

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

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



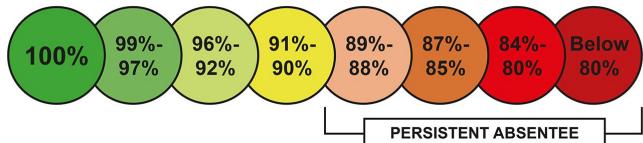
Well done to Oak Class who have had 97.92% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

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 13th 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)



Friends of Cradley School

Spring/Summer events



Disco!

Friday 6th February

6pm-8pm

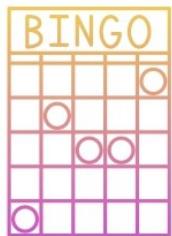


£4 per child. Please bring change.
Tuck shop, glow stall, quiet room,
hot dogs and a bar (for the
grown-ups!)



Whole school Easter
colouring competition &
name the bunny
competition for
nursery

£2 per entry - all
entries in by Friday 20th
March



Sponsored Run

Saturday 9th May

We are so excited
for this!

Sponsored family
fun run.

More details to
follow but please
save the date!



Marshmallow Fridays

Friday 13th February and Friday

27th 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 13th March

in exchange for a
raffle prize for the
Bingo evening



Family Bingo Night

Friday 20th March, doors open

6pm and eyes down at 6:30pm

More details to follow from the
School Office. FOCS will be selling
refreshments.



Sports Day

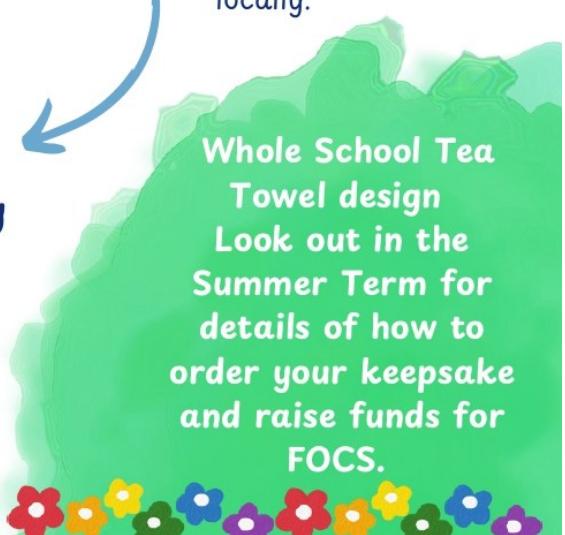
Tuesday 19th May

FOCS will be selling
refreshments
throughout the event.

Cradley Village Fayre

Saturday 27th 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

10th July

Lots of stalls,
refreshments and of
course the inflatables!

Whole School Tea

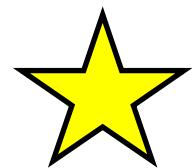
Towel design

Look out in the

Summer Term for
details of how to
order your keepsake
and raise funds for
FOCS.



WEEKLY AWARDS



HAZEL CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	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.
MAPLE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week	Bobby William for always trying his hardest, especially in English lessons.
SYCAMORE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week	Phoebe Hatty for consistently trying to improve and challenging herself with extra work at home.
BIRCH CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Emily Sophie for using her own initiative in English to improve her writing. Ayvah for being positive when Reptomania visited.
OAK CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Daisy Zach for his positive attitude towards all learning. Austin for his positive attitude towards the school day.
HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD	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



PIC•COLLAGE

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.



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!



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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 15TH 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 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.

