questions mentally. Joseph for being a caring and responsible role model to the little ones.
HEAD TEACHER AWARD	Josh B for amazing progress in word recognition. Aurelia for amazing progress in Speech and Language. They have both blown me away this week.



NURSERY NEWS



The nursery children started their week with a PE session, with Katrina in the hall. Our story of the week, this week has been Superworm, and our PE session was based around this. Katrina got the children to wriggle and jiggle around like worms before playing some jungle music, where the children got to dance around and move like elephants, lions and other wild animals.

Tuesday was a rather windy day.....which meant it was perfect for bubbles!! The children had great fun running around chasing, jumping and popping giant bubbles. Inside, Katrina was role playing with the children, pretending to be police people using their walkie talkies. She showed the children a real walkie talkie and how it worked and they were all very keen to have a go for themselves afterwards.

On Wednesday, during our circle time, some of the children started to talk about Christmas lights, Santa Claus and his elves. We then went on to talk about what we might ask Santa to bring us at Christmastime. Throughout the morning, the children worked in small groups with Kelley and had a go at writing their own letter to Santa Claus, ready to be posted to The North Pole. Lauren surprised the children on Thursday, with a new addition to nursery. A giant robot called Robbie was standing on the rainbow rug, ready to greet the children as they arrived. The children had great fun exploring his buttons and even got to record their own voice, pretending to be Robbie the Robot.

To end the week, Lauren has taken small groups of children up into the kitchen, to make some very tasty cheese scones. The children have taken it in turns to add ingredients, mix them altogether and roll out the dough. They have each picked the shaped cutter they wanted their scone to be.

Class 1 Phonics Evening

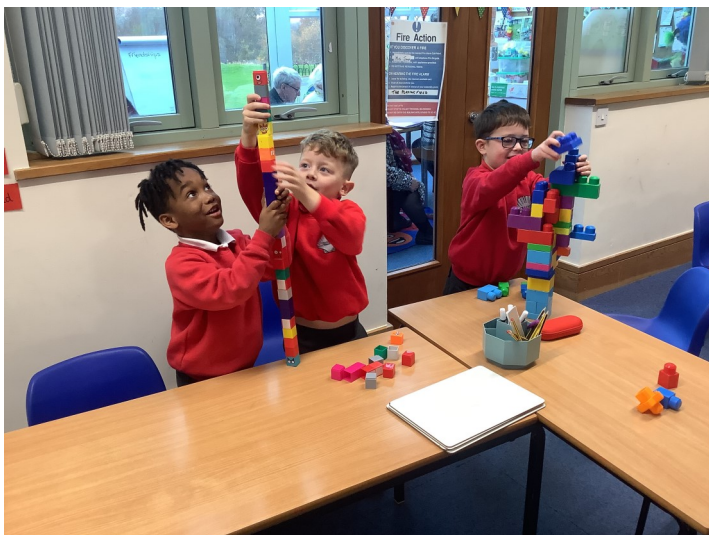
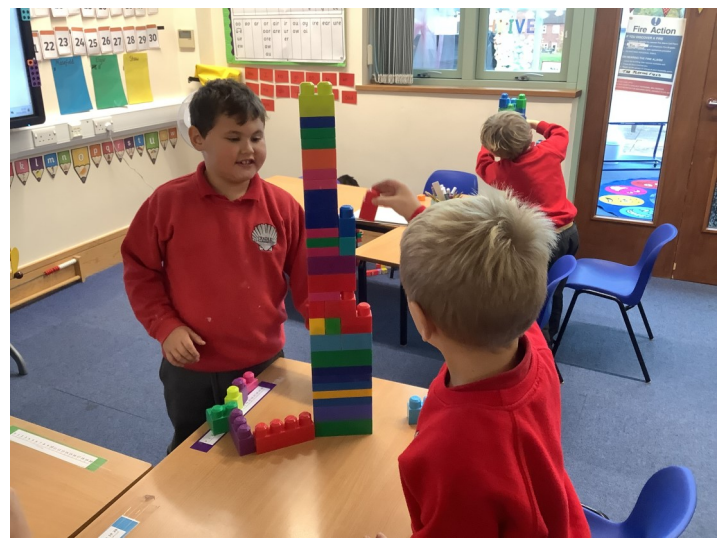
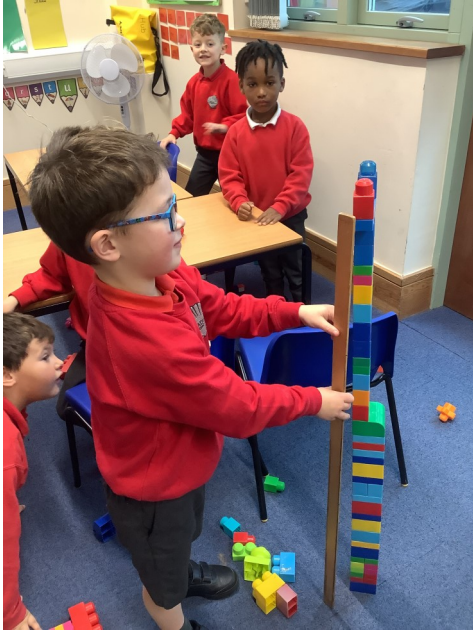


Thank you to everyone who came to our Phonics Evening this week. The children enjoyed stories and colouring whilst being cosy in pyjamas and the adults learned all about how we teach Phonics in the Early Years. It was a very successful evening!



In today's Active Maths lesson we looked at the tallest buildings in the world. We then made our own towers which we then described and measured against a metre ruler.

Active Maths With Year 1



Bishops Wood Centre Trip

Classes 3 and 4 had a magical day in the woods, exploring the way the Vikings lived out their lives. They rowed across to England in a long ship, defended themselves against the awful Anglo-Saxons, built shelters and honed their pottery, spinning and metal shaping skills. They also watched fire being made.

What a brilliant day!



In Key Stage 1 we have been exploring what one more looks like using multi-link.

What is one more?



Class 5

Class 5 enjoyed measuring the distance – using scale – between human and physical features on an Ordnance Survey map.



Maths Mix Up Day





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.

Teeny tots stay and play group are looking for a volunteer!

Would you like to volunteer in your local community?

Do you like working with young children?

We are looking for someone to help us make tea and toast during our sessions on a flexible rota system, from 10:30-12 every other Thursday, during school term time (approximately 20 sessions a year).

We are a well-established toddler group and have been running for many years. We've recently moved to the Scout Hut in the heart of Cradley.

If you are free and keen to volunteer yourself, please contact Rachel on 07790890183.

The FOCS Christmas Raffle

Please support our school!

Draw on Thursday 21st December
@3pm on the school playground

**Tickets - £1
each**

10 tickets will be sent
home with each child
soon!

If you want more,
please ask
Rachel/Cass/school
office staff

*Please return ticket
stubs with cash or
cheques made
payable to 'Friends of
Cradley School' to the
office by **Thursday
14th December***



Donations

We are looking for donations for the prizes - a Christmas hamper for each Class, Nursery, and Staff

**Please bring donations, big or small, into school on
Friday 15th December**
in exchange for a non-uniform day

Festive donations can be....

Wine	Beer	Cider	Spirits	Non-alcoholic drinks
Crackers	Biscuits	Chocolate	Sweets	
Mince pies	Christmas puddings	Jam	Chutney	
Cheese	Cakes	Dried fruit	Nuts	
Non-edible luxury items e.g. candles				