



AUTUMN TERM

CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

21 November 2025

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School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a change in the temperature this week. At least it has been mostly dry after last Friday's down pour. With the change in weather it is very important that children have a coat in school every day. We do try to get them outside each day and without a coat this is not practical.

Please can you ensure that children have PE kit and trainers in school every day. From Monday children will not be allowed to go on the wobble cars if they haven't changed their shoes into trainers.

I am pleased to let you know that Miss Hughes will become full time Class Teacher in January. She is very excited to have full responsibility of the class and is looking forward to teaching your children the full curriculum.

On Monday we appointed an experienced SENDCo, Mrs Hall, to continue the great work Miss Guy started in supporting the additional needs of our children.

We are looking forward to Christmas and preparations have begun for the Nativity play, fundraising, carols, the Christmas Tree Festival and the Pantomime.

Have a great weekend.

Blessings,

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

COURAGE

“But Jesus immediately said to them: Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.”

Matthew 14:27



School Calendar



November

25 - Birch Class Open Classroom

December

3 - Oak Class Collective Worship

9 & 10 - Nativity

16 - Christmas Lunch

17 - Whole School to Panto at Worcester

18 - Carol Service at Church 6pm

19 - Last day of term

22 & 23 - Holiday Club

29 & 30 - Holiday Club

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



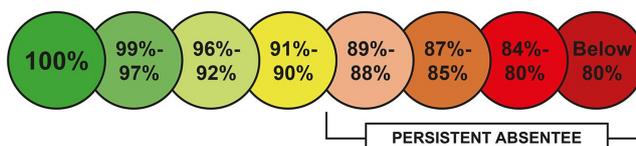
Well done to Maple Class who have had 98.46% attendance this week! Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.45am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class 98.46%
Sycamore Class 97.06%
Birch Class 97.89%
Oak Class 97.69%

Whole school 97.78%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Clubs

Below are the clubs that are available this term. If you have signed your child up for a club you must let the office know if they are not attending.

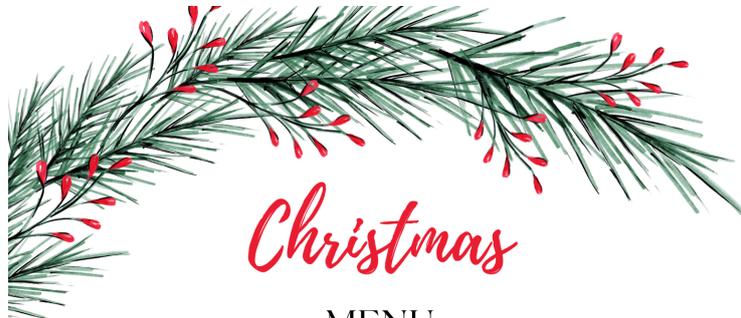
Club	Day/Time	Years	Member of Staff
Lego	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 1-3	Mrs Jones
Tag Rugby	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	Mr Clayton
Running	Tuesday Lunchtime	Yrs 4-6	Miss Guy
Choir	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Hughes
iPads	Wednesday Lunchtime	Yrs R-2	Miss Guy & Digital Leaders
Netball	Wednesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 1-3	Ms Creek
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	JH Football Coaching
Debating	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 4-6	Mr Probert
Football	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 1-3	JH Football Coaching
Netball	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 4-6	Mrs Theakston

School Lunches

Please see the menu for this term below. Orders must be placed for the week by midnight on the Wednesday before. Please order on Arbor.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	W/C
WEEK 1	Ham & Pineapple Croquette Potatoes Peas	Chicken Meatballs Penne Pasta in Tomato Sauce Sweetcorn	Fish Cakes Hash Browns Spaghetti Hoops	Cottage Pie Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Hot Dogs Salad Bar Baked Beans	03/09/2025 22/09/2025 13/10/2025 10/11/2025 01/12/2025
VEGGIE:	*** Cheese Omelette	*** Meat Free Veggie Meatballs	*** Meat Free Sausage Rolls	*** Quorn Cottage Pie	*** Veggie Hot Dog	
PUDDING:	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad Fruit Yoghurts	Apple Crumble & Custard	Banana Cake	Fruit Jellies	
WEEK 2	Lasagne Garlic Bread Salad Bar	Chicken Burger Potato Wedges Salad Bar	Oven Baked Fish Croquettes Peas	Sausages Roast Potatoes Carrots, Broccoli Gravy	Margherita Pizza Salad Bar Baked Beans	08/09/2025 29/09/2025 20/10/2025 17/11/2025 08/12/2025
VEGGIE:	*** Veggie Lasagne	*** Veggie Burger	*** Cheese & Onion Quiche	*** Veggie Sausages	*** Margherita Pizza	
PUDDING:	Flavoured Mousse	Lemon Sponge & Custard	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Toffee Sauce	Flapjack	Fruit Salad Fruit Yoghurts	
WEEK 3	Mild Chilli Con Carne Taco Shells Rice Sweetcorn ***	Jacket Potato Day Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise Salad Bar	Fish Fingers Hash Browns Peas	Italian Pasta Bake Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Hot Dogs Salad Bar Baked Beans	15/09/2025 06/10/2025 04/11/2025 24/11/2025 15/12/2025
VEGGIE:	*** Veggie Mild Chilli Con Carne		*** Veggie Fingers		*** Veggie Hot Dog	
PUDDING:	Chocolate Brownie	Jam Tart & Custard	Ice Cream	Fairy Cakes	Fruit Fruit Yoghurts	

ALSO: JACKET POTATOES WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, BAKED BEANS OR TUNA & MAYONNAISE. FRESHLY MADE BAGUETTES WITH A CHOICE OF HAM, CHEESE, OR TUNA MAYONNAISE. SALAD BAR AVAILABLE. FRESH FRUIT ALWAYS AVAILABLE.



Christmas

MENU

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2025

MAIN COURSE

Roast turkey, roast potatoes, cocktail sausage,
stuffing, carrots, peas and gravy

Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, stuffing, carrots,
peas and gravy (v)

DESSERT

Santa Cake

COST: NURSERY £2.85
KS2 £3.00

PLEASE BOOK ON ARBOR BY MIDNIGHT
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025





Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

News

Friends of Cradley School

Hello Everyone

We hope you have had a lovely week.

Wreath Making

Not long until our eagerly anticipated Christmas Wreath Making event hosted by The Little Flower Farm Malvern Hills, being held on the 28th November and 1st December. We are so excited for this one! **Only ONE TICKET LEFT** for our December slot, please let us know if you would like a place.

Crazy Hair Day

Crazy Hair Day is being held on the 28th November in exchange for gifts to sell at the upcoming Pop-up Shop event. Please no edibles or beverages for this event.

Marshmallow Friday

The 28th November is going to be a fun day for the kids, we are also holding our ever popular Marshmallow Friday. Please bring change and a cup if possible.

Christmas Raffle

We have some amazing prizes on offer for the Christmas Raffle being held on the 19th December. So far, we have the following prizes up for grabs:

Cotswold Wildlife tickets

Ice Quest Malvern tickets

Malvern Candle Company goodies

Malvern Theatre cinema tickets

Spetchley Garden entry

Three Counties Showground tickets

We Flourish donation

West Midlands Safari Park tickets

New Addition – High Tea for two at Holloways

Which prizes are you hoping to win?

Raffle Tickets will be sent home in school bags on 21.11.2025 – if you need more tickets, please ask a member of the FoCS team or school reception.

!!Donate whilst you do your online Christmas Shopping – Free of Charge !!

If you haven't already sign up to Easy Fundraising. 100s of highstreet brands donate every time you shop online. A free and easy way to raise funds.

Simply sign up and download the Easy Fundraising app. Your chosen cause is "Friends of Cradley School"

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcradleyschool>

Make life easier and enable your donation reminder – you can find information on how to do this via Easy Fundraising website or our Facebook Page "Friends of Cradley Church of England Primary School (FoCS)"

If you can help with any of the upcoming Christmas events, please contact reception or a member of the FoCS team, as much help as possible is needed and appreciated.

Thank you from the FoCS team, Cass, Charlotte and Verity.

Friends of Cradley School (FOCS)



Friends of Cradley School

Upcoming events



Marshmallow Fridays

24th October **and** 28th November @ 15:15 in the Playground.

Hot chocolate and marshmallows; please bring change.



Crazy Hair Day

Friday 28th November
Wackiest hairstyles (with normal School uniform).

Please bring a donation of a gift for the pop-up shop (no edibles).



FOCS Stall at the Cradley Christmas Fayre

At Cradley Church and Village Hall on Saturday 6th December.

Volunteers needed to help on the day.



Non-uniform Day

Friday 5th December

Please bring a donation for the Christmas raffle - biscuits, box of chocolates, bottles of alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks.



Wreath Making

28/11 & 01/12

We are really looking forward to 2 fun, festive evenings run by the Little Flower Farm in our School hall.



Christmas Pop-up Shop

Friday 12th December
Please send your child in with money in a named purse to purchase gifts for their family (£1/gift).



Christmas Carol Concert

Cradley Church, Thursday 18th December

We will be selling drinks and sweet treats. Please bring change.



Annual FOCS Christmas Raffle

Look out for raffle tickets coming home with your children and get selling to family and friends!

Draw takes place Friday 19th December at 15:15 in the Playground!



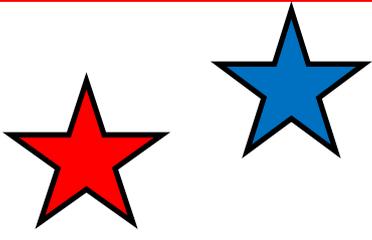
Family Bingo Night Friday 20th March

Save THE Date

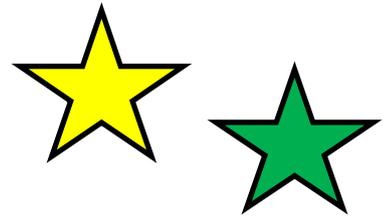


It's Disco Time! Friday 6th February

Look out for more details of our Spring and Summer events when we return to School in January.



WEEKLY AWARDS



HAZEL CLASS

Friendship Award

Eloise

Stars of the Week

James for his amazing contributions at circle times linked to our topic of Travel and Transport.
Mason for being such a brave boy during a recent operation in hospital.

MAPLE CLASS

Friendship Award

Wilson

Stars of the Week

Melody for making great progress with her reading.
Harriet for persevering with her phonics and making good progress.

SYCAMORE CLASS

Friendship Award

Jesse C

Star of the Week

Hatty for her amazing writing in our Big Write.

BIRCH CLASS

Friendship Award

Emily

Stars of the Week

Charlotte for always showing our school values, especially independence and positivity.
James for his brilliant attitude in maths.

OAK CLASS

Friendship Award

Poppy

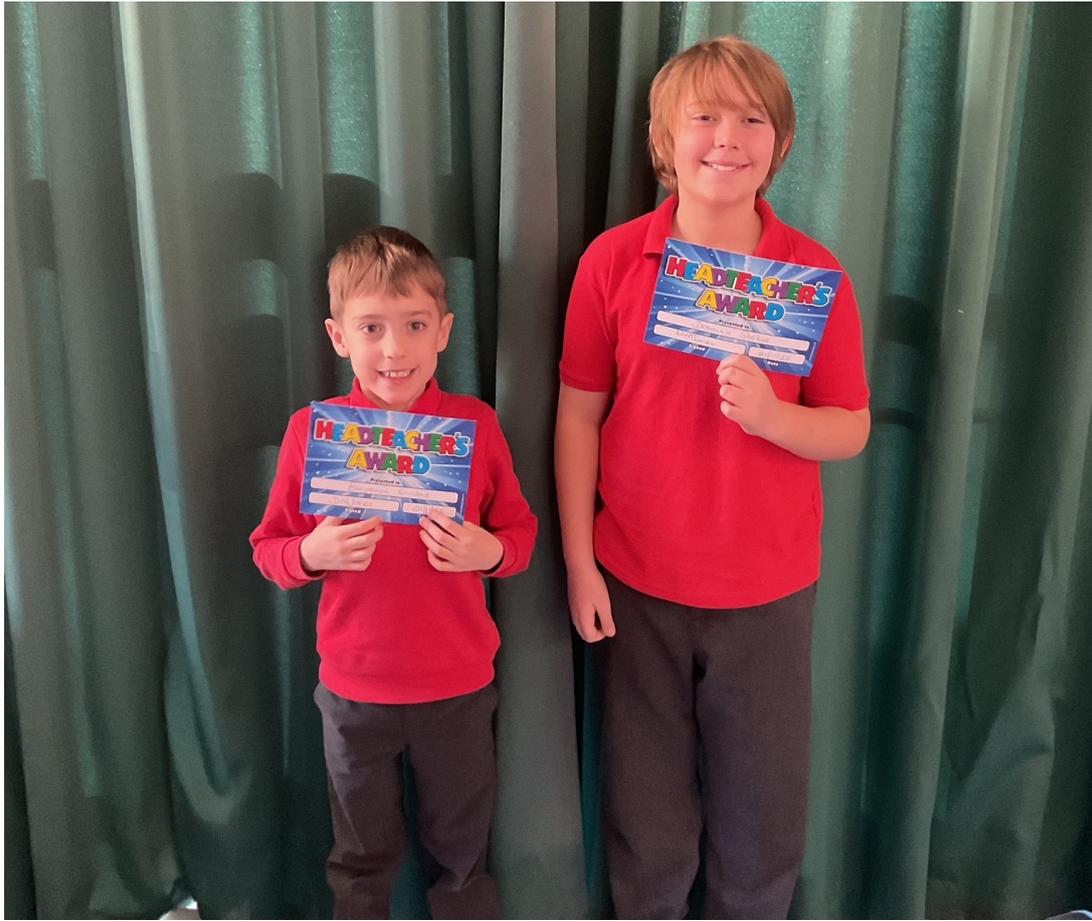
Stars of the Week

Kenny for his focus and hard-work in maths.
Hudson for overcoming a setback in maths.
Rennelle, Rosie and Elena for making excellent progress with short division.

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Benjamin and Dominic for having fantastic manners around school, especially in front of visitors.

Head Teacher's Award



Stars of The Week



Friendship Award



Y5/6 Football Team

A massive congratulations to our football team who this week took part in a football tournament at Herefordshire FA. It was a freezing day but they played brilliantly, showing great teamwork, and made it to the Quarter Finals!





Hazel News



This week we have been continuing with our topic of 'Transport and Travel.' The children have been joining in with a wide range of activities covering many areas of learning through their play. In PE, we were singing transport themed songs and rhymes whilst moving with the parachute in different ways. Outside, the diddy cars have been our chosen methods of transport, where the children have been riding around together, whilst practising turn taking and sharing.

When we looked at road signs, the children had a good go at seeing which ones they could recognise, whilst being encouraged to recognise shapes and numbers. Their shape knowledge has also been used whilst using a variety of 2D shapes to make a rocket and they have been enjoying practising their pencil grip and control when colouring in transport themed colouring pictures.

We have finished our week off with a cooking activity, where the children have been working in small groups to make some tasty treats to enjoy.



Maple Class

Maple Class have been exploring directions with Bee Bots this week.



Maple Class

A huge well done to these three amazing readers from Maple Class. They have each read at home every day since starting school and today received their TENTH Rainbow Readers certificates!



Birch Class

Birch Class have had a very busy this week. They've been using their new dictionaries this week, not only in English but Science too!



Birch Class

They've also been sequencing specific key dates related to the Kings of England in History.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2026-2027

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2026
(to commence September 2026)

Applications can be completed from
15 September 2025 online
(scan QR code) or visit:



www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

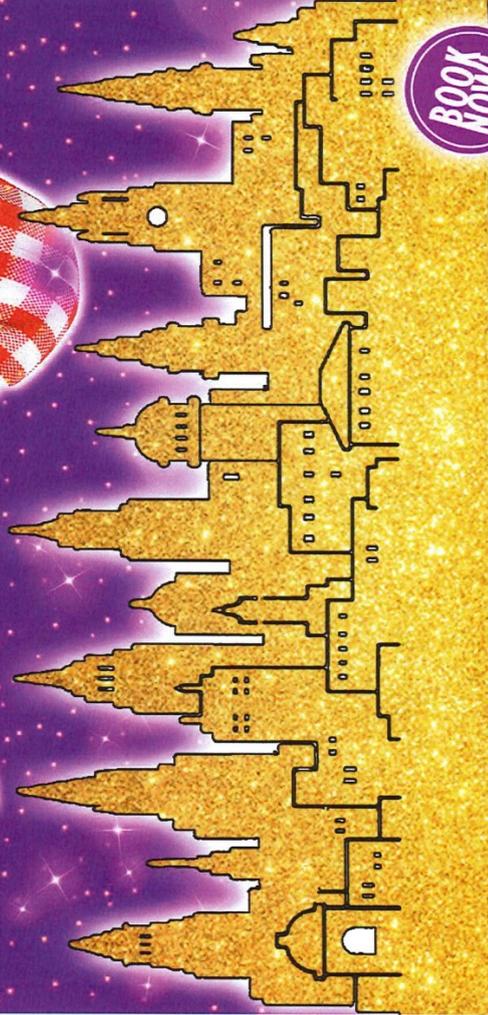
Please note: a place at a nursery does not
guarantee a place at the associated primary
school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or
schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk



JOHN MASEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL'S PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
proudly presents JMHS' First KS3 Panto...

Dick Whittington



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Tues 9th - Weds 10th Dec 2025

tickets: £7 (£4 students)
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or in person on the door



SHREK THE MUSICAL

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by
DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street
Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
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12th-14th February 2026
(2pm matinee on 14th)

Tickets £10 adults, £6 students
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