



AUTUMN TERM
5 December 2025

CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the season of Advent, this time of preparation invites us to pause, reflect, and look forward with hope to the celebration of Christmas. In school, the children have been learning about the meaning of Advent—waiting, kindness, and the joy of giving—values we are proud to see reflected in their daily interactions.

It has certainly been a busy week for us all. As you know, the unexpected water leaks caused significant disruption and led to the temporary closure of the school. We want to extend a sincere thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding during this challenging time. Your support makes an enormous difference, and we are grateful for the calm and positivity shown by pupils and families alike.

To help us refocus on the spirit of the season, each class has been taking part in our Random Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar. Each day brings a simple, meaningful challenge—sharing a smile, offering help to a friend, or sending notes of appreciation to our family. We hope these small acts spread warmth within our school community and beyond.

We have been capturing many of these lovely moments, along with festive activities happening around the school. Do take a look at the photos on our school's social media over the next few weeks, where you'll find glimpses of the children's creativity and enthusiasm as we journey through Advent together.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to a joyful and peaceful lead-up to Christmas.

God Bless,

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

PEACE

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



School Calendar

December

- 9 & 10 - Nativity - book tickets on Arbor
- 10 - ASC Christmas Party
- 10 - Y5/6 Residential Meeting for Parents 5.30pm.
- 16 - Christmas Lunch - order on Arbor
- 17 - Whole School to Panto at Worcester
- 17 - Nursery to West Midlands Safari Park
- 18 - Carol Service at Church 6pm
- 19 - Last day of term
- 22 & 23 - Holiday Club
- 29 & 30 - Holiday Club

January

- 6 - Back to school
- 20 - Rags 2 Riches clothing collection



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



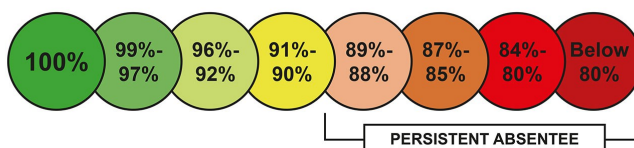
Well done to Birch Class who have had 97.89% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.45am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class 90.0%
Sycamore Class 89.41%
Birch Class 97.89%
Oak Class 94.79%

Whole school 93.02%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Clubs

Next week is the last week for clubs this term. Clubs for the Spring term will be open for booking once we are back in school.

Club	Day/Time	Years	Member of Staff
Lego	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 1-3	Mrs Jones
Tag Rugby	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	Mr Clayton
Running	Tuesday Lunchtime	Yrs 4-6	Miss Guy
Choir	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Hughes
iPads	Wednesday Lunchtime	Yrs R-2	Miss Guy & Digital Leaders
Netball	Wednesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 1-3	Ms Creek
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	JH Football Coaching
Debating	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 4-6	Mr Probert
Football	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 1-3	JH Football Coaching
Netball	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 4-6	Mrs Theakston

School Lunches

Please see the menu for this term below. Orders must be placed for the week by midnight on the Wednesday before. Please order on Arbor.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	W/C
WEEK 1	Ham & Pineapple Croquette Potatoes Peas	Chicken Meatballs Penne Pasta in Tomato Sauce Sweetcorn	Fish Cakes Hash Browns Spaghetti Hoops	Cottage Pie Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Hot Dogs Salad Bar Baked Beans	03/09/2025 22/09/2025 13/10/2025 10/11/2025 01/12/2025
VEGGIE:	*** Cheese Omelette	*** Meat Free Veggie Meatballs	*** Meat Free Sausage Rolls	*** Quorn Cottage Pie	*** Veggie Hot Dog	
PUDDING:	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad Fruit Yoghurts	Apple Crumble & Custard	Banana Cake	Fruit Jellies	
WEEK 2	Lasagne Garlic Bread Salad Bar	Chicken Burger Potato Wedges Salad Bar	Oven Baked Fish Croquettes Peas	Sausages Roast Potatoes Carrots, Broccoli Gravy	Margherita Pizza Salad Bar Baked Beans	08/09/2025 29/09/2025 20/10/2025 17/11/2025 08/12/2025
VEGGIE:	*** Veggie Lasagne	*** Veggie Burger	*** Cheese & Onion Quiche	*** Veggie Sausages	*** Margherita Pizza	
PUDDING:	Flavoured Mousse	Lemon Sponge & Custard	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Toffee Sauce	Flapjack	Fruit Salad Fruit Yoghurts	
WEEK 3	Mild Chilli Con Carne Taco Shells Rice Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato Day Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise Salad Bar	Fish Fingers Hash Browns Peas	Italian Pasta Bake Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Hot Dogs Salad Bar Baked Beans	15/09/2025 06/10/2025 04/11/2025 24/11/2025 15/12/2025
VEGGIE:	*** Veggie Mild Chilli Con Carne		*** Veggie Fingers		*** Veggie Hot Dog	
PUDDING:	Chocolate Brownie	Jam Tart & Custard	Ice Cream	Fairy Cakes	Fruit Fruit Yoghurts	

ALSO: JACKET POTATOES WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, BAKED BEANS OR TUNA & MAYONNAISE. FRESHLY MADE BAGUETTES WITH A CHOICE OF HAM, CHEESE, OR TUNA MAYONNAISE. SALAD BAR AVAILABLE. FRESH FRUIT ALWAYS AVAILABLE.



TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2025

MAIN COURSE

Roast turkey, roast potatoes, cocktail sausage,
stuffing, carrots, peas and gravy

Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, stuffing, carrots,
peas and gravy (v)

DESSERT

Santa Cake

COST: NURSERY £2.85
KS2 £3.00

PLEASE BOOK ON ARBOR BY MIDNIGHT
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025



Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

News

Friends of Cradley School

Hello Everyone

The FoCS Elves are still busy at it! Here is a run down of the upcoming events FoCS are holding:

Wreath Making

Our first Wreath Making event hosted by The Little Flower Farm Malvern Hills was a huge success, all places were sold for both dates! We are feeling like this one will be a new tradition.

Christmas Fayre

FoCS will have a stall at the Cradley Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 6th December** at Cradley Church. Come along and show your support and thank you to all our lovely volunteers who are helping this year.

Christmas Carol Concert

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the Christmas Carol Concert. The generosity is much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 18th December** at Cradley Church.

Christmas Raffle

We have some amazing prizes on offer for the Christmas Raffle which is being held on **Friday 19th December**. So far, we have the following prizes up for grabs:

Our Amazing Prizes

- **Cotswold Wildlife Park tickets**
- **Ice Quest Malvern tickets**
- **Malvern Candle Company goodies**
- **Malvern Theatre cinema tickets**
 - **Spetchley Garden entry**
- **Three Counties Showground tickets**
 - **We Flourish donation**
- **West Midlands Safari Park tickets**
 - **High Tea for two at Holloway**
- **Our amazing food and goodie hampers**

If you need more tickets, please ask a member of the FoCS team or school reception.

!! Donate whilst you do your online Christmas Shopping for free !!

If you haven't already, please sign up to Easy Fundraising. 100s of high-street brands donate every time you shop online. A free and easy way to raise funds.

Simply sign up and download the Easy Fundraising app. Your chosen cause is "Friends of Cradley School"

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcradleyschool>

Make life easier and enable your donation reminder – you can find information on how to do this via Easy Fundraising website or our Facebook Page "Friends of Cradley Church of England Primary School (FoCS)"

If you can help with any of the upcoming Christmas events, please contact reception or a member of the FoCS team. As much help as possible is needed and appreciated.

Thank you from the FoCS team - Cass, Charlotte and Verity.

Friends of Cradley School (FOCS)



Friends of Cradley School

Upcoming events



Marshmallow Fridays

24th October **and** 28th November @ 15:15 in the Playground.

Hot chocolate and marshmallows; please bring change.



Crazy Hair Day

Friday 28th November
Wackiest hairstyles (with normal School uniform).

Please bring a donation of a gift for the pop-up shop (no edibles).



FOCS Stall at the Cradley Christmas Fayre

At Cradley Church and Village Hall on Saturday 6th December.

Volunteers needed to help on the day.



Non-uniform Day

Friday 5th December

Please bring a donation for the Christmas raffle - biscuits, box of chocolates, bottles of alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks.



Wreath Making

28/11 & 01/12

We are really looking forward to 2 fun, festive evenings run by the Little Flower Farm in our School hall.



Christmas Pop-up Shop

Friday 12th December
Please send your child in with money in a named purse to purchase gifts for their family (£1/gift).



Christmas Carol Concert

Cradley Church, Thursday 18th December

We will be selling drinks and sweet treats. Please bring change.



Annual FOCS Christmas Raffle

Look out for raffle tickets coming home with your children and get selling to family and friends!

Draw takes place Friday 19th December at 15:15 in the Playground!



Family Bingo Night Friday 20th March



It's Disco Time! Friday 6th February



Look out for more details of our Spring and Summer events when we return to School in January.



WEEKLY AWARDS



HAZEL CLASS

Friendship Award

Mason

Stars of the Week

Bee for growing in independence in nursery and becoming more confident with all adults in the room.

Elias for his amazing attention to detail when learning our nativity dance ready for next week.

MAPLE CLASS

Friendship Award

Reuben

Stars of the Week

Ivy for fantastic participation in the nativity.

Molly for fantastic participation in the nativity.

SYCAMORE CLASS

Friendship Award

Ruby-Mae

Star of the Week

Phillip for his amazing progression in maths.

BIRCH CLASS

Friendship Award

Charlotte

Stars of the Week

Isaac for being kind, respectful and helpful.

Rory for being kind, respectful and helpful.

OAK CLASS

Friendship Award

Rosie

Stars of the Week

James for learning his lines for our class performance and delivering them eloquently.

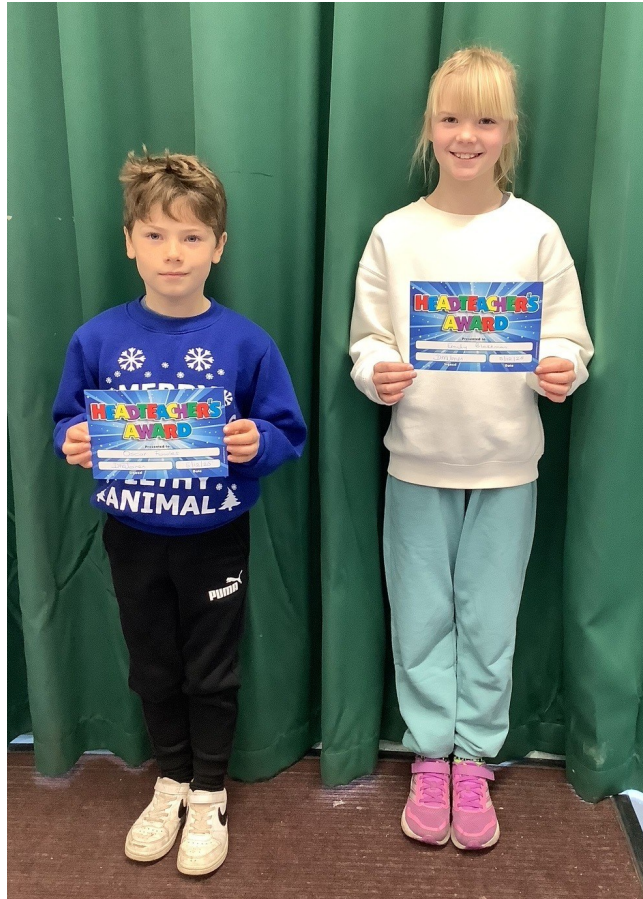
Rennelle for her confident delivery in our class performance.

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Oscar for the mature and sensible way he moves around school, especially in front of younger children.

Emily for being totally dependable and particularly helpful in Birch Class this week.

Head Teacher's Award



Stars of The Week



Friendship Award



Y3/4 Football Team

Our football team played in a tournament at Herefordshire FA yesterday and were brilliant!

"The kids were awesome - impeccably behaved and so skilful at football - I was really impressed." Mrs Henry

"Well done guys you were all excellent today and behaved perfectly."
Mr Fowles (parent)





Hazel News



The countdown to Christmas has begun.....



PIC•COLLAGE

We have officially started the countdown to Christmas in nursery and the children have had fun this week exploring the festively decorated room and activities. We are starting each morning off with our advent calendar, where the children wait to see whose name is behind the number, before choosing a special pot of play dough.

Our elf arrived on Monday, inside a giant elf balloon and has already been causing some cheekiness, which the children are finding very funny - whilst he is watching what everyone is up too, ready to report back to Santa!

Random Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar

On Monday we started our Kindness Advent Calendar - each day we've opened the door and taken on the kindness challenge for that day. So far we have given someone a hug, told family that we love them, smiled at everyone we see and done extra chores! It's been a wonderful start to December!



Christmas

22-23 December

29-30 December

Holiday Club

At Cradley CE Primary School
WR13 5NG

Booking is
now open!

Session Times

9am - 1pm

9am - 3pm

8am - 5pm

1pm - 3pm

Activities

- Enrichment activities including Tennis and Tae Kwon Do
- Trip to West Midlands Safari Park
- Movie and party afternoons

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

Hot Lunch option is available when booking or children must bring their own packed lunch.

For more information please email
ismith@cradley.hereford.sch.uk

Booking and payment must be made in advance using this link: [Cradley Holiday Club with Cradley Holiday Club - Eegu](#)

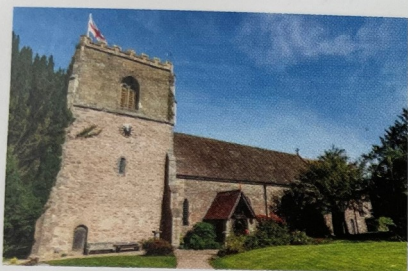
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Christmas Holiday Club

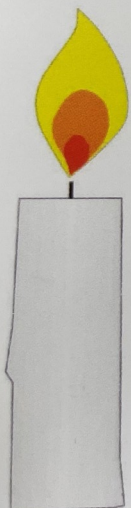
Monday 22nd December	Tuesday 23rd December	Monday 29th December	Tuesday 30th December
Morning - Connexus Sports	Santa Safari at West Midlands Safari Park	Morning - Connexus Sports	Morning - Tae Kwon Do with GMSTKD
Afternoon - Movie afternoon		Afternoon - Movie afternoon	Afternoon - Party Afternoon

All activities are weather dependent and subject to change.

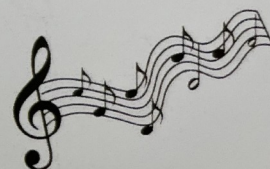
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Church-4-All!



All-together worship
1st Sunday each month
Cradley Church
10:45am



With Jimmy's Band

activities - songs - bible stories - refreshments
www.cradleychurch.org.uk

2nd Sunday in Advent

Come and join us in Cradley Church at 10.45am this Sunday 7th December to hear the story about "The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas". Something wonderful is going to happen in the old empty barn but the owl who lives there wants to be left alone. The story tells us of Jesus' birth through the eyes of the owl. We will decorate little owls and decorate a Christmas tree with them.

Fun for all!

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2026-2027

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2026
(to commence September 2026)

Applications can be completed from
15 September 2025 online
(scan QR code) or visit:



www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

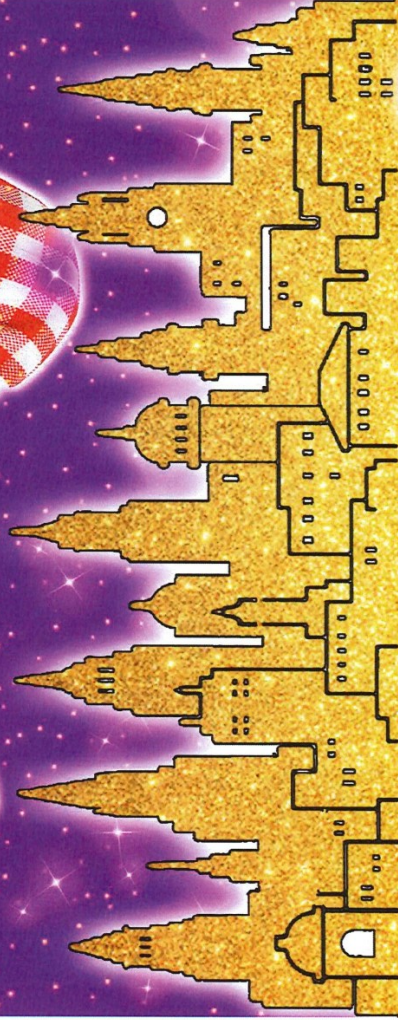
Please note: a place at a nursery does not
guarantee a place at the associated primary
school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or
schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

JOHN MASEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL'S PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
proudly presents JMHS' First KS3 Panto...



Dick Whittington



BOOK NOW!

Tues 9th - Weds 10th Dec 2025

tickets: £7 (£4 students)
BOX OFFICE: ticketsource.co.uk/masefieldarts | 0333 666 3366
or in person on the door



SHREK THE MUSICAL

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by
DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street
Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

12th-14th February 2026
(2pm matinee on 14th)

Tickets £10 adults, £6 students
[ticketsource/masefieldarts](https://ticketsource.com/masefieldarts)

