

**SPRING TERM**

**6 March 2026**



**CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

T: 01886 880315  
E: [admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk)  
W: [www.cradleyschool.org.uk](http://www.cradleyschool.org.uk)  
Headteacher: Mrs Donna Jones

# School Newsletter

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, a special opportunity to share our love of reading across the school. Stories allow children to explore new worlds, meet different characters and experience life from different perspectives.

Reading also helps children develop empathy. By understanding how characters think and feel, they learn to appreciate the feelings and experiences of others — an important part of growing into kind and thoughtful members of our community. Empathy is one of our key school values. Empathy is important to us because it helps the whole school community understand each other's feelings and experiences. When everyone shows empathy, it creates a supportive and respectful environment where children feel safe, valued, and ready to learn.

Remember children who read at home 3 times a week can be entered into our Reader of the Week raffle and get the chance to win book related prizes. Please remember to read with your child at home. Thank you for continuing to support reading at home and helping us nurture a lifelong love of books.

Have a great weekend,

God bless,

Mrs Jones

### VALUE OF THE MONTH

#### HUMILITY

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.'

Ephesians 4:2



# School Calendar



## March

- 12 - Birch Class Open Classroom, 8.50am
- 13 - Pyramid Schools Tournament Oak Class (letter to follow)
- 13 - FoCS Non-uniform for bingo prizes
- 19 - Oak Class Open Classroom, 8.50am
- 20 - Red Nose Day
- 20 - FoCS Easter Bingo
- 23 - Y5/6 Football Tournament at Wyeside (letter to follow)
- 26 - Easter Service at the Church, 9.00am
- 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](mailto:elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com)**



Guitar & Ukelele Lessons  
with Tom Doherty  
[tom-doherty@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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



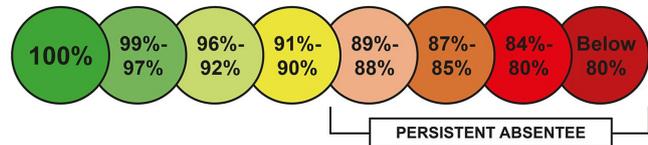
Well done to Birch Class who have had 98.95% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	90.52%
Sycamore Class	95.29%
Birch Class	98.95%
Oak Class	95.31%

Whole school 95.02%

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which **CIRCLE** are you in?

## Parent Survey



Please complete our Parent Survey by Monday 9th 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.**

You should all now have your Easter Colouring Competition template. 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.

### **Non uniform next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

in exchange for items for our upcoming Bingo evening

### **Marshmallow Friday is 27<sup>th</sup> March**

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



**Support the school whilst you online shop**



**Thinking of booking your summer holiday – TUI are donating 2.5%** 

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
-  Shop as usual
-  FoCS receives a donation

 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](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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> March



### Family Bingo Night

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for a raffle prize for the Bingo evening

### Sponsored Run

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

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



### Sports Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

FOCS will be selling refreshments throughout the event.

### School Summer Fayre

From 3:15pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Lots of stalls, refreshments and of course the inflatables!

### Cradley Village Fayre

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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

Mason  
Edith for her excellent listening and attention skills in PE sessions this term.  
Otto for his brilliant knowledge on our current topic of Growing and Measuring.

## MAPLE CLASS

### Friendship Award Star of the Week

Ivy  
Pryia for working hard on her letter formation.

## SYCAMORE CLASS

### Friendship Award Star of the Week

Philip  
Oliver for his fantastic effort in geography.

## BIRCH CLASS

### Friendship Award Stars of the Week

Owen  
Jack and Ben for using their own initiative and writing their own stories at home.

## OAK CLASS

### Friendship Award Stars of the Week

Kenny  
Arian for his amazing preparation towards SATs.  
Jenson for his thought provoking insights in guided reading.

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Nathan for showing kindness and being helpful.  
Benjamin for perseverance wearing his World Book Day costume all day.

## Head Teacher's Award



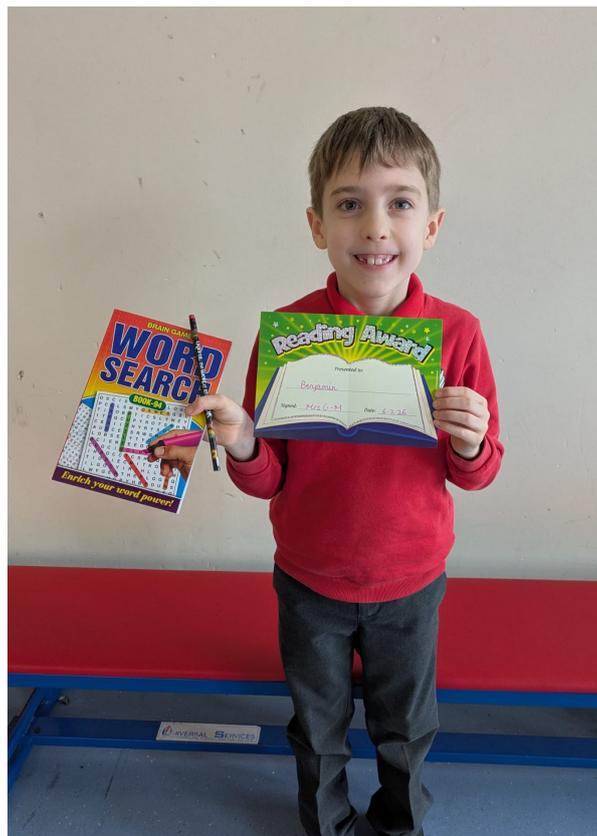
## Stars of the Week

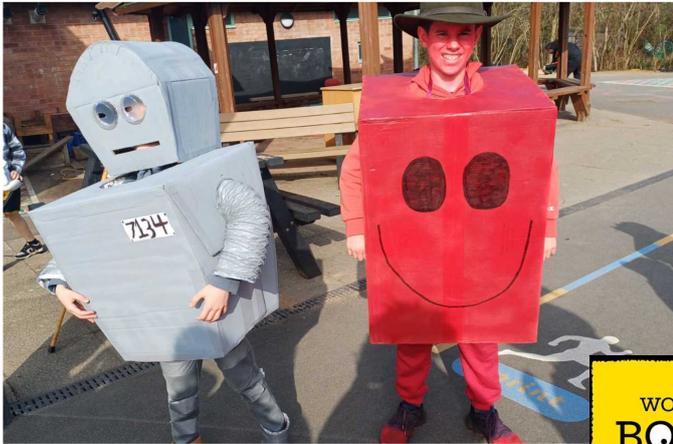


## Friendship Award



## Reader of the Week





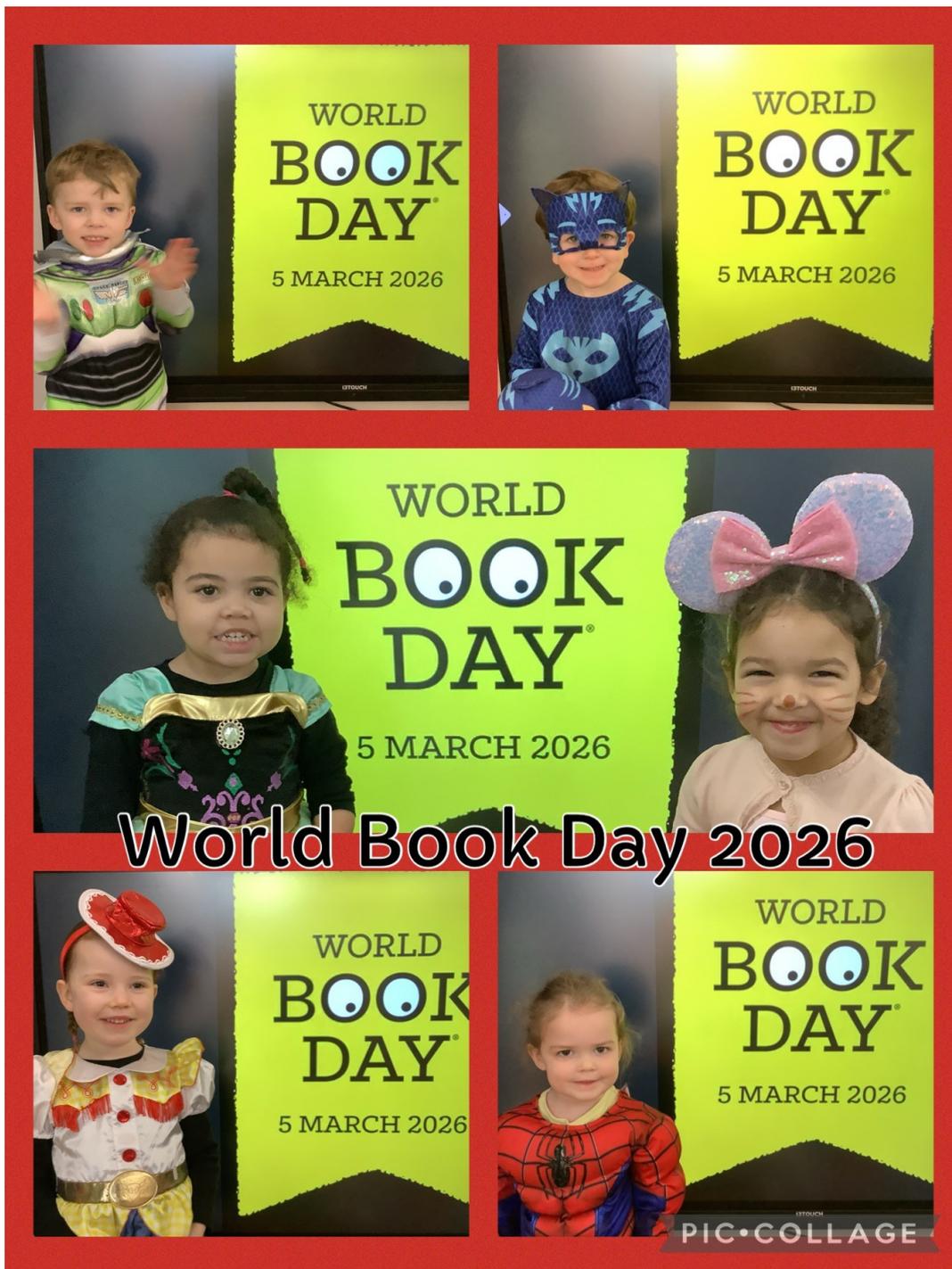
WORLD  
**BOOK DAY**  
5 MARCH 2026



PHOTOCARDS.A



## Nursery News



### World Book Day 2026

This week as part of our Growing and Measuring topic, we have added some new additions to nursery - caterpillars which we are going to watch turn into beautiful butterflies and frogspawn, which we are going to look after and observe as they turn into tadpoles and then frogs.

The children have talked about their own families and friends whilst looking at how we change as we grow from a baby to an adult and have enjoyed looking after the baby dolls - bathing, feeding and changing them. Outside, there have been opportunities to join in with some gardening as the children have been digging and scooping up compost, ready to plant their own beans - I wonder who will grow the biggest beanstalk?

# Maple Class

Maple Class were so excited to be back in Forest School today!



# Sycamore Class



We had some interesting characters chopping, cutting, slicing and mashing in our DT lesson this week.



PIC • COLLAGE

# Sycamore Class



Class 2 enjoyed their first Yoga session, practicing different poses.



PIC•COLLAGE

## Birch Class

Birch class had a fantastic opportunity on Monday - they took part in a virtual English lesson with the British Library. They had special guests, one being Michael Rosen! This has truly inspired the children as they are going home writing stories.



# Mason Bee House

The Mason Bee house installed just outside the nursery door has been donated to Cradley School by Cradley Wild as part of the 'Bee Village' project.

Mason bees are solitary and do not sting – they have no sting – and are good pollinators.

You are probably aware that bee population numbers are in serious decline. As bees and other pollinators pollinate around 90% of wild plants and 75% of food crops, this is a calamity that affects all of us. For 2026, the aim of Cradley Wild is to work with residents and community groups on various bee-friendly initiatives to boost bee numbers. We hope to record this to see what difference we have made.

The next meeting of Cradley Wild is on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm in the village hall - "**Let it bee**". Anna Stankiewicz, Herefordshire Meadows, will advise us about the best ways to attract and support bees (and other pollinators) in our gardens.

Tony Copp, for Gardening Club.

**LET IT BEE:  
CREATING GARDENS  
TO SUPPORT BEES**

A talk by Anna Stankiewicz,  
Meadows Adviser,  
Herefordshire Meadows  
12 March, 4pm,  
Cradley Village Hall

Plus the launch of CRADLEY BEE  
VILLAGE. Come along to find out more.  
Cradley Wild members and children,  
free; guests, £3. Everyone welcome.

Malvern Hills  
National  
Landscape

Cradley Wild

HM Herefordshire  
Meadows

## 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](mailto: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.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE  
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Malvern Hills

nict

Nearly New

SALE

£2 cash entry  
on the door!  
No need to  
book ahead

OUR POP UP SHOP IS BACK!

Children's  
toys, books  
clothes and more!



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
1:30pm - 3pm (1:15pm for NCT members)  
The Dome, Malvern St James School,  
Imperial Road, WR14 3AW  
(What3words: ///dance.carbon.cling)



Seller registration now open:  
Limited Spaces



# EASTER HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Get **50% OFF** your  
booking — only **£15.75**  
total for 4 lessons!

**Limited spots – don't miss out!**

Call us on **01432 842075**, or pop in to  
your local pool to secure your child's place.

\*Terms & conditions apply.  
Offer ends 22nd March 2026.



halo