

SPRING TERM
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School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today I want to celebrate with you the progress that we have made with the whole school community on improving our attendance. Attendance at the school has improved significantly and is now a real strength. Overall attendance is currently 96%, which is above the national average of 94.6% and close to the levels seen before the pandemic. This is amazing!

Good attendance is essential for children's learning, wellbeing and overall development. When pupils attend school regularly, they benefit from consistent teaching, build strong relationships with staff and friends, and feel part of the school community. This sense of belonging supports their confidence and emotional wellbeing. Regular attendance also has a direct impact on achievement, as children who are in school every day are better able to keep up with their learning, develop key skills and make strong academic progress. Missing school can mean gaps in learning that are difficult to catch up, so working together to support good attendance helps ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed both academically and personally.

The school will continue to work with families to maintain these improvements, with a particular focus on reducing holidays taken during term time so that pupils do not miss important learning.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey. We will be sharing the outcomes of that very soon.

It was lovely to see so many parents in school this week for Birch Class's Open Classroom. Thank you, as always for your continued support.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

HUMILITY

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.'

Ephesians 4:2



School Calendar



March

- 19 - Oak Class Open Classroom, 8.50am
- 20 - Red Nose Day
- 20 - FoCS Easter Bingo
- 23 - Maple Class Easter Craft Morning, 9.00am-9.45am
- 23 - Y5/6 Football Tournament at Wyeside (letter to follow)
- 26 - Easter Service at the Church, 9.00am
- 27 - End of Term
- 30 March - 2 April - Holiday Club

April

- 7-10 - Holiday Club
- 14 - Summer Term Starts
- 15-17 - Y5/6 Conwy Residential
- 29-1 May - Y3/4 JCA Condover Hall Residential

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



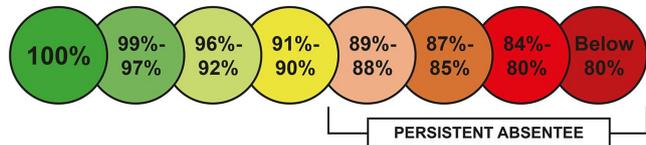
Well done to Oak Class who have had 99.54% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class 94.23%
Sycamore Class 95.42%
Birch Class 97.08%
Oak Class 99.54%

Whole school 96.57%

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.

Easter 2026

30th March—2nd April

7th—10th April

Holiday Club

**At Cradley CE Primary School
WR13 5NG**

**Booking is
now open!**

Session Times

9am - 1pm

9am - 3pm

8am - 5pm

1pm - 3pm

Activities

- Enrichment activities including Tennis and Tae Kwon Do
- Visits from Reptomania and The Mountain Girl
- Weekly Forest School sessions

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

Hot Lunch option is available when booking or children must bring their own packed lunch.

**For more information please email
ismith@cradley.hereford.sch.uk**

Booking and payment must be made in advance using this link: <https://eequ.org/book/cradley-holiday-club-with-cradley->

Easter Holiday Club

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30th March—2nd April	Connexus Sports	Forest School	Great Malvern School of Tae Kwon Do	Inflatable Day	Holiday Club Closed
7th—10th April	Holiday Club Closed	Forest School	Reptomania	The Mountain Girl	Connexus Sports

All activities are weather dependent and subject to change.

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	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 2-3	Mrs Galvin
SATs Practice	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	Yr 6	Mr Probert
Gardening	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 4-5	Mrs Jones
Yoga	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-2	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.



Friends of Cradley School

Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

News

Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone who brought in Bingo evening prize donations today in exchange for non-school uniform. Bingo evening will take place on **Friday 20th March** 😊

🐰 Easter Colouring Competition. 🌸

You should all now have your Easter Colouring Competition template. Suggested donation of £2 per entry, simply send in your donation with your completed design. There will an Easter prize awarded for the most egg-cellent design. Get colouring and join the fun! Get your designs in by **Friday 20th March**

🐰 Guess the Name of the Easter Bunny 🐰

Our little lovelies in Nursery can also take part in our “Guess the Name of the Easter Bunny” competition. Suggested donation of £1 per guess. Just let Nursery know your guess.

🍡 Marshmallow Friday is 27th March 🍰

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

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

📱 **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)



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!)



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.



HAPPY EASTER

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

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



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.

Non-uniform Day Friday 13th March in exchange for a raffle prize for the Bingo evening

Sponsored Run Saturday 9th May

We are so excited for this! Sponsored family fun run. More details to follow but please save the date!



Sports Day

Tuesday 19th May

FOCS will be selling refreshments throughout the event.

School Summer Fayre From 3:15pm on Friday 10th July

Lots of stalls, refreshments and of course the inflatables!

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.

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

Sienna

Solomon for the amazing maths skills he has shown throughout different activities.

Bea for her growth in confidence when coming into nursery and interacting with others.

MAPLE CLASS

Friendship Award Star of the Week

Harriet

Faye for her amazing participation in the dance workshop this week.

SYCAMORE CLASS

Friendship Award Star of the Week

Hatty

Jesse L for consistently working hard and always trying his best.

BIRCH CLASS

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

Charlotte

Ayvah for showing fantastic determination with her times tables on TT Rockstars.

Emily for consistently being a fantastic role model throughout our school.

OAK CLASS

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

Austin

Nicholas for his wonderfully positive approach to orange book writing.

Isla for continuing to show a strong approach to her learning.

Cherish for her very mature attitude in school.

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Kenny, Elena, Stan, Arthur, Philip for a huge improvement in attendance.

Dexter, Arian and Nicholas for super work this week as part of the Sports Crew.

Head Teacher's Award



Stars of the Week



Friendship Award



Reader of the Week





Nursery News



This week we have been focusing on the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' as part of our Growing and Measuring topic. In PE, the children wriggled, crawled, and slithered their way across benches, and through tunnels, before turning into beautiful butterflies gracefully flying around the room. They have been working on their maths skills; recognising numbers, repeating patterns, and counting out quantities whilst taking part in games and activities where they have created their own hungry caterpillars.

During circle times, the children have enjoyed looking at our own butterfly garden, noticing changes, and relating them back to the story, predicting what they think might happen next!

Maple Class

Maple Class have enjoyed making their cards for a special someone this week!



Sycamore Class



In Computing, Class 2 have been making obstacle courses and programming Bee-Bot around them.



PIC•COLLAGE

Birch Class

Birch Class enjoyed welcoming parents and grandparents into the classroom this week. They began by performing a piece on their trumpets which they've been working hard on!



Oak Class

Oak Class enjoyed their Bollywood dance workshop this week!





EASTER HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Get **50% OFF** your
booking — only **£15.75**
total for 4 lessons!

Limited spots – don't miss out!

Call us on **01432 842075**, or pop in to
your local pool to secure your child's place.

*Terms & conditions apply.
Offer ends 22nd March 2026.



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