

School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been one filled with pride, reflection and inspiration, and I wanted to take a moment to share just how proud we are of our children and the way they have represented our school community.

On Tuesday, our choir took part in Young Voices in Birmingham, singing alongside an incredible 6,000 other children. It was an amazing experience, and our pupils joined in with confidence, enthusiasm and joy. They were a credit to themselves, their families and the school, and it was wonderful to see them being part of something so special.

This week we also marked Holocaust Memorial Day, an important opportunity for learning and reflection. We were honoured to meet Mark Michaels, a Jewish man whose family were directly affected by the Holocaust. The children listened with respect and compassion as they learned about his family's experiences.

As part of this remembrance, we planted a flowering cherry tree in memory of Esther, a ten-year-old girl from Latvia who was killed in a concentration camp. We discussed with the children the importance of remembering not only the six million Jewish people who lost their lives, but also that each one was an individual who never had the chance to grow and flourish.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Orchestra of the Swan, who worked with our musicians and Birch Class. We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to their performance next Thursday at 10:45am. We hope you can join us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Weeks like this remind us what a special community we have, and how proud we can be of our children, not only for what they achieve, but for the kindness, respect and curiosity they show every day.

Have a lovely 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



February

- 5 - Orchestra of the Swan Performance to Birch Class and music tuition children's parents, 10.45am
- 6 - FoCS School Disco
- 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

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

Mrs Bennett now also teaches flute.

Piano, clarinet, flute, saxophone and
singing - Wednesday

Guitar and ukelele - Monday and
Tuesday

Attendance



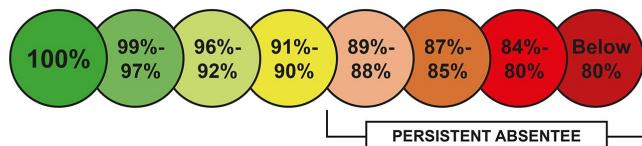
Well done to Oak Class who have had 97.92% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.50am are counted as late and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	96.15%
Sycamore Class	95.29%
Birch Class	96.84%
Oak Class	97.92%

Whole school 96.55%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

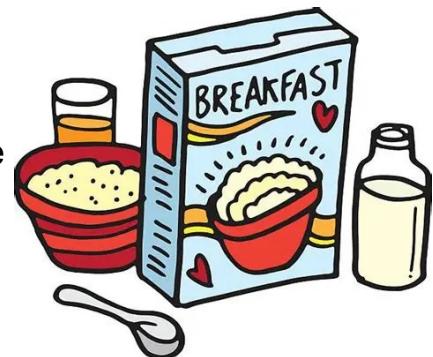
On Time: First Time, Every Time



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 activities 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.

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 (FOCS)



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Spring/Summer events



Disco!



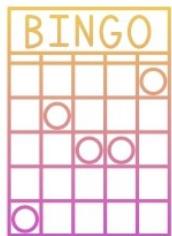
Friday 6th February
6pm-8pm

£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	Solomon Bee for her improved confidence in all areas of nursery life. Sienna for being a kind and caring friend to all in nursery.
MAPLE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week	Faye Harriet for being an enthusiastic learner.
SYCAMORE CLASS Friendship Award Star of the Week	Jesse C Arthur for showing great maturity in the mornings.
BIRCH CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Haydn Josh for producing a fantastic description of his own Wise Man from the class book. Isaac for producing a fantastic description of his own Wise Man from the class book.
OAK CLASS Friendship Award Stars of the Week	Isla Artem and James for always working so well together and being the perfect duo.
HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD	The KS2 choir for their amazing performance, participation and outstanding behaviour at Young Voices.



Nursery News



In Nursery this week we have continued joining in with activities, learning about wild animals.

The children have enjoyed measuring each other against the giraffe height chart, which has helped them think about sizes, and which one is big/small?

In PE, they have danced like the characters from the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance' twirling and swirling around the room and have enjoyed playing some animal themed games in small groups.

The musical instruments have been used to create music for the giraffes to dance to and the children have all joined in with singing songs and rhymes, both old and new.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class had a fantastic afternoon with Mrs Galvin on Thursday. The children were thinking about how vehicles move and then began creating their own moving vehicles!





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.

8TH FEB
WORCESTER
BRICK
FESTIVAL

CHARITY TOMBOLA

LEGO DISPLAYS

RETired SETS

ACTIVITIES

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Millions of Bricks

BRICK FESTIVAL



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

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:
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