



**SPRING TERM**

**21 March 2025**

**CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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# **School Newsletter**

## **Message from the Head Teacher**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lot of fun we had today raising money for Comic Relief by breaking some school rules. These types of events are so important for our children to have the awareness of the needs of others. We focussed on this and Down Syndrome Awareness day, which is also today, as part of our reflection in Collective Worship this morning.

Our Positive Playtime Project is still going well. Thank you to parents who donated items. We still need more for our junk construction area. If you have any small tyres, log stumps, reels, tubes or planks of wood we will gratefully receive them. I am also very pleased that the Thrive Garden is now back in use following a water leak earlier in the year.

It was so good to have some sunshine this week as that always lifts everyone's mood. It's a shame it didn't last very long.

Have a great 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**

26 - Birch Class to MAD Museum

## **April**

3 - Y5/6 Football Tournament @ Wyeseide, Hereford

4 - Family Bingo 6.00pm for 6.30pm

9 - Moving Targets Performance for Dance Club

10 - Easter Service at Church 9.00am

11 - Marshmallow Friday 3.15pm

11 - End of Term

29 - Summer Term starts

## **May**

5 - Bank Holiday Monday

# Music Lessons At Cradley

**PIANO, CLARINET,  
SAXOPHONE AND  
SINGING LESSONS**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT**

**[elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com)**

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 mornings

Flute - Wednesday afternoons

Guitar - Monday afternoons

# Attendance

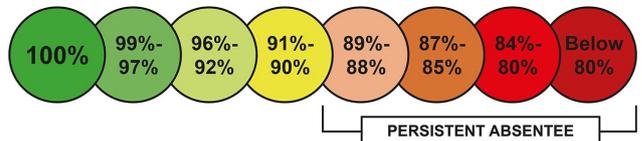


Well done to Birch Class who have had 98.08% attendance this week! They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next week. Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.45am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	85.0%	Whole school	94.65%
Sycamore Class	95.0%		
Birch Class	98.08%		
Oak Class	95.77%		

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



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**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

Thanks so much to Monarch Car Sales for their donation of chocolate eggs, lollipops and sweeties as prizes for our Easter competitions.

FoCS events to look out for include the colouring competition. Sheets for your children to colour in should be coming home today, and they're due back in on 4th April.

We're running the sweeties in a jar competition again, and on 11th April we're having another Marshmallow Friday.



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## Easter Bingo



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

At Cradley Primary School

Lots of prizes Fun for the whole family



Doors open 6.00pm

Eyes down 6.30pm



Adults £5 Children £2

to include books for 10 games

Plus raffle

Bar and Tuck shop available

In aid for FOCS Funds

We are also helping with refreshments at the bingo night on 4th April. We will be serving a variety of soft drinks, sweet and savoury snacks and we have a bar licence! Eyes down!

Easy fundraising continues to be an easy source of income for us too. It literally costs you nothing, so please sign up if you haven't already, and when you shop online, many businesses give us a small percentage.

In addition, many businesses give 'flash donations', for example, this month, TUI are giving £100 for booking a holiday through them, and M&S are offering a massive 9% on purchases.



Kirstie, Cass and Charlotte.

# Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this half term.

Dance club is for the same children who have been attending this half-term as they are working towards a performance.

Club	Day/Time	Years	Member of Staff
Science	Monday Lunchtime (max. 8 places)	Yrs 5-6	Mrs Jones
Community Champions	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6	Miss Guy
Tag Rugby	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 5-6	Mr Clayton
Running	Tuesday Lunchtime (will need trainers)	Yrs 3-6	Miss Guy
Choir	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Hughes
Lego	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs R-3	Mrs Jones
Book Club	Wednesday Lunchtime (no need to book)	Yrs 3-6	Reading Rangers
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Yrs 5-6	JH Football Coaching
Netball	Wednesday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-4	Ms Creek
Science	Thursday Lunchtime (max. 8 places)	Yrs 1-2	Mrs Jones
SATs Boosters	Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Yr 6	Mr Probert
Gardening	Thursday 3.14-4.00pm	Yrs 4-5	Mrs Jones
Storytime	Friday Lunchtime (no need to book)	Yrs R-2	Reading Rangers
Multi-skills	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 1-3	John Chidlow
Dance (working towards Moving Targets Festival at end of term)	Friday 3.15-4.00pm	Yrs 3-6	Mrs Theakston

**Easter**

**14 - 17 April 2025**

**22 - 25 April 2025**

# Holiday Club

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

**Booking is  
now open!**

## Session Times & Costs

**9am - 1pm     £17**

**9am - 3pm     £25**

**8am - 5pm     £30**

## Easter

- ♦ Woodland School
- ♦ Easter egg hunt
- ♦ Easter crafts
- ♦ Baking activities
- ♦ Lots of other fun activities to be confirmed

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

**Hot Lunch option is available (£2.40) or children must bring their own packed lunch.**

**For more information please email**

**lsmith@cradley.hereford.sch.uk  
FAO Lauren**

**To book, log on to School Money - <https://eduspot.co.uk>**

**Booking and payment must be made in advance**

  
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## School Lunches

### Price Increase

The cost of school lunches will be increasing from 29th April 2025. The new costs are:

Nursery, R, Y1 and 2     £2.50

Y3, 4, 5 and 6     £2.70

(All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will continue to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals). The increase is due to financial pressures and being able to maintain high standards with plenty of menu choices.

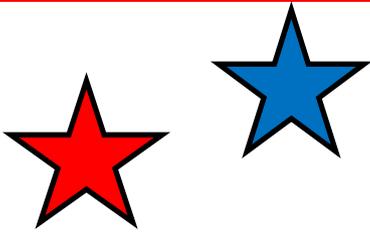


Church 4 all are having a Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 30th March.

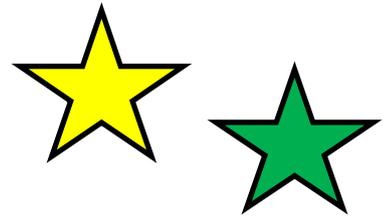
We need you to be there to help us sing, share out flowers and more.

Please join us.

Eryl Copp



# WEEKLY AWARDS



<b>HAZEL CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	Eloise Elias for being amazing at naming the different dinosaurs this week. Melody for being a superstar with colours, mixing the colours and predicting what colour was going to be made.
<b>MAPLE CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Star of the Week</b>	Billy-Joe Rowan for his independent writing in English when rewriting the class text. Philip for his brilliant participation and positive attitude in cricket.
<b>SYCAMORE CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Star of the Week</b>	Phoebe Oscar for his consistent approach and taking pride in all of his work.
<b>BIRCH CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	All of Birch Class Ayvah for working so hard on her cams mechanism. Austin for being independent and reflective with his cams mechanism.
<b>OAK CLASS</b> <b>Friendship Award</b> <b>Stars of the Week</b>	Archie Geni for taking great care and attention when crafting her pen pal letter. Jake for continuing to make excellent progress in his English work.
<b>HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD</b>	George G for being super helpful putting toys away with the Playground Pals. Isla for carrying out her roles around school with such maturity.



The children have been having a go at making their own sandwiches in nursery. They have been following short sets of instructions and making their own choices, deciding what filling to use and what shape their sandwiches should be. Their growing confidence and independence has allowed them to explore using a knife, to spread and cut with.

# Maple Class



In PSHE we have made a recipe for friendship. We decorated Gingerbread men friends and created friends from the play dough we made.

## Caring



## Kindness

## Helpfulness



## Sharing



## Playing together



# Sycamore Class



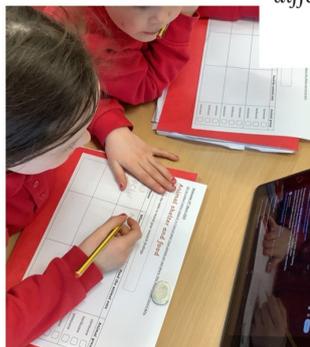
We took advantage of the dry, sunny weather this week and went outside to collect data. We spotted vans, cars, buses.....and even a bike!! We made a tally, which we later converted into a block graph.



PIC•COLLAGE



Class 2 were practising their research skills. We enjoyed finding out about different animals, including where they live and whether they are a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore.



PIC•COLLAGE

## Birch Class



Birch Class had a fantastic morning today in Maths. They were weighing their school bags and recording their findings!

# Oak Class

Oak Class have started their new art topic this week - Line, Light and Shadows.



# EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES at Ledbury Swimming Pool

When school's out, the holiday activities at Ledbury Swimming Pool are in...

**Dive & Tumble  
Workshop (for children  
on stage 4)**

**23rd April  
TIME  
£10.65 per child**

**4-day Intensive Learn  
to Swim Course is for  
beginners aged 3-4.**

**14th - 17th April  
2.15-2.45pm  
£31.50 for full 4  
days**

**Swimming - our pool  
will be open everyday  
throughout the Easter  
Holidays for all the  
family to enjoy!**

**Find session times  
on our website or  
our App**



Find out more at [www.haloleisure.org.uk](http://www.haloleisure.org.uk). Pre-booking required - call 01531 632890 or pop into Reception

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## POT UP YOUR PLANTER DAY

**Saturday 12 April, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Cradley Primary School car park**

To celebrate 110 years of the national WI, the Cradley branch and Cradley Wild want to get 110 planters full of flowers all over the village this summer.

To join in, email: [plantersforpollinators@gmail.com](mailto:plantersforpollinators@gmail.com).

Then bring your container to the planting day to fill it with compost, and/or pick up your starter pack, which includes a free lavender plant, a packet of seeds and a numbered wooden label

Let's make Cradley a pollinators' paradise!



AT THE COACH HOUSE STUDIO 28-30 BELLEVUE TERRACE MALVERN WR14 4PZ (JUST ALONG FROM ALTURO LOUNGE)



## EASTER HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS "CELEBRATING SPRING" - FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS.

**MORNINGS: 10.30am -12.30 pm**

TUESDAY 15 & 22 FRIDAY 18 & 25 APRIL

**AFTERNOONS :2.00pm - 4.00pm**

WEDNESDAY 16 & 23 TH APRIL

### COSTS

1PERSON £18/SESSION OR £50 FOR ANY 3

2TOGETHER\* £32/SESSION OR £90 FOR ANY 3

\* (SIBLINGS OR FRIENDS)

.... MAKE/ PAINT/COLLAGES/DRAW/ ..... WITH LOCAL ARTIST/TEACHER FLISS ONEILL BA hon's PGCE  
Previous work can be viewed on Instagram [flissoneill](https://www.instagram.com/flissoneill)

Bookings and enquiries by Friday 11 April 2025 to [flissoneill8@gmail.com](mailto:flissoneill8@gmail.com) or 07914060021



## GIRLS DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

We're looking for future Lionesses to join our fun & friendly training sessions. Girls of all abilities are welcome to learn new skills, make friends and have fun!



AGES 7 - 12 (SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 8)



EVERY WEDNESDAY 17:30 - 18:30



MALVERN TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB, WR14 2EQ

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL  
LBBFCRANGERS@GMAIL.COM

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ANY ABILITY  
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£30 PER DAY**

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SPONSORS**

**23RD, 24TH APRIL, 25TH APRIL  
HEREFORDSHIRE CRICKET CENTRE,  
BREDON DRIVE, PENTLAND GARDENS,  
HEREFORD. HR4 0TN 9-3PM**



## Scouts 1st Cradley

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!

# BEAVERS

Would your child like to have a bit of fun and adventure on Friday evenings? We currently have a couple of spaces at Beavers in Cradley.

Beaver Scouts is the youngest section of the Scouting movement in the UK, designed for children aged 6 to 8 years old. It provides a fun and engaging environment where young children can make new friends, develop confidence, and learn valuable life skills through games, outdoor activities, and teamwork.

## What do Beaver Scouts do?

- Outdoor Adventures - nature walks, camping, and exploring
- Crafts & Creativity - fun hands-on activities
- Teamwork & Social Skills - learning to work with others
- Badges & Challenges - achievements in different skills
- Community Involvement - helping others and learning about the world

We meet at the Scout hut in Cradley 6-7pm every Friday during term time.

For further information, please contact Paula on 07919 168562 or email [paula@littlesoft.co.uk](mailto:paula@littlesoft.co.uk)



## 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.