



Friday 16th October 2026

NEWSLETTER

The Latest News From Cradley Primary School

A Note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been reflecting on our Christian value of Thankfulness, and it has made me think about just how much we have to be thankful for here at Cradley School and Nursery.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful school grounds, which provide our children with so many opportunities to play, explore, learn and grow. But what makes Cradley truly special is the people who make up our school family.

I am thankful for our dedicated staff, who go above and beyond every day to care for, support and nurture our children. I am thankful for our parents, who support us in so many different ways, and for our wonderful volunteers, who generously give their time to make our school an even better place. From our Gardening Club volunteers, who help our children care for and appreciate the world around them, to those who support our Teeny Tots and Forest School activities, there are so many people who quietly make a huge difference. Whether it is helping with an event, sharing a skill, giving up an hour of their time or simply offering a word of encouragement, every contribution matters.

And, of course, I am thankful for our children, who bring so much joy, enthusiasm and individuality to our school each day.

I am really looking forward to our Open Morning and Ground Force Morning this Saturday, 17th October, from 10am until 12 noon. This will be a lovely opportunity to welcome families and members of our community into school, celebrate all that makes Cradley special and work together to give our wonderful grounds a little extra care and attention. There will be activities for the children, including Forest School and sports on the playground, as well as coffee and cake. Whether you can lend a hand for the whole morning or just pop in for a short while, we would love to see you.

As a small school, we rely on the kindness, generosity and support of our community, and I never take that for granted.

Our Christian vision reminds us that we are all created to do amazing things, and I see that lived out in so many ways across our school every day.

Thank you for being part of our Cradley family. We really do have so much to be thankful for!

Have a great weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Jones

Headteacher

Value of the Month

THANKFULNESS

"Praise the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord,

For he is good;

His love endures forever."

Psalm 106:1





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Calendar Dates

- 17 Oct - Open Morning and Ground Force Day
- 19 Oct - KS2 to Storytelling Festival
- 20 Oct - School Photos
- 20 & 21 Oct - Parents Evening
- 22 Oct - Teeny Tots, 10.00-11.30am (every Thursday)
- 22 Oct - KS1 to Storytelling Festival
- 22 Oct - Oak Class to Private Peaceful
- 23 Oct - Marshmallow Friday, 3.15pm
- 23 Oct - Finish for Half-term
- 2 Nov - Back to school
- 4 Nov - Cheese and Wine Evening, 6.30pm
- 5 Nov - Y5/6 Mixed Football Tournament @ Herefordshire FA
- 6 Nov - Forest School Tots, 10.30am-12.00pm (every other Friday)
- 13 Nov - Children In Need

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
Gardening	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 5-6	Mrs Jones
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 Sycamore Class who have had 97.86% 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	95.38%
Sycamore Class	97.86%
Birch Class	96%
Oak Class	97.62%



A new **READING ADVENTURE** is waiting for you in the

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The Wild Ones
ONCE THEY WERE PETS, NOW THEY'RE...
STEVE COLE

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Dare to **PEEK INSIDE!**

The Paranormal
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Bonehead
GUARDIAN OF THE UNDERWORLD
JAMIE GREGORY

Perfect for **DINOSAUR-LOVERS**

BONE-SHAKINGLY FUNNY!

*For every £1 spent on orders over £10, we'll donate 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Some products may be excluded.

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Don't forget that our latest **Scholastic Book Club** is now online at <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-2H6FMCHV>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will **earn 20p** for our school in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by **October 23rd, 2026**.



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Musical Instrument Lessons

We are fortunate to have two music teachers who visit school to teach a variety of instruments. If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument please contact the teacher directly.

PIANO, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE AND SINGING LESSONS



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT**

elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com

Guitar Lessons

Guitar, Ukulele and Bass Guitar lessons are currently available at school.

Music lessons are a great way to help children's creativity.

Music lessons improve memory, attention and language skills and also help boost confidence.

Also, learning an instrument is fun!

Lessons take place in school on Tuesdays in term time.

Please call or text teacher Mark Leedham (Encore Music Service) on 07813 643175 or email markleedham@yahoo.co.uk if your son or daughter would be interested in taking lessons.



Cradley School and Nursery

GROUND FORCE MORNING

AS PART OF OUR OPEN MORNING

Saturday 17th October
10am to 12 noon

Children welcome!
Activities in Forest School and sports on the playground to keep them entertained.

Forest School Activities

Sports on the playground

Coffee and cake supplied

Please let the office know if you can come.



Cradley CE Primary School and Nursery

CHEESE & WINE EVENING

Wednesday 4th November
6.30pm

The governors and staff warmly invite you to celebrate our recent Ofsted inspection.

Join us to hear how we will address the next steps highlighted in the report and discover our three-year strategic school development plan.

A chance to celebrate, look ahead and enjoy an evening together.



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.



Christmas Shopping

Starting your Christmas shopping? Make every purchase count! When you shop online with participating high-street retailers through Easyfundraising, you can raise free donations for FoCS at absolutely no extra cost to you. It only takes a few minutes to sign up, so please join today and help turn your festive shopping into valuable funds for our school. See below for more information.



Cradley Church Christmas Fair – We Need You! SOS

FoCS would love to have a stall at this year's Cradley Church Christmas Fair on Saturday 5 December 2026—but we need your help to make it happen! This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work we do and raise vital funds for our school.

Could you spare some time to support the stall on the day? Every offer of help will make a real difference, no matter how small and help ensure FoCS can take part. If you can volunteer, please speak to a member of the FoCS team or contact reception.

Thank you! 🌲💛

Marshmallow Friday

Join us afterschool on Friday 23rd October from 3pm where the FoCS team will be selling hot chocolate and treats, bring cash 😊

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.

🔔 Limited Tickets Left 🔔

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.

Friends of Cradley School (FoCS) News

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.

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

Friends of Cradley School (FoCS) News



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 Gemima 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!



Do you have any outgrown children's Christmas jumpers?

We are collecting children's Christmas jumpers to be resold on our fundraising stall at the **Cradley Christmas Fayre**.

Visit our stall at the Fayre **Saturday 5th December**
Village Hall/Church

Second hand clothing is better for our planet!
Recycle ♥ Reuse ♥ Reduce
Give pre-loved jumpers a new home and help create a greener future!

Please make sure all donations are in by **27th November**.
Donations to be placed in the FOCS box located on reception or handed to a member of the FOCS team.

♥ Thank you for your support! ♥



FOCS AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

Join us for a season of festive fun, fundraising and community spirit!

Treat Friday
Friday 23rd October
From 3:00pm
Hot chocolate & sweet treats on sale in the playground.

Home Clothes Day
Friday 20th November
Wear home clothes in exchange for a donation to the Christmas raffle. Donation ideas include wine, chocolates, biscuits and other treats!

Wreath Making
Final couple of tickets left!
18:30
Friday 27th November
£40 per person
Please contact a member of FOCS to book your ticket.

Village Fayre
Saturday 5th December
10:30am – 2:30pm
Cradley Village Hall & Church
We need volunteers for 1 hour slots. Contact a member of FOCS if you can help.

Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 7th December
Please send in donations for the FOCS Pop-Up Shop, including new gifts for children, ladies and men and treat items.

FOCS Pop-Up Shop
Friday 11th December
During the school day.
Children can choose up to 2 items for £2 each to gift to their family.

Carol Service Refreshments
Thursday 17th December
Cradley Church
Donations of mince pies and mulled wine are very much appreciated!

Christmas Raffle Draw
Friday 18th December
After school
Look out for tickets coming home with your children in November.

Thank you for helping to raise funds for our wonderful school.



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Stars Of The Week



Nursery

Friendship Award Stars Of The Week

Arianwen

Alpha for increased independence during meal times.

Archie K for being inclusive to all children in nursery during his play.

Maple Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Liora-May

Deklan for making good choices in school.

Sycamore Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Evie

Pryia for a great effort with her learning and taking part in class lessons this week.

Birch Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

Ruby

Billy-Joe for taking so much care in all of his learning, especially handwriting.

Oak Class

Friendship Award Star Of The Week

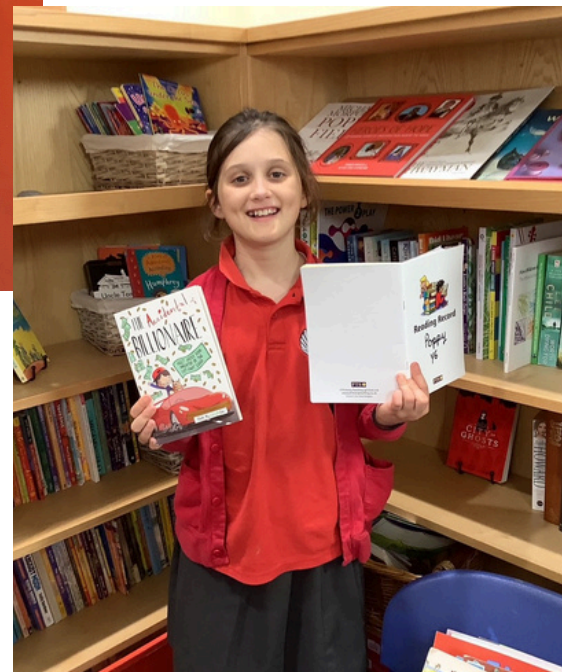
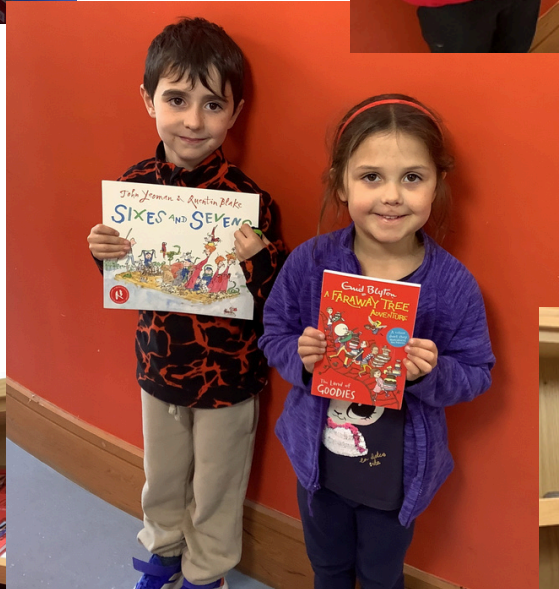
Cherish

Bethany for her overall ambition and excellence in school.

Headteacher Award

Kenny for a great improvement in attendance this year.

Rainbow Readers



As part of Reading For Pleasure these children have received a book each today. They have 5 times a week for 5 weeks and so could choose a book to take home! Well done to all of them.

Nursery



Pumpkins



PIC-COLLAGE

Autumn has well and truly arrived, with lots of leaves on the ground and the mornings getting chillier. On our walk around forest school the children have enjoyed stomping through and kicking the crispy leaves whilst searching for the numbered pumpkins. Once they had all been found the children had to work together to see if they could put the pumpkins into the correct number order.

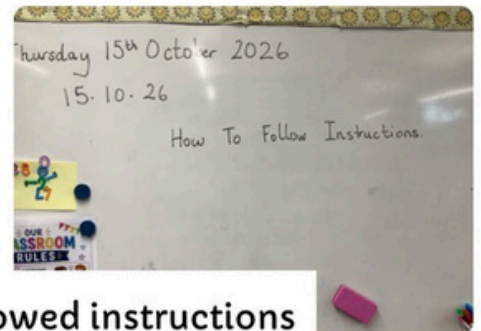
They have enjoyed sensory trays based around Autumn themes and have explored a variety of different textures and smells as they have poured and filled the beans and lentils, made shapes out of the orange play dough and retold the story of Pumpkin Soup using a variety of props.

Maple Class

This week in Maple Class we have been learning all about doctors and dentists and the important roles they play in keeping us healthy. In RE, we shared the story of The Precious Pearl and painted our own little boxes. We talked about the precious things we might keep inside them and why these things are special to us.



Sycamore Class



On Thursday we followed instructions to make our favourite sandwiches!



Birch Class

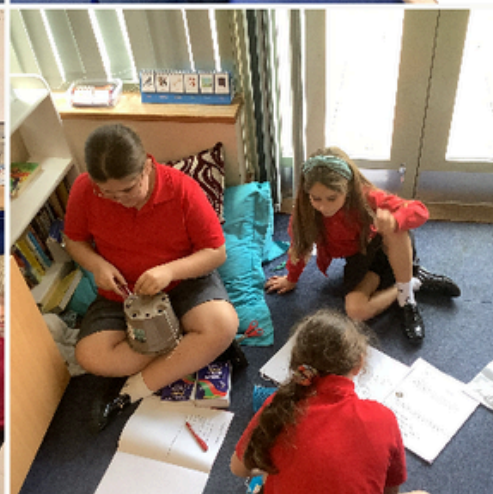


PIC•COLLAGE

Birch Class ended their Spanish unit by performing with their puppets to recreate a Spanish festival about kings and queens.

Oak Class

This week Oak Class have been exploring air resistance. The pupils have been carrying out experiments on how to change air resistance test results with their parachute designs.





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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



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Malvern



Sunshine Family Hub,
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Tuesday 3 & 10 November

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KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

WhatsApp group chats: what parents need to know

Group chats can be a fun way for young people to stay in touch, but they can also be used by others to groom, exploit or harm children. It's important to know the risks and how you can help keep them safe.



WHY GROUP CHATS CAN BE RISKY



Children may be added to groups by people they do not know.



Grooming can start with friendship, attention, gifts, games or status.



Children can be pressured to share photos, personal information or their location.



Sexual images can be requested, shared or used to threaten or blackmail a child.



Criminal exploitation can involve secrecy, money, gifts, drugs, violence or pressure to meet others.



Screenshots, forwarding and disappearing messages can make harmful content difficult to control.



TALK TO YOUR CHILD



Ask who is in their groups. Help them think about who they really know online.



Check privacy settings together (e.g. who can add them to groups, who can see their profile and posts).



Encourage them to tell you if someone makes them uncomfortable.



Reassure them: they will not be in trouble for asking for help.

Have open and regular conversations



WARNING SIGNS



Suddenly secretive about their phone.



New online friends or contacts they cannot explain.



Receiving gifts, money or new phones/clothes.



Becoming withdrawn, anxious or upset after being online.



Missing school or going missing.



Talking about meeting people they know online.



Sexualised messages/images or pressure to send pictures.



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



1 Keep accounts private and review group-chat settings (e.g. who can add them).



2 Encourage children to block and report suspicious accounts.



3 Save evidence/screenshots if something worrying happens.



4 Do not confront a suspected exploiter yourself as this could put your child at further risk.



5 Get advice early — you do not need to be certain that exploitation is happening.



Stay involved. Stay informed. Keep them safe.

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

Herefordshire Children's Services – SAFE Team

For advice and support about child exploitation (including online exploitation) and missing children.



Email: exploitationteam@herefordshire.gov.uk



If a child is in immediate danger call **999**



For safeguarding concerns contact **Herefordshire MASH**

01432 260800 (office hours)

01905 768020 (out of hours)

Trust your instincts.

Early advice can make a difference.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



Herefordshire Council



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

NCT Malvern Hills Nearly New Sale

Our Pop Up
Shop Is Back!

Children's
Clothes, Books
and More!

Saturday 7th
November 2026

1.30pm

(1.15pm for NCT members)

£3 on the door

(Under 16s free)



The Dome
Imperial Road
Great Malvern
WR14 3AW

(What3Words:
///dance.carbon.cling)



Scan Here
to sign up to sell or
volunteer with us!



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!

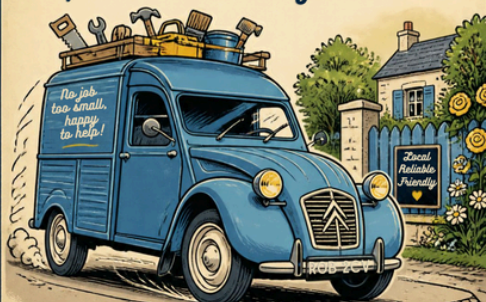
Details of where to bring your carved pumpkin, and when, will be in the October edition of the Newsletter, so watch out for them!

And start practising NOW!



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for our school! All donations
will be used by Stride Active to
deliver the Herefordshire
Summer Games.



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Entries close, midday
6th November 2026



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