Friday 6th November 2026

NEWSLETTER

The Latest News From Cradley Primary School

A Note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great first week back! It was lovely to welcome our staff, governors and parents to our Cheese and Wine evening, where we shared our three-year development plan and talked about some of the key areas we'll be working on this year. This was an opportunity to celebrate our recent OFSTED and to share our vision moving forward.

I'm particularly excited about introducing OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). You'll be hearing much more about this over the coming weeks.

We have lots planned for this half term. Next week, we'll be marking Remembrance Day and taking part in a Children in Need fun run!

There will also be opportunities for you to come into school and share in your children's experiences. Please take a look at the Family Calendar for dates and details. We want you to be part of our journey!

Have a great weekend.

God Bless,

Donna Jones
Headteacher



Value of the Month

COURAGE

"But Jesus immediately said to them: Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Matthew 14:27

Calendar Dates

12 Nov - Teeny Tots, 10.00am-11.30am (every Thursday)

13 Nov - Children In Need

13 Nov - Birch Class to British Camp

16 & 17 Nov - Bikeability for Y6

16 Nov - Odd Socks Day

18 Nov - Birch Class Collective Worship, 8.50am

19 Nov - Y5/6 Dodgeball @ JMHS (letter to follow)

20 Nov - Own clothes day in exchange for hamper donation (FoCS)

20 Nov - Forest School Tots, 10.30am-12.00pm (every other Friday)

27 Nov - FoCS Wreath Making Workshop

2 Dec - Oak Class Welcome Wednesday

5 Dec - Cradley Christmas Fayre (FoCS Stall)

8 & 9 Dec - Nativity Performances

15 Dec - Christmas Lunch

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	THURDSAY	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 half-term.
Clubs 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
Basketball (Second Half-term)	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 5-6	Miss Foster
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 Birch Class who have had 97.5% 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 89.42%
Sycamore Class 91.67%
Birch Class 97.5%
Oak Class 92.26%

Herefordshire Football Tournament

Our Year 5 and 6 football team played in a Herefordshire Schools tournament at herefordshire FA on Thursday. They played brilliantly, showing great team work. They did Cradley School proud!



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.



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.


SOMETHING NEW
IS COMING TO
CRADLEY C.E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY
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WATCH THIS SPACE!
WE ARE LOOKING FOR
WATERPROOF COATS
TROUSERS AND WELLIES
IF YOUR CHILDREN HAVE GROWN OUT OF THINGS PLEASE
DONATE!

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.

Welcome back, we hope you all had a fantastic Autumn break. 🍎🍂🌳
If you have any leftover Halloween sweets please donate them to us as we can make use of them!

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.
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🎄 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🚨

🎄❄️Christmas Jumper Day ❄️🎄

Bring a little Christmas magic to school on 7 December 2026! Children are invited to wear their favourite festive jumper in exchange for donating Christmas presents for our much-loved pop-up shop. This special experience gives children the joy of choosing and wrapping a gift themselves — a little surprise, picked with love, for someone they care about. To help as many children as possible enjoy this festive tradition, purchases will be limited to two items per child, with each item priced from £1 to £3. Thank you for helping make these heartfelt moments possible.

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, Laura & Verity

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Stars Of The Week

Nursery	
Friendship Award **Stars Of The Week**	Avyaan Tilly for her amazing start to her journey at Cradley Nursery, Archie W for his amazing start to Cradley Nursery.
Maple Class	
Friendship Award **Star Of The Week**	Harriet Nola for being such a kind and caring member of Maple Class.
Sycamore Class	
Friendship Award **Star Of The Week**	Faye Philip for becoming more independent and confident when using phonics knowledge to read and spell.
Birch Class	
Friendship Award **Star Of The Week**	Ben Billy for his improvement in English and taking care with his handwriting.
Oak Class	
Friendship Award **Star Of The Week**	Sophie Adam for his hard work in class and being polite and respectful.
Headteacher Award	Owen for taking great care with his presentation and handwriting. Hudson for a huge improvement in presentation, taking care with the way he sets out his work.

Nursery



This week the children have had great fun learning and discovering about Guy Fawkes and the reasons that we celebrate Bonfire Night.

They have listened to the famous Guy Fawkes story and learnt about why we celebrate with bonfires and fireworks, and have had a go at creating some very bright and colourful, sparkly firework pictures.

On Tuesday, we built a pretend fire in nursery and the children got to use their imaginations and create their own stories and play scenarios, based on their own personal experiences and understanding. There was a chance to 'toast' some delicious marshmallows and join in with some singing around the fire. We also used this as an opportunity to promote fire safety to the children; recapping on ways they can keep safe whilst being around bonfires and fireworks.

We have also started our 'On the Farm' topic this week, where the children will be extending their knowledge and developing a range of skills, through a wide range of activities and experiences based around the farm.

On Wednesday, the children were grouping animals together based on how many legs they had, which encouraged the children to become problem solvers and work on their counting skills, as they decided where each animal should be placed.

There was a farm themed sensory tray available on Thursday for the children to explore, whilst moving the animals and characters around the tray, the children were building their understanding of prepositional language, whilst building their vocabulary and playing and interacting alongside others.

This term we are starting our weekly cooking sessions - where the children will get to make, bake, prepare and create a variety of different tasty things to eat. Today, they have been making pink pig biscuits, using icing and a selection of sweets and edible decorations.

Maple Class

Our Reception children have been busy learning their new sounds, 'll', 'ff', 'ss' and 'j', and exploring how 5 and 5 makes 10 in Maths. Year 1 have been making fantastic progress with their handwriting and have been working hard in Maths, where they have been exploring part-whole models.

Across the class, we have also been learning about Bonfire Night, the Nativity story and Remembrance Day. The children have produced some beautiful pieces of artwork, which we are very proud of.

















Sycamore Class















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Birch Class



Birch Class have been cooking up a storm today! They've made tacos and ratatouille in DT, and enjoyed eating them afterwards!

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Oak Class

In history this week, Oak Class went on a treasure hunt for facts and figures of why The Shang Dynasty ended. The class really enjoyed the hunt around school for clues and answers!















FOREST SCHOOL TOTS

at Cradley Primary School

CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY







UPCOMING DATES

- 6th November
- 20th November
- 4th December
- 18th December

10:30 to 12 noon

Crafts | Activities | Games

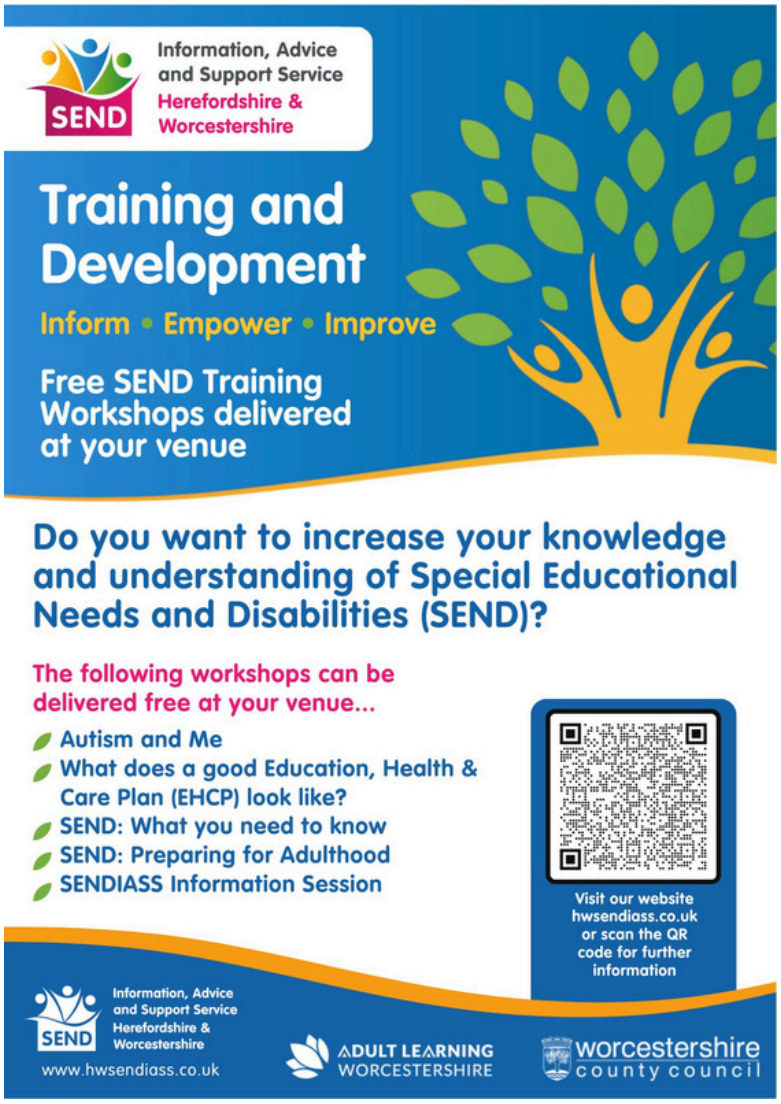
All ages but children should be walking.

Crafts, activities, games all in our beautiful forest school setting. Led by experienced Forest School Leader.

£5 per family

Call 01886880315
or email admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk to book in.


Free SEND Advice Appointments
Malvern
Sunshine Family Hub, Swinyard Rd, Malvern, WR14 1GU
Tuesday 3 & 10 November
Have you got questions about SEND support or the EHCP process? Need help with your next steps?
Meet a SENDIASS Advisor for a FREE 30-minute advice slot.
Find out more
SCAN ME
Appointments available between 9am and 12pm
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SEND Information, Advice and Support Service
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worcestershire county council


SEND
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Herefordshire & Worcestershire
Training and Development
Inform • Empower • Improve
Free SEND Training Workshops delivered at your venue
Do you want to increase your knowledge and understanding of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?
The following workshops can be delivered free at your venue...
Autism and Me
What does a good Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) look like?
SEND: What you need to know
SEND: Preparing for Adulthood
SENDIASS Information Session
Visit our website hwsendiass.co.uk or scan the QR code for further information
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Information, Advice and Support Service
Herefordshire & Worcestershire
www.hwsendiass.co.uk
ADULT LEARNING WORCESTERSHIRE
worcestershire county council

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.

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MALVERN JUNIOR NETBALL ACADEMY

Join our netball club

FREE TASTER SESSION

For children in school year 4/5/6

Friday 27th November
6-7pm, Indoor @ Sport Dyson Perrins Leisure Centre, Malvern. WR14 1WD.



- Netball Fundamentals
- Fun Games
- Skill development
- Tactics
- Matches

Limited Spots Available Book in Advance!

To secure your child's place contact:
07879 779569
ben.robertshaw@live.co.uk

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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**

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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)

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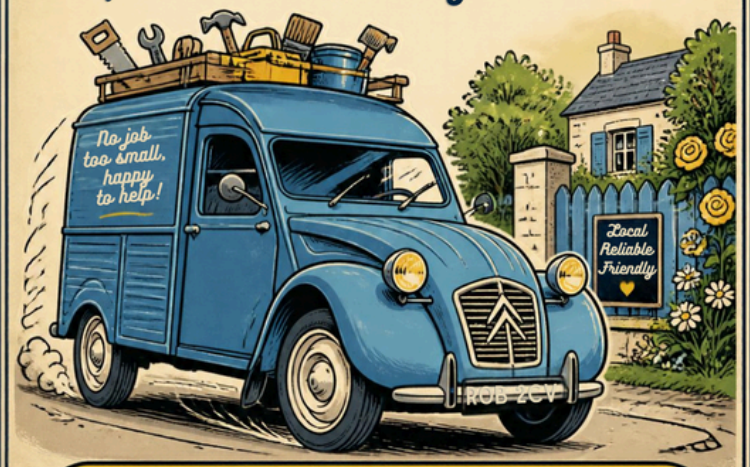
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