

**SPRING TERM
23 JANUARY 2026**

School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week this week here at Cradley School. We would also like to thank all parents who attended the Parents' Meeting this week. We were truly overwhelmed by the fantastic turnout and the very positive feedback we received. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers coming together, and this is definitely something we plan to repeat in the future.

Thank you to everyone who attended the FoCS meeting this week. The meeting was full of great social and fundraising ideas. Please keep an eye out for updates on the FoCS page for more information.

It was also lovely to welcome parents into Maple Class's Open Classroom. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.

Upcoming music events:

- Thursday 5th February at 10.45am - Orchestra of the Swan performance. Children in Birch Class, along with pupils who receive music lessons, will be performing. All parents are welcome.
- Friday 13th February at 9.00am - A music performance featuring children who have music lessons in school, as well as both the KS1 and KS2 choirs. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a great weekend,

God bless,

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

HOPE

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11



School Calendar

January

27 - Choir to Young Voices

February

5 - Orchestra of the Swan Performance to Birch Class and music tuition classes parents, 10.45am

6 - FoCS School Disco

11 - Sycamore Class Collective Worship

13 - Music Celebration - parents of choir and music tuition children welcome, 9.00am.

13 - FoCS Marshmallow Friday

13 - Half term

23 - Back to school

24 - Parents Evening - 3.30-5.30pm

25 - Parents Evening - 5.30-7.30pm



Music Lessons At Cradley

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT

elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com



Guitar & Ukelele Lessons
with Tom Doherty
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 Birch Class who have had 98.67% 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 98.55%

Whole school 97.70%

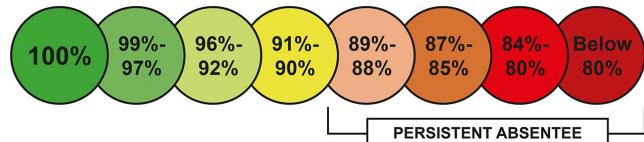
Sycamore Class 95.88%

Birch Class 98.67%

Oak Class 97.69%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

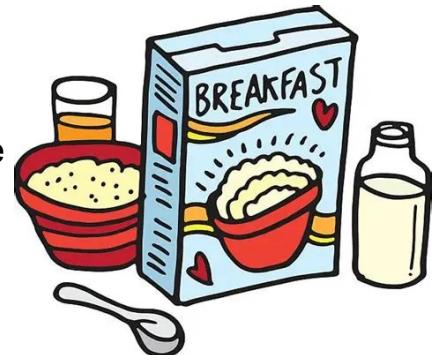
On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Wraparound Care

Just a reminder that we do offer full wraparound care here at Cradley.



Breakfast Club runs every day from 7.45 - 8.30am.

After-school Club runs every day from 3.15 - 5.30pm.

Please make bookings via Arbor (select activities then clubs). All bookings must be made 24 hours in advance. If you need to book last minute then please contact the office and we will book you in if numbers allow.

Clubs

Below is the list of extra-curricular clubs available to children this term.

Spring Term 2026

Club	Day/Time	Years	Member of Staff
Choir – KS1	Monday Lunchtime	Yrs R-2	Miss Hughes
Netball	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 4-6	Ms Creek
iPads	Tuesday Lunchtime	Yrs 3-4	Mrs Jones
Choir – KS2	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Hughes
Drawing	Wednesday Lunchtime	Yrs 3-6	Mrs Jones
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	JH Football Coaching
Ball Skills (starts 22 January)	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 2-3	Mrs Galvin
SATs Practice	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yr 6	Mr Probert
Yoga	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-2	Mrs Theakston
Tag Rugby	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	Mr Clayton

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.



Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

News

Friends of Cradley School

Hello everyone,

We hope you have had a lovely week.

It's almost Disco Time 🎉 6th February 2026 🎶

Get ready to **glow, groove and giggle** because the **FoCS School Disco** is nearly here!

📅 **When:** evening of Friday 6th February 2026

🎟️ **Tickets:** £4 each

👉 **Tickets on sale most picks up and drops off, or ask at school office/reception.**

👉 **We Need Your Superpowers!**

Want to help create the *BEST* disco yet?

Whether you're great at decorating, organising, or handing out glowsticks — we'd love your help!

Just grab a member of the FoCS team or nip to reception to sign up.

Every helper = extra sparkle 🌟

Expect brilliant music, big laughs and memories that'll last long after bedtime!

Donate a Ticket

Support our community by donating a ticket so every child has the chance to enjoy the disco. To donate, simply contact Mrs Jones.

!! Check out our calendar of upcoming events below!!

👉 **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



Friends of Cradley School (FOCS)



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Spring/Summer events



Disco!



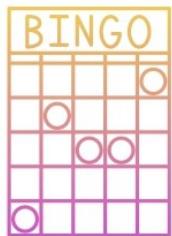
Friday 6th February
6pm-8pm

£4 per child. Please bring change.
Tuck shop, glow stall, quiet room,
hot dogs and a bar (for the
grown-ups!)



Whole school Easter colouring competition & name the bunny competition for nursery

£2 per entry - all entries in by Friday 20th March



Sponsored Run
Saturday 9th May

We are so excited for this!
Sponsored family fun run.
More details to follow but please save the date!



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.

Non-uniform Day

Friday 13th March
in exchange for a raffle prize for the Bingo evening



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.



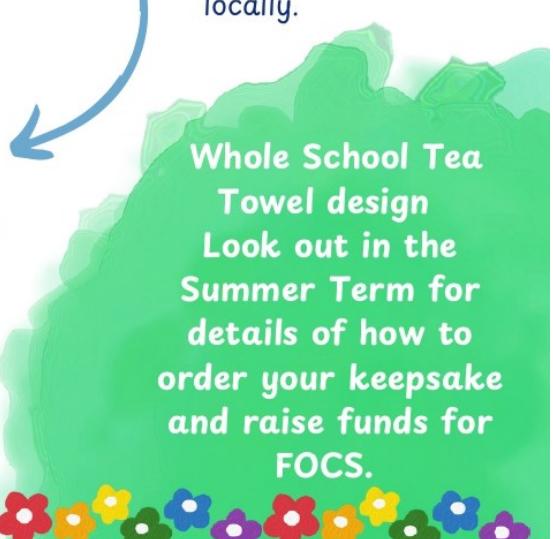
Sports Day

Tuesday 19th May
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

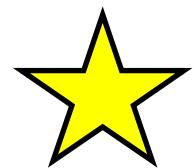
Lots of stalls, refreshments and of course the inflatables!

Whole School Tea Towel design

Look out in the Summer Term for details of how to order your keepsake and raise funds for FOCS.



WEEKLY AWARDS



HAZEL CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Edith Eloise for being inclusive in her play and allowing everyone to join in. James for becoming more confident and talkative in adult led activities.
MAPLE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week	Wilson Reuben for his fantastic independent writing and taking pride in all that he does.
SYCAMORE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week	Innis George for his superb progress in reading and phonics.
BIRCH CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Jonah Freddie for his determination to improve his learning. Billy for being determined and resilient this week.
OAK CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Poppy Rennelle for her exceptional focus. Kenny for his focus in lessons and working hard on his handwriting.
HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD	George, Arian, Zach and Rowan for recruiting new members, advertising, organising and running iPad club in a mature way independently.

Head Teacher's Award



Stars of The Week



Friendship Award



Reader of the Week Award



Congratulations to this young man who is the school's first Reader of the Week!



Nursery News



Continuing with our theme of wild animals, our story of the week has been 'Elmer' - where the children have been joining in with lots of colourful activities and experiences. Looking at colours has helped us to use and develop mathematical skills, such as sorting, grouping and recognising patterns. The children have used sponge paints to help them copy repeating patterns onto a snake and have been using the tweezers to sort a tray full of objects by colour and type. We have been colour matching pom poms with the colours on Elmer's patchwork body and have been using pens and pencils to complete colour by numbers pictures.

Today, we have received a special visit from some 7 day old baby chicks. The children were so excited to see the cute fluffy little chicks and were very gentle as they stroked and petted them.

Sycamore Class



Class 2 combined what they have been learning in Science, about seasons and Art. They have been creating transient art by representing weather symbols.



PIC•COLLAGE

Birch Class

In geography, Birch Class have been using their map reading skills to find the world's major rivers.



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Birch Class

On Thursday Birch Class conducted a science investigation looking at how a material can change from one state to another, through the use of chocolate!



PIC•COLLAGE

Birch Class

Orchestra of the Swan came in on Thursday to work with the musicians of Cradley and Birch Class. They can't wait to show you what they're working on in two weeks time!





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.

8TH FEB
WORCESTER BRICK FESTIVAL

The advertisement features a large Iron Man LEGO model on the right, a Lightning McQueen LEGO car in the center, and a QR code with the festival's website, WORCESTERBRICKFESTIVAL.COM, above it. The background is yellow with a red diagonal stripe. On the left, there are several smaller images: a stack of LEGO boxes labeled 'MILLIONS OF BRICKS', a close-up of a LEGO crocodile labeled 'CHARITY TOMBOLA', a man and a child standing next to a large LEGO display labeled 'LEGO DISPLAYS', a large LEGO model of the University of Worcester arena labeled 'UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER ARENA', and a person working with LEGO pieces labeled 'ACTIVITIES'. A 'RETIRING SETS' image shows a large pile of LEGO pieces.



Tennis Coaching Programme Juniors & Adults Spring 2026



Juniors – Term runs Mon 12 January – Mon 23 March 2026 (excl Feb 16)

Time	Session	Age	Price per term Members	Price per term Non members
4-4.45pm	LTA Youth Red	5-8 years	£60	-
4.45-5.30pm	LTA Youth Orange	8-10 years	£60	£70
5.30-6.30pm	LTA Youth Green	10-12 years	£75	£85
5.30-6.30pm	LTA Youth Yellow	13-18 years	£75	£85

Adults

6.30-7.30pm	Adult beginners/ Improvers course	Suitable for those new or coming back to tennis. Split by ability	£40 for 5 week course	£50 for 5 week course
7.30-8.30pm	Cardio Tennis	All abilities welcome	£6 per week	£8 per week

To book, use QR code or visit our website:
clubspark.lta.org.uk/MCSTennis/Coaching
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