

**SPRING TERM**  
**6 FEBRUARY 2026**



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# **School Newsletter**

## **Message from the Head Teacher**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week here at Cradley. A huge thank you to the parents and carers who came along to watch our children perform with The Orchestra of the Swan. Your support and encouragement means so much to the children, and it was wonderful to see what they had achieved in just a couple of weeks.

Our recent Oak Class trip to the theatre to see The Lightning Thief by Percy Jackson was an unforgettable experience. The children were excited and enthusiastic as they watched the show.

We also had a very exciting visit from Reptomania, which the whole school thoroughly enjoyed. The children learned so much about reptiles and animals, and we were incredibly proud of our very brave pupils who volunteered to handle snakes and even tarantulas!

Today Rowan, Zach and Dexter represented the school at a Debating competition in Hereford with other schools. They were amazing debating in front of complete strangers with no signs of nerves. Great personal achievements for all.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Experiences like these are so valuable for our children, and we couldn't do them without you.

Have a great weekend,

God Bless

Mrs Jones

## **VALUE OF THE MONTH**

### **LOVE**

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22



# School Calendar



## **February**

- 11 - Sycamore Class Collective Worship, 9.00am
- 13 - Music Celebration - parents of choir and music tuition children welcome, 9.00am.
- 13 - FoCS Marshmallow Friday
- 13 - Half term
- 23 - Back to school
- 24 - Parents Evening - 3.30-5.30pm
- 25 - Parents Evening - 5.30-7.30pm

## **March**

- 5 - World Book Day
- 13 - FoCS Non-uniform for bingo prizes

## **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



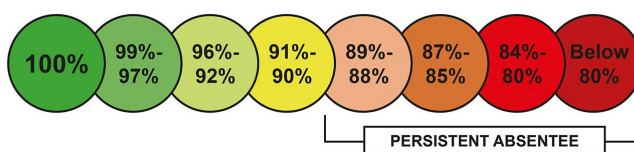
Well done to Oak Class who have had 97.92% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	89.66%
Sycamore Class	93.53%
Birch Class	97.37%
Oak Class	97.92%

Whole school 94.62%

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

## The Orchestra of the Swan



On Thursday KS2 had their final session working with The Orchestra of the Swan which ended with a performance to the rest of the school and parents. Well done to everyone involved - you were all fantastic!

# 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 (starts 22 January)	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 2-3	Mrs Galvin
SATs Practice	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yr 6	Mr Probert
Yoga	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-2	Mrs Theakston
Tag Rugby (after half-term)	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	Mr Clayton

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,

We hope you have your party frocks at the ready, as tonight is the night of the annual FoCs School Disco 🎉 🎊

Don't worry if you haven't purchased your tickets, you can buy on the door.

### **Donate a Ticket**

Support our community by donating a ticket so every child has the chance to enjoy the disco. To **donate**, simply buy an additional ticket on the door

❤️ Thank you to everyone who has made our school disco possible, especially the volunteers who have helped with the preparations. Without our dedicated FoCS team and volunteers, events like this simply wouldn't be possible and they give our children such special memories. We truly appreciate any support with FoCS activities.

🍰 **Marshmallow Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, bring change and grab a cup of warm cocoa and sweet treats** 🍰

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

💛 **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!)



**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.

### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

### School Summer Fayre

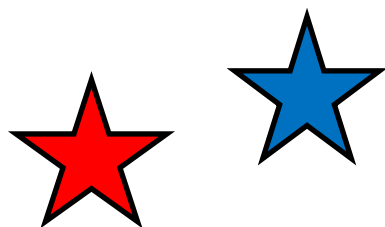
**From 3:15pm on Friday**  
**10<sup>th</sup> July**

Lots of stalls,  
refreshments and of  
course the inflatables!

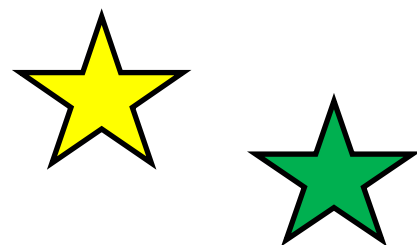


**Whole School Tea**  
**Towel design**  
Look out in the  
Summer Term for  
details of how to  
order your keepsake  
and raise funds for  
FOCS.





# WEEKLY AWARDS



<b>HAZEL CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	Gabriel  Betsy for her outstanding confidence and maturity in handling all the different reptiles that visited us  Elias for growing in confidence with all adults in school and being a superstar helper at all times.
<b>MAPLE CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Star of the Week</b>	Bobby  William for always trying his hardest, especially in English lessons.
<b>SYCAMORE CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Star of the Week</b>	Phoebe  Hatty for consistently trying to improve and challenging herself with extra work at home.
<b>BIRCH CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	Emily  Sophie for using her own initiative in English to improve her writing.  Ayvah for being positive when Reptomania visited.
<b>OAK CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	Daisy  Zach for his positive attitude towards all learning.  Austin for his positive attitude towards the school day.
<b>HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD</b>	Billy-Joe for excellent audience participation and modelling all of the Cradley values.  Haydn for an excellent piece of music composition.  Jenson for his amazing confidence during the Orchestra of the Swan performance.



## Head Teacher's Award



## Stars of The Week





## Friendship Award



## Reader of the Week







## Nursery News



This week we have continued learning and finding out more about Wild Animals through lots of different activities. We have explored jungle themed sensory trays, spent time looking at animal themed books and listening to stories in the reading castle and have enjoyed various art, craft and painting activities - where we have got to be creative and imaginative.

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to experience a fantastic reptile encounter, thanks to a visit from Reptomania. The children had an amazing time as they got to take part in a hands-on learning experience; stroking, touching, and holding a variety of different reptiles and insects.



## Maple Class





## Birch Class

In Geography this week Birch Class have been using their map skills to find the contour lines and using these to find mountains and measure how tall they are.



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## Birch Class

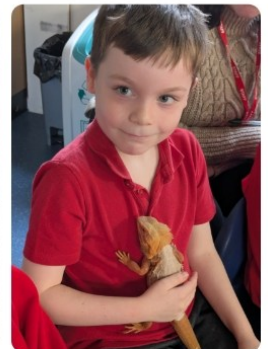


Also this week Birch Class have been busy creating their own horses using clay. There were some very imaginative horses by the end of the lesson!



## Birch Class

On Wednesday Birch Class enjoyed meeting and touching the animals that came to visit with Reptomania!



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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

## 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.



# February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.

## **Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail**

**Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail**

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamper to take home.

## **Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs**

**Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5**

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

## **Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror**

**Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation**

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 3+.

## **Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors**

**Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child**

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

## **Glorious Glevum Tour**

**Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5**

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

## **Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber**

**Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5**

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.

