



AUTUMN TERM

CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

15th December 2023

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School Newsletter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER	
Tue 19	Christmas Lunch
Tue 19	6pm Carol Service
Wed 20	Nursery to Santa Safari
Wed 20	Whole school to Hereford Panto
Thu 21	ASC Christmas Disco
Thurs 21	End of Term
JANUARY	
Tue 9	Back to School
Thu 25	Rags 2 Riches Collection
Thu 25	Young Voices for Choir
FEBRUARY	
Fri 9	Half Term
Mon 19	Back To School

Message from the Chair of Governors

Nativity, Christmas, rejoice, festive, merry, Christingle, carols, presents oh and this year Aliens!

As a Christian school when we rejoice about Christmas, we retell the Nativity story at the centre of our celebrations, as was the case in our "Christmas with the Aliens", a jolly production from Class 1, 2 and Nursery. Sadly I was unable to attend but I have heard reports of a fantastic performance enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all staff involved and of course your fantastic children who always try their very best.

We look forward to the school celebration in Church next week, where there is a Christmas Tree festival. The school tree is up by the font, thank you for your creative decorations.

Apparently there is a list of four things to give your children at Christmas

.....something they want

.....something they need

.....something to wear

and something to read.

If only that were the case!

As always it has been a busy term in many ways and we thank Mrs Jones for her resolve and leadership based on our Christian values.

Thank you all staff for your hard work and of course thanks to you our parents as without you school would not be what it is.

So.....

Christmas is full of shiny things

That sparkle gleam and glow

These holiday pleasures dazzle us

And yet deep down we know....

That Christmas has its special gift

But our year long joy depends

On the cherished people in our lives

Our family and our friends.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

See you all back at school in January!

Mrs Copp

Chair of Governors

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

Parking

Reminder to Parents and Carers:

Please do not park in the staff car park or entrance at any time of the day. Children should not be allowed to play in the car park or walk across it—it is unsafe.

Please also do not park on pavements.

Thank you for your help in keeping your children safe.

Music Lessons

We have opportunities for children to learn to play a range of instruments in school time. This is organized by music teachers who use a space in school but any arrangement is made between you and the teacher.

We offer-

Piano, violin, guitar, ukulele and flute.

Prices vary depending on individual or small group lessons and the length of the lesson.

If you want to know more please get in touch with the school office.



Attendance

Well done to Class 3 who have had 99.55% attendance this week! They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next 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.**

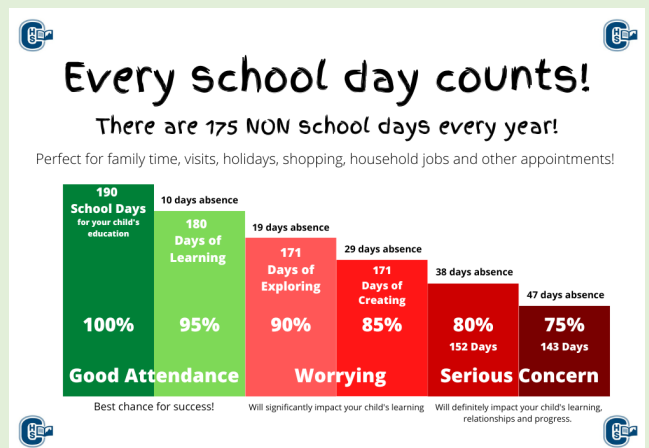
Class 1 – 79.52% Whole school – 91.68%

Class 2 – 95.96%

Class 3 – 99.55%

Class 4 – 97.14%

Class 5 – 86.43%





Friends of Cradley School

FoCS

Thank you for the hamper donations today and raffle tickets purchased, good luck in the draw next week!!

We'll be providing mulled wine (including non alcoholic), mince pies, christmas cake for a small donation and complimentary squash and biscuits for the children at the Christmas Carol concert at the church next Tuesday evening.

Festive wishes,

All of the FoCS Team

Illness



It's that time of year when there are lots of bugs about. Please remember that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they should stay at home until 48 hours after the last episode.

Thank you

Wish List

We have set up a wish list on Amazon of items we regularly need in school and books we would love to have.

If you feel able to, we would be very grateful for any of the items, either from Amazon or other retailers.

Thank you so much for your help.

[Cradley School Wish List](#)



Christmas
2-5 January 2024

Holiday Club

At Cradley CE Primary School
WR13 5NG

Booking is
now open!

Session Times & Costs

9am - 1pm	£16
9am - 3pm	£23
8am - 5pm	£28

Christmas

- * Bowling Trip
- * Baking Activities
- * Craft Activities
- * Movie and Popcorn Afternoon

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

Hot Lunch option is available (£2.50) or children must bring their own packed lunch.

To book, log on to School Money - <https://eduspot.co.uk>

For more information please email
admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk
FAO Lauren

HAF bookings for FSM children open on 29 November 2023.

Booking and payment must be made in advance


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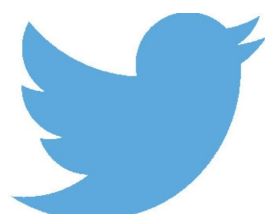
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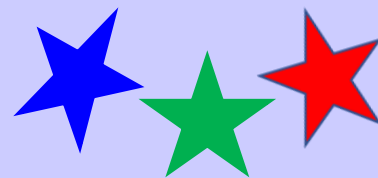


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WEEKLY AWARDS



NURSERY Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Blake All of the Nursery children for being amazing aliens in the Nativity.
CLASS 1 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Stanley Ruby for being confident in saying her lines in the Nativity. Mollie for being confident in saying her lines in the Nativity.
CLASS 2 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Isaac Bella for her perseverance in Maths. Lottie for her fantastic piece of writing in English.
CLASS 3 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Austin James for his positive attitude in choir. Jenson for taking a risk with his writing.
CLASS 4 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Isla Isla for excellent effort in all subject areas. Chloe for enthusiasm in class discussions.
CLASS 5 Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Charlotte Toby for being a conscientious writer in English. Joseph for being reflective following our, 'Can We Save the Tiger?' text...by adopting a tiger!
HEAD TEACHER AWARD	Rory and Naomi who have designed this year's school Christmas cards in their role as Digital Leaders.

Breakfast Club

Below are some dates in December which will be Christmas themed at Breakfast Club.

Monday 4th – Christmas colouring

Friday 8th – Making Christmas decorations

Monday 11th – Christmas Disco

Friday 15th – Christmas cards and bag decorating

Monday 18th – Christmas games

Thursday 21st – Decorating pancakes with icing



After School Club Christmas Party





NURSERY NEWS



Another week closer and the excitement is certainly starting to build in nursery! Buddy the Elf has been up to all sorts of tricks, keeping the children entertained and full of smiles.

Monday morning we took to the stage to perform the nativity to the rest of the school and some parents and younger siblings. We had happy, smiling, singing and dancing aliens who enjoyed their time on stage - we hope that you all enjoyed it too. In the afternoon, we took part in Christmas arts and crafts and spent some time playing outside. On Tuesday, Katrina made some pretty tree decorations with the children, using clay. They are drying out nicely and will soon be ready to bring home to hang on the tree. The children have also enjoyed playing a Christmas game, where they try to match the shape to the present in Santa's sack. The children also took part in Nativity performance number two.

Kelley made some puffy paint with the children on Wednesday. They then got to use the paint to make a fluffy looking snowman and added his eyes, nose, and a hat. They have danced around to Christmas tunes and performed their final nativity performance in the afternoon. Thursday was a busy day, with the children making reindeer food with Lauren. They've mixed oats, glitter, and a little bit of magic together to make the reindeer a special treat, that they can leave out on Christmas Eve. We also walked into the village to join the Teeny Tots Christmas Party, where the children received a visit from Santa himself. They were all very excited to tell him they had been good and what they wanted for Christmas.

To finish the week off, Katrina has been making mince pies with the children, using a selection of shaped cutters to make the top. The preschool children have joined in with the schools mix up morning and have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities alongside the older children. In nursery, the younger ones have enjoyed exploring the Christmas themed sensory tray.

KS1's Nativity!



I just want to say a huge congratulations to all of the children in class 1! They have been absolutely amazing over the last few weeks practicing for the nativity. Everyone has worked so hard and they have made us all SO proud over the past 3 days! Thank you to everyone who took the time to come and watch, I know the children were incredibly happy.

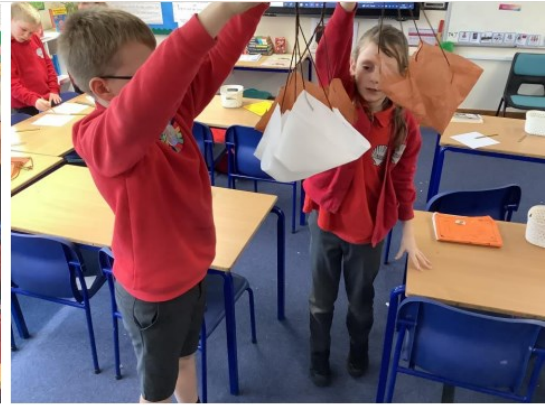
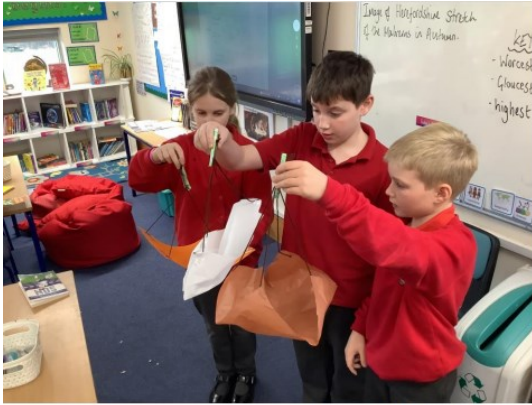
Class 3's Healthy Snacks



Here class 3 were busy eating their healthy snacks which they made and then evaluated.



Class 4



**Children in year 5
conducting their
experiments about
air resistance!**



**A big thank you to Chloe's Mum
for providing Class 4 with a
memorable experience to kick
off their DT topic, 'Fresh Food,
Good Food'**



Class 4's Open The Book



Class 4's 'Open The Book' Assembly



Class 5

We all enjoyed Christmas-themed orienteering for our Santa Dash on Friday – apologies for the muddy shoes!





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.

Teeny tots stay and play group are looking for a volunteer!

Would you like to volunteer in your local community?

Do you like working with young children?

We are looking for someone to help us make tea and toast during our sessions on a flexible rota system, from 10:30-12 every other Thursday, during school term time (approximately 20 sessions a year).

We are a well-established toddler group and have been running for many years. We've recently moved to the Scout Hut in the heart of Cradley.

If you are free and keen to volunteer yourself, please contact Rachel on 07790890183.

The FOCS Christmas Raffle

Please support our school!

Draw on Thursday 21st December
@3pm on the school playground

**Tickets - £1
each**

10 tickets will be sent
home with each child
soon!

If you want more,
please ask
Rachel/Cass/school
office staff

*Please return ticket
stubs with cash or
cheques made
payable to 'Friends of
Cradley School' to the
office by **Thursday
14th December***



Donations

We are looking for donations for the prizes - a Christmas hamper for each Class, Nursery, and Staff

**Please bring donations, big or small, into school on
Friday 15th December**
in exchange for a non-uniform day

Festive donations can be....

Wine	Beer	Cider	Spirits	Non-alcoholic drinks
Crackers	Biscuits	Chocolate	Sweets	
Mince pies	Christmas puddings	Jam	Chutney	
Cheese	Cakes	Dried fruit	Nuts	
Non-edible luxury items e.g. candles				



Badgers Girls Development Squad



To be confirmed

NEW FOR 2024!



Ages 4 - 7 (School years Reception - Year 2)



Every Saturday morning



Ralph's Field, Leigh Sinton, WR13 5EQ

For more information or to register your
interest please email
lbbfcenquiries@gmail.com

