

**SUMMER TERM**

**17 April 2026**



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# School Newsletter

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school for the start of the Summer term, and we are already looking forward to a busy and exciting few months ahead.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in their residential visit to Conwy. I am delighted to share that the trip was a great success. The children demonstrated excellent behaviour, resilience, and teamwork throughout their stay. They embraced new challenges and created lasting memories — something they should all be very proud of. My thanks go to the staff who organised and supported this valuable experience.

This term, we are pleased to be offering cricket coaching sessions for all classes. These sessions provide a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop new skills, build confidence, and enjoy being active. We are excited to see their progress over the coming weeks.

We also have a number of school trips planned, which are now being booked. These experiences play an important role in enriching the curriculum and bringing learning to life. Further details will be shared with you shortly, and we appreciate your support in ensuring all permissions and payments are completed on time.

As always, we value the strong partnership between school and home. This term, we will be providing a range of opportunities for parents and carers to become more involved in school life, whether through attending events, supporting activities, or engaging with your child's learning. We look forward to welcoming you into school and working together to support our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a positive and productive Summer term.

God Bless,

Mrs Jones  
Head Teacher

### VALUE OF THE MONTH

#### TRUST

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'

Proverbs 3:5-6



# School Calendar



## **April**

- 20 - Parents Forum
- 29 - Sycamore Class Open Classroom
- 29-1 May - Y3/4 JCA Condover Hall Residential

## **May**

- 6 - Maple Class Collective Worship
- 7 - Rags to Riches Collection
- 12 - Nursery to Eastnor Castle
- 15 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival @ Ledbury RFC
- 22 - End of Half Term

## **June**

- 1 - Back to School
- 9 - Class Photos
- 10 - Birch Class Collective Worship

## Music Lessons At Cradley

**PIANO, CLARINET,  
SAXOPHONE AND  
SINGING LESSONS**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT**

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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



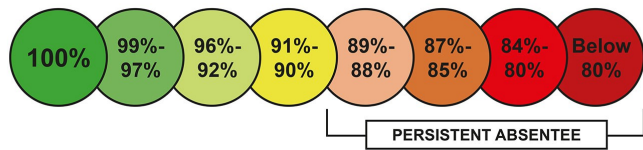
Well done to Sycamore Class who have had 99.11% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	97.8%
Sycamore Class	99.11%
Birch Class	97.1%
Oak Class	98.21%

Whole school 98.06%

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are 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.



**Friends of Cradley School**

# Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

## News

Hello everyone,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a hoppy Easter!

We raised an amazing £74 on the Easter colouring competition and £38 on Marshmallow Friday, so thank you to everyone who supported.

### **Sponsored Family Fun Run Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

We are so excited to announce our first ever family fun run being held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. It's set to be a fantastic day for families to come together, have fun, and support our wonderful school — with full details coming soon.

Every donation and contribution helps us create **memorable experiences** for our children, from school trips and transport to educational resources and enriching activities.

Thank you so much for your continued support — it truly makes a difference — we couldn't do it without you 

Join our [Friends of Cradley Church of England Primary School \(FoCS\)](#) Facebook page.




**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)



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## 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.

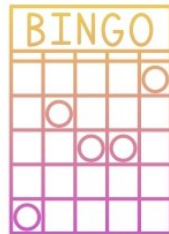
Hot chocolate and sweet treats for sale; **please bring change.** More dates will follow in the Summer term.



# 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.



# Clubs

Below is the list of extra-curricular clubs available to children this term.  
Clubs begin on Monday 20th April 2026.

Club	Day/Time	Years	Member of Staff
Multi-skills	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-3	Ms Creek
Choir – KS2	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Hughes
Gardening	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Mrs Jones
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	JH Football Coaching
Drawing	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 2-4	Mrs Galvin
SATs Practice	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	Yr 6	Mr Probert
Bikes and Scooters	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-1	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.

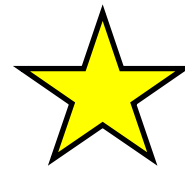
Children must also ensure they:

- 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.



# WEEKLY AWARDS



## HAZEL CLASS

**Friendship Award**  
**Stars of the Week**

Sebastian  
Leah for a brilliant first week in nursery.  
Nola for a brilliant first week in nursery.

## MAPLE CLASS

**Friendship Award**  
**Stars of the Week**

Wilson  
Deklan for brilliant participation in cricket.  
Pryia for fantastic participation in phonics.

## SYCAMORE CLASS

**Friendship Award**  
**Star of the Week**

Nathan  
Jesse L for fantastic effort in retelling a story.  
George for fantastic work in Geography.

## BIRCH CLASS

**Friendship Award**  
**Stars of the Week**

Ayvah  
Charlotte for creating a very good piece of writing in English.  
Owen for his creativity in Art.

## OAK CLASS

**Stars of the Week**

All of Oak Class for being amazing on the residential this week!

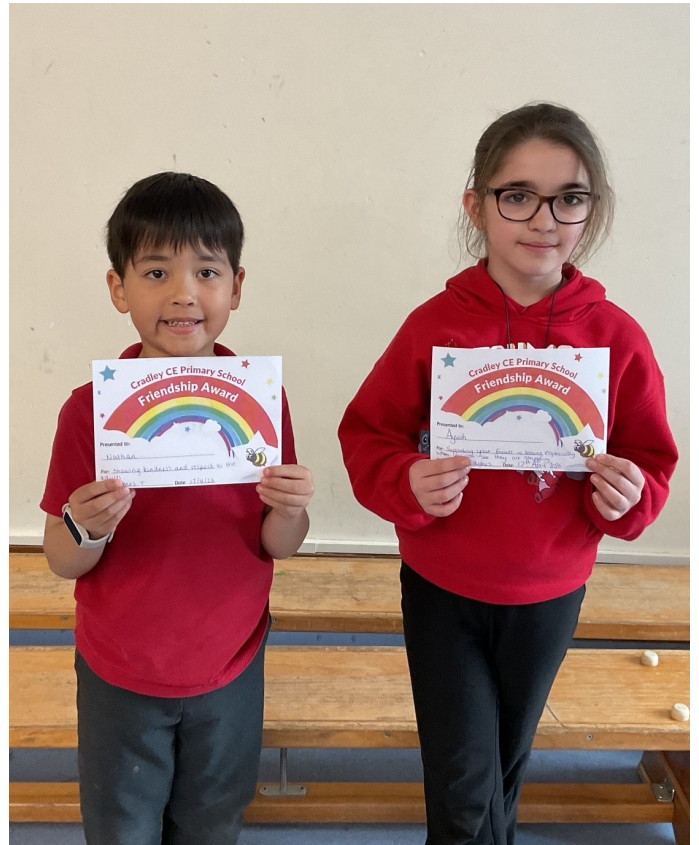
**HEAD TEACHER'S  
AWARD**

Hatty and Ruby for being super helpers.

## Head Teacher's Award



## Friendship Award



## Stars of the Week





## Nursery News



A tasty way to learn about  
'Shape of the Week' - Cone 🍦



PIC•COLLAGE

It has been so nice welcoming back our nursery friends and getting to know some new ones. We have started our new topic of Knights and Castles, where the children have had fun dressing up in fancy costumes and playing in the castle. The children have been having fun learning about shapes, building castles on the light pad and enjoying tasty ice creams!

Today we have enjoyed getting back down into the forest school area, finding out about the world around us and listening to many different sounds.

# Sycamore Class



Class 2 have had a super cricket lesson today!



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# Sycamore Class

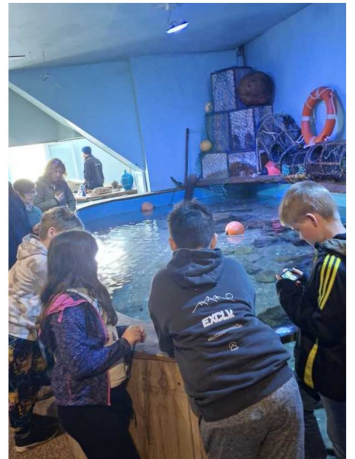


*Class 2 had fun acting out The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth. The children used drama to help them sequence the events and retell the story. Their acting helped them understand the characters, remember key moments and use story language confidently.*



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# Oak Class





# CRADLEY SUMMER FESTIVAL

27 June 2026

at

Queenswood

**Fete 11am - 5pm**

Including old favourites: Novelty Dog Show, craft stalls, bouncy castle

**NEW** this year: Climbing Wall, Superhero/Princess Meet & Greet,  
Party Games in the Arena and more...

**Refreshments:** Bar, Coffee63, Wheelie Good Pizzas, Hog Roast, refreshment tent

**Rock and Folk Concert 7.30pm**

with Accolade

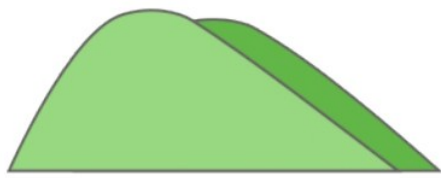
**Refreshments:** Bar, Hooked&Cooked

Advance tickets: £3 for the Fete, £8 for the concert

(£4 and £10 on the gate)

Children **FREE**





# MCS Tennis

## **NEW 11 Week Beginner Starter Course For JUNIORS**



### **11 week starter course for children age 6-8 years**

- **Only £44 for 11 weeks 1/3 OFF normal prices!**
- Monday 3.45-4.30pm
- Course runs Monday April 27 – July 13  
(no session May 25)
- Equipment provided
- Open to non-members

To book, use QR code or visit our website:  
[clubspark.lta.org.uk/MCSTennis/Coaching](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/MCSTennis/Coaching)  
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