

SPRING TERM
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School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week in school, with much to celebrate and reflect upon.

Firstly, I would like to thank our wonderful school community for the overwhelming kindness and generosity shown towards the family who recently lost their home due to a fire. The compassion, donations and offers of support have truly demonstrated what a caring and united community we are. I know the family have been deeply touched by your thoughtfulness during such a difficult time. Thank you for embodying the values we strive to instil in our children every day.

I am incredibly proud of the children who represented our school at recent Football and Athletics events. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout. Whether competing on the pitch or in the sports hall, they were fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we are very proud of their efforts and achievements.

It was also lovely to welcome so many of you into school for Parents' Evening. The strong partnership between home and school makes such a difference to children's progress and wellbeing. Thank you for taking the time to meet with teachers and discuss your child's learning journey, your support is invaluable.

A gentle reminder to please complete the Parent Survey if you have not already done so. Your feedback is extremely important to us and helps to shape our school priorities moving forward. We genuinely value your views and encourage all families to take a few moments to respond.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see a little sunshine this week, even if it didn't stay for long! The brighter weather certainly lifted spirits and gave us a welcome opportunity to enjoy some outdoor learning and play.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Gob Bless,
Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

LOVE

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22



School Calendar



March

- 2 - Dental Check for 5 Year Olds
- 5 - World Book Day
- 13 - Pyramid Schools Tournament Oak Class (letter to follow)
- 13 - FoCS Non-uniform for bingo prizes
- 20 - Red Nose Day
- 20 - FoCS Easter Bingo
- 23 - Y5/6 Football Tournament at Wyeside (letter to follow)
- 26 - Y5 to Dyson Perrins Taster Morning
- 27 - End of Term
- 30 March - 2 April - Holiday Club

April

- 7-10 - Holiday Club
- 14 - Summer Term Starts

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



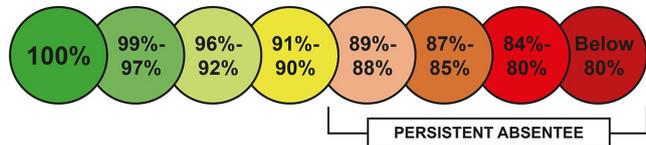
Well done to Sycamore Class who have had 99.26% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	97.80%
Sycamore Class	99.26%
Birch Class	98.68%
Oak Class	98.44%

Whole school 98.55%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Parent Survey



Please complete our Parent Survey by Friday 6th March.

<https://forms.office.com/e/XE5H191tu4?origin=lprLink>

Click the link or scan the QR code.

Thank you!

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	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 2-3	Mrs Galvin
SATs Practice	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	Yr 6	Mr Probert
Gardening	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 4-5	Mrs Jones
Yoga	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-2	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.



Friends of Cradley School

Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

News

Hello everyone,

Welcome back, we hope you had a great school break and are ready for an exciting few weeks ahead.

Easter Colouring Competition.

Our Easter colouring templates will be sent out next week. Suggested donation of £2 per entry, simply send in your donation with your completed design. There will an Easter prize awarded for the most egg-cellent design. Get colouring and join the fun!

Guess the Name of the Easter Bunny

Our little lovelies in Nursery can also take part in our “Guess the Name of the Easter Bunny” competition. Suggested donation of £1 per guess. Just let Nursery know your guess.

Marshmallow Friday is 27th March

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



Support the school whilst you online shop



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
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 Or 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

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 19th May

FOCS will be selling refreshments throughout the event.

School Summer Fayre

From 3:15pm on Friday 10th July

Lots of stalls, refreshments and of course the inflatables!

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.

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

Sebastian

Liora for taking a risk and trying new foods to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Sebastian for his amazing imagination and role play skills with all children.

MAPLE CLASS

Friendship Award Star of the Week

Melody

Freddie for his brilliant enthusiasm in phonics sessions.

SYCAMORE CLASS

Friendship Award Star of the Week

Arthur

Nathan for his fantastic attitude since coming back to school.

BIRCH CLASS

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

William

Jack for showing such a positive attitude towards Maths and English this week.

Aidan for having a great week.

OAK CLASS

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

Elena

Dexter for showing great emotional awareness in PSHE.

Rennelle for her amazing effort in the Sports Hall Athletics competition.

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Deklan and Oskar for being very brave and resilient this week.

James M for being an amazing sportsman and showing great skill in the football tournament.

Head Teacher's Award



Head Teacher's Award



Friendship Award



Stars of the Week





Nursery News



This week we have started our new topic of Growing and Measuring and have enjoyed two special celebrations. On Monday, the children were treated to pancakes after PE, with their own choice of toppings, which included strawberries, bananas and sprinkles. Then on Wednesday, they learnt about Chinese New Year, joining in with some dragon dancing and exploring how to use chopsticks. This was followed by a Chinese themed snack time, where the children got to enjoy spring rolls, prawn crackers, rice, noodles and different sauces.

Alongside all of this, it has been so nice to be able to get back outside and enjoy some of the Springtime sunshine, that seems to have finally arrived!

Sycamore Class



We have started a new text in Class 2, *The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth*. The children enjoyed finding and describing bones in sand and had lots of questions about who the bones belonged to, and wondered if they belonged to the Woolley Mammoth.



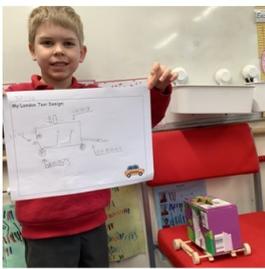
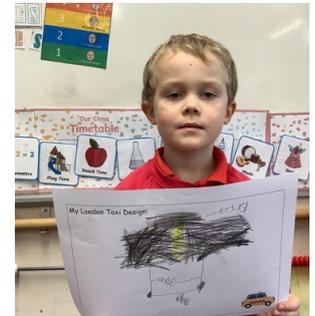
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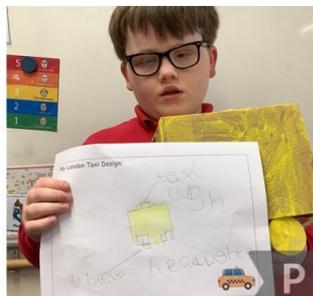
To kick start our new Geography topic, Bright Lights and Big Cities, the children explored the question, What is a landmark?



Sycamore Class



Over this term Sycamore have been learning about different parts of vehicles, including axles. The children have designed and made their own taxis.



Birch Class

We went on a walk and had a very exciting visit this week to see William's pigs!



Whitman's Hill Quarry

Mark Baggott, Earth Heritage Trust champion for Whitman's Hill Quarry, plans on visiting the quarry on Saturday 7th March from Storridge Village hall car park. He can provide a fossil display and a few fossils for sale plus the fossil boxes (like the one already in school) and fossils from the quarry in the hall as well and teas and coffees.

The trip will be from 10am until 2pm, setting off for the quarry around 10.30am once all are ready.

The car park is the limiting factor on numbers (use the church lay-by if full) so as previously there will be a charge of £5 per car or £2 per head whichever is the greater and ensures we cover the cost and any surplus will be a donation to the fossil box project, (we have now delivered 188 boxes to schools across the UK).

Get in touch with Mark Baggott on m.baggott@worc.ac.uk or 07748 181044 if interested and he will book 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.

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