



**SUMMER TERM**

**9 May 2025**

**CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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# School Newsletter

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to celebrate as a whole school the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. We had a very successful continental celebration breakfast and the children were very respectful during the national 2 minutes silence. The messages of sacrifice, service and hope have been important for our children's generation to hear. Birch Class led us in a reflection this morning where we prayed for peace in countries across the world where there is still conflict.

Our attendance over the last 2 weeks has been amazing which probably means we are rid of the winter bugs at last. We need to try to keep up these levels of attendance as we are currently below the national average when looking at the data.

Last week I spoke about the Christian value of Honesty. Please be honest with us if you are planning to take children out of school. Yes it probably will mean an unauthorised absence which may build up and result in a fine but teaching our children to be honest is a very important lesson. If you need to take children out of school this must only be done in exceptional circumstances and you must email the school office to let us know.

The warm sunshine should be back next week!

Have a great weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Jones

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

### HONESTY

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth."

**John 3:18**



# School Calendar



## May

- 12 - SATs Week for Year 6
- 16 - Tag Rugby Festival @ Ledbury for Years 5 and 6
- 19 - Healthy Schools Week
- 20 - Sports Day am - children can go home in the afternoon
- 22 - Bell Boating for Years 5 and 6
- 26 - Half-term holiday

## June

- 2 - Back to school
- 3 - Nursery to Bennett's Farm
- 4 - Welcome Wednesday Oak Class
- 4-6 - Year 4 to Ironbridge
- 9 - Class Photos
- 11 - Class Collective Worship Maple Class

# Music Lessons At Cradley

## PIANO, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE AND SINGING LESSONS



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT

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Flute Lessons with Bea  
Price

[bpriceflute@gmail.com](mailto:bpriceflute@gmail.com)



Guitar Lessons with Tom  
Doherty

[tom-doherty@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tom-doherty@hotmail.co.uk)

Piano, clarinet, saxophone and singing -  
Wednesday

Flute - Tuesday afternoons

Guitar - Monday afternoons

# Attendance

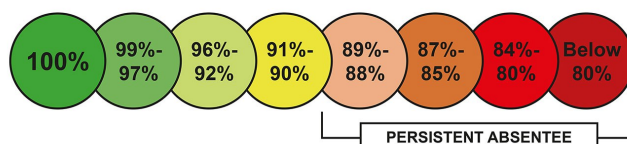


Well done to Sycamore Class who have had an amazing 100% attendance again this week! They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next week. Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.45am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	96.88%	Whole school	99.09%
Sycamore Class	100%		
Birch Class	99%		
Oak Class	99.04%		

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



**Which CIRCLE are you in?**



**CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Arriving late can affect your child's attendance**

**Every minute counts**



**Lateness = lost learning**

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your child's chances of success. Your child's SAT results could drop by one grade across all subjects.

**Don't let your child miss out!**

What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bedtime to make sure they get enough sleep.

**Get your child to school on time. If they are late, they have a bad start to the day.**

If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning, which could affect their achievement.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.

# Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

## News

We would love to have more members **join our committee team** to help keep things running behind the scenes, such as event planning, communications, and fundraising. If you are passionate about contributing, just contact us via our new Facebook group or get in touch with the school office.

In addition, we are always seeking more FoCS volunteers for general help with our events. If you would like to **join our FoCS WhatsApp group**, please drop us a line on our new Facebook group or advise the school office and we would be delighted to add you. Your help is invaluable to us, especially for our upcoming Summer Fayre (dates TBC).

We will be holding a refreshments and snack stall for Sports Day on the 20.5.2025, so bring change for a cuppa and cake. **We are seeking support in the form of a small gazebo**, if anyone has one we can borrow please let us know via the school office. To not break tradition FoCS will also be selling ice creams at the end of sports day too.

We would love to have the usual bouncy castle at our Summer Fayre, **any support in sponsorship/funding is welcome**. If you are aware of any organisations who would be interested in sponsoring/funding our Summer Fayre bouncy castle, please let us know



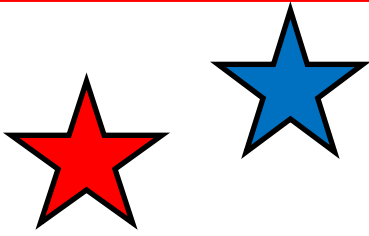
Join our new public "Friends of Cradley Church of England Primary School (FoCS)" Facebook group where we will share upcoming events and keep you updated with our progress. You can sign up by scanning the QR code on the left.

As ever don't forget to sign up to Easy Fundraising, if you shop online its likely that your chosen shop will donate to FoCS, you don't have to do anything other than sign up to Easy Fundraising.

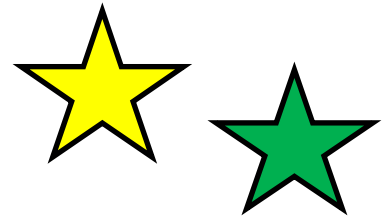
Have a great weekend from the FoCS Team.







# WEEKLY AWARDS



<b>HAZEL CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	Ila Robyn for her brilliant knowledge about planet earth and being able to tell us about land and sea. Sienna for a brilliant first day at nursery.
<b>MAPLE CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	George Innis for becoming so independent with her learning and wanting extra work to complete at home.
<b>SYCAMORE CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Star of the Week</b>	Owen Jesse for being a maths superstar and demonstrating a fantastic understanding of converting pounds into pence.
<b>BIRCH CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	Elena Kai for his positive and independent attitude to learning. Daisy for her enthusiasm to learning across all areas of the curriculum.
<b>OAK CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	Rennelle Summer for her excellent focus and effort with SATs revision. Rowan for working hard in English this week.
<b>HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD</b>	Stan S, Rennelle and Ferne for helping to set up the hall for the VE Day Celebration Breakfast.



## Hazel News



We have been continuing our space theme this week and the children have been looking at the planets. They have been joining in with some space themed songs and rhymes and have shown their creative sides by icing biscuits to look like their chosen planet. Outside, we have seen some budding little gardeners as the children have been sharing equipment and taking turns to water and look after our new plants.

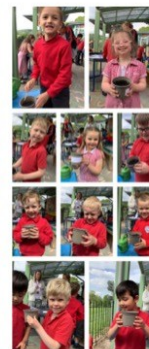


We have been turning biscuits into edible planets.



## Maple Class

Maple Class have really enjoyed getting stuck into their Sunshine & Sunflowers topic this week. We have had lots of discussions about the different parts of plants and what helps them to grow. The children closely observed some different flowers and used oil pastels to draw pictures of them, as well as planting their sunflowers. They are so excited to watch them grow and take care of them.

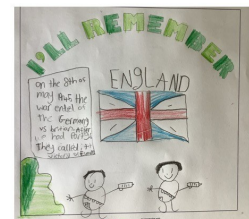




# Sycamore Class



In our science topic this week Class 2 are learning about invertebrates. In groups we identified characteristics and sorted different invertebrates into groups.



Class 2 enjoyed commemorating VE Day.





## Sycamore Class



In forest school class 2 were whittling willow into spears and then decorating them. They also enjoyed building dens and chilling in hammocks.



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## Birch Class

Birch Class invited parents, grandparents and siblings into the classroom on Wednesday for Welcome Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who came - we loved showing you our work!





# Oak Class

Oak Class have had another busy week!







ROMA



# U8's Goalkeeper Opportunity!

We are on the lookout for a goalkeeper for the 2025/26 under 8's Leigh & Bransford Badgers Roma boys football team.

We are looking for a willing player with a desire to make the position their own.

Training every Wednesday evening in Leigh Sinton (with specific GK training sessions available).

Members of the Mercian Junior Football League with matches on a Saturday morning.

Contact Mark Fowles on 07734 189215 for more information



## Performing Arts Summer School

JOIN LAURA GALE DANCE & DRAMA'S TEAM OF PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED ARTISTS FOR A WEEK DEDICATED TO THE PERFORMING ARTS!

Our team of professionally trained practitioners brings expertise across a wide range of dance styles, including Contemporary, Street, Commercial, and of course, Musical Theatre. Throughout the week, we also offer sessions in Singing, Acting, and Stagecraft, providing students with a well-rounded performing arts experience.



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**21ST - 25TH JULY 2025**

BOOK ONLINE NOW - SPACES ARE LIMITED!

**Laura Gale**  
DANCE & DRAMA





We are urgently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our Cradley Cub Scouts team! As of Easter, there will only be one leader, which means that without additional support, Cradley Cub Scouts will not be able to run due to safeguarding rules. Ideally, we need one or more assistant leaders/volunteers to form a rota for the summer term. If you could spare some time on a Tuesday evening (6.30pm to 8pm), or know anyone who might be keen, please reach out to

Stuart (Cub Scout Leader) at 07775 697601 or email [rigmorroll@hotmail.com](mailto:rigmorroll@hotmail.com).

Your time and support will make a significant difference in the lives of our young Cub Scouts. Join us in creating memorable and enriching experiences for our Cub Scouts. Volunteering with us is not only enjoyable but also incredibly fulfilling. You will help organise activities, ensure safety, and support the Cub Scouts during meetings.

By volunteering, you will gain valuable experience, meet new people, and contribute to the community. If you'd like to have a look at the 1st Cradley Scout Group Facebook page, you can see what great evenings they have and how rewarding helping out is!



## **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.