

School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into the new year, we are reminded of the amazing community we share here at Cradley Primary School. Your support, encouragement, and partnership are at the heart of all we do, and we are excited to continue working together to provide the very best education and opportunities for our children.

We would like to invite you to a Cheese and Wine Evening on Wednesday 21st January at 7pm in school. This will be a great opportunity to connect with staff, governors, and fellow parents in an informal and friendly setting.

During the evening, we will be sharing:

- Our School Improvement Plan, outlining key areas of focus to enhance learning and outcomes for every pupil.
- An overview of the recent OFSTED changes, helping you understand what this means for our school.
- Our work so far on developing a 3-Year Strategic School Development Plan, highlighting the exciting direction we are taking over the coming years.

This event is not only about sharing plans but an opportunity to celebrate our collective achievements and ambitions as a school community. We hope you will join us to enjoy some refreshments, ask questions, and contribute your thoughts as we continue to grow and thrive together.

Please RSVP by leaving a message on Tapestry or at the school office by 9.00am on Wednesday.

We look forward to welcoming you and raising a glass to the future of Cradley School!

Have a great weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

HOPE

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11



School Calendar



January

- 20 - Rags 2 Riches clothing collection
- 21 - Cheese & Wine Evening - parents, staff, governors, 7pm
- 22 - Maple Class Open Classroom
- 27 - Choir to Young Voices

February

- 6 - FoCS School Disco
- 11 - Sycamore Class Collective Worship
- 13 - Music Celebration - parents of choir and music tuition children welcome, 9am.
- 13 - Half term
- 23 - Back to school
- 24 - Parents Evening - 3.30-5.30pm
- 25 - Parents Evening - 5.30-7.30pm

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



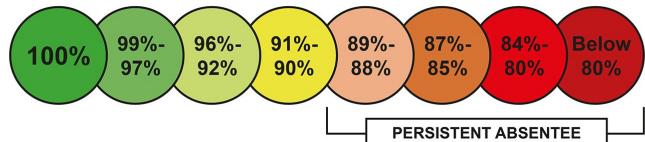
Well done to Maple Class who have had 99.22% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.45am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.**

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| Maple Class | 99.22% |
| Sycamore Class | 96.47% |
| Birch Class | 95.26% |
| Oak Class | 96.32% |

Whole school 96.82%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

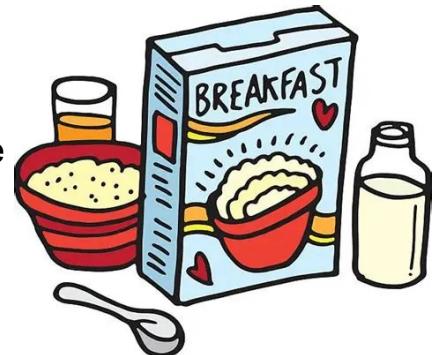
On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Wraparound Care

Just a reminder that we do offer full wraparound care here at Cradley.



Breakfast Club runs every day from 7.45 - 8.30am.

After-school Club runs every day from 3.15 - 5.30pm.

Please make bookings via Arbor (select activites then clubs). All bookings must be made 24 hours in advance. If you need to book last minute then please contact the office and we will book you in if numbers allow.

Our next Rags 2 Riches clothing collection is on Tuesday 20th January! Please leave sealed bags under the pergola at morning drop-off on Tuesday (not before). Thanks for your support.

CRADLEY COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags
**STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:
TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

Please remember - NO UNIFORM






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 | 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

We hope you're all sliding back into the school routine with a smile!

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who joined in with our Christmas raffle and events — **you absolutely smashed it!**

Huge congrats to all our winners, and an extra-sparkly shout-out to the brilliant organisations who donated prizes. You made the magic happen! ✨

🎉🕺 It's Disco Time! – 6th February 2026 🎵

Get ready to **glow, groove and giggle** because the **FoCS School Disco** is nearly here!

📅 **When:** evening of Friday 6th February 2026

🎟 **Tickets:** £4 each

🛍 **Tickets on sale soon** — don't miss out!

Expect brilliant music, big laughs and memories that'll last long after bedtime!

👉 We Need Your Superpowers!

Want to help create the *BEST* disco yet?

Whether you're great at decorating, organising, or handing out glowsticks — we'd love your help!

Just grab a member of the FoCS team or nip to reception to sign up.

Every helper = extra sparkle ✨

👉 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**



WEEKLY AWARDS



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| HAZEL CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week | Alpha Ayla for her brilliant creative ideas during planned activities. Mason for his high level of engagement during planned activities. |
| MAPLE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week | Pryia Molly for fantastic progress with her reading. |
| SYCAMORE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week | Nathan Innis for brilliant listening and engagement in English. |
| BIRCH CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week | Ben Stan for showing outstanding enthusiasm and a brilliant attitude to learning. Haydn for trying incredibly hard with his handwriting. |
| OAK CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week | Nicholas Hayden for his methodical approach to Maths this week. Hudson for working exceptionally hard on improving his handwriting. Arian for showing resilience in Maths this week. Rosie for her incredible commitment to learning. |
| HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD | Rowan, Nicholas and Dexter for the independent and mature way they set up and delivered drawing club. |

Head Teacher's Award



Stars of The Week



Friendship Award



Maple Class Awards





Nursery News



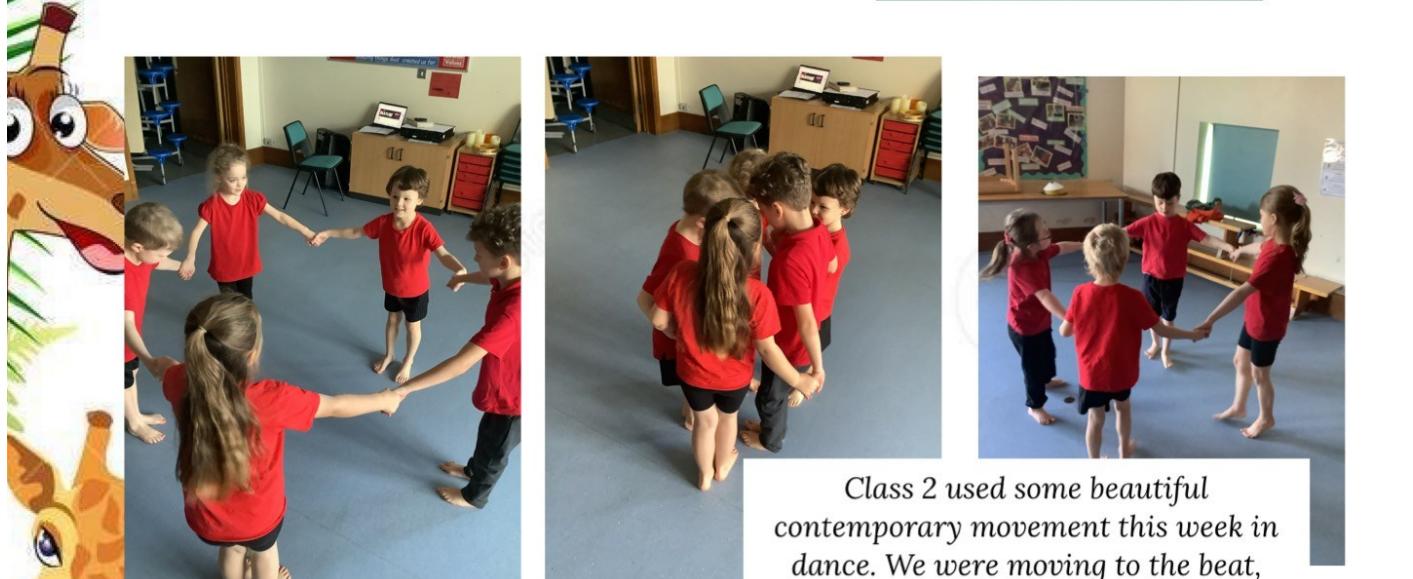
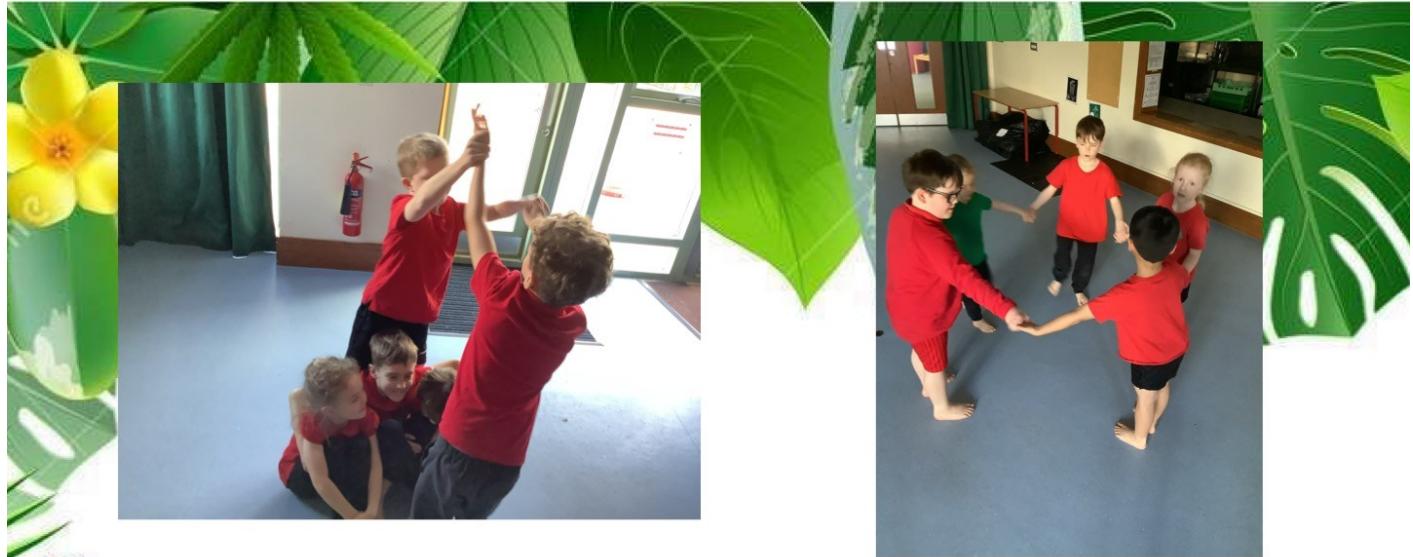
This term we are learning about wild animals. Finding out about where they live, what they look like and the things they like to eat.



PIC•COLLAGE

The nursery children have been learning and discovering more about wild animals this week. They have been paying attention to detail, using paintbrushes to create their own wild animal masks and have been practising scissor skills to cut out teeth for a crocodile. On Tuesday, the children made their own binoculars, which they used to help them search high and low during our Safari Expedition around the school.

Sycamore Class



Class 2 used some beautiful contemporary movement this week in dance. We were moving to the beat, thinking about how trees would move in the jungle.



Birch Class

Birch class have had another busy week.

In Art they've started their new topic on Animals and in Science they've been investigating different states of matter with liquids, solids and gases.



Birch Class



If you are interested in attending this please let Mrs Morgan know as the community pricing is for group bookings of 10 or more. Thank you.

WARRIOR COMMUNITY RUGBY

WARRIORS VS HARTPURY COMMUNITY DAY
24TH JANUARY

WEAR YOUR BADGE

Show your local pride and wear your club, school or college badge to unlock competitions and giveaways.

MEET THE PLAYERS

Meet your Warriors both on the pitch at full-time and also behind the South Stand at half-time.

PITCH ACTIVITIES

CJ will be on the pitch at half-time leading activities with fans from community clubs.

WARRIORS
VS HARTPURY
COMMUNITY DAY
24TH JANUARY

COMMUNITY PRICING

£20 ADULT **£5 JUNIOR**

Contact CJ at community@warriors.co.uk or 07514694105 to book



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 FULL OFF FUN!

What's On at Ledbury Swimming Pool...

☆ WATER POLO

Designed for swimmers aged 9+ or on Stage 5+ to take their swimming to the next level. On 20th Feb at 2:15pm.

☆ DUCKLINGS INTENSIVE

Swim lessons perfect for children aged 3-4yrs to boost water confidence in just 4 days!

☆ STAGE 1 & 2 INTENSIVE

Swim lessons perfect for beginners aged 4+ or those completed Stage 1 to boost water skills in just 4 days!

*Advance booking is required due to limited spaces available.

Book now in centre or give us a call on 01531 632 890

SCAN TO VIEW THE FULL TIMETABLE
Or visit: haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on

Terms and conditions apply.
• Some activities may be subject to change.
• Age limits apply to some activities. Please get in touch for more details.
haloleisure.org.uk





Tennis Coaching Programme Juniors & Adults Spring 2026



Juniors – Term runs Mon 12 January – Mon 23 March 2026 (excl Feb 16)

| Time | Session | Age | Price per term Members | Price per term Non members |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 4-4.45pm | LTA Youth Red | 5-8 years | £60 | - |
| 4.45-5.30pm | LTA Youth Orange | 8-10 years | £60 | £70 |
| 5.30-6.30pm | LTA Youth Green | 10-12 years | £75 | £85 |
| 5.30-6.30pm | LTA Youth Yellow | 13-18 years | £75 | £85 |

Adults

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| 6.30-7.30pm | Adult beginners/ Improvers course | Suitable for those new or coming back to tennis. Split by ability | £40 for 5 week course | £50 for 5 week course |
| 7.30-8.30pm | Cardio Tennis | All abilities welcome | £6 per week | £8 per week |

To book, use QR code or visit our website:
clubspark.lta.org.uk/MCSTennis/Coaching
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