

SUMMER TERM

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School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers.

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has played a part in making Cradley CE Primary School such a special place.

Firstly, to our amazing children, thank you for your enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and determination. Every day you make us proud through your learning, friendships and willingness to embrace new challenges. Watching you grow in confidence throughout the year has been a privilege.

To our incredible staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment, care and dedication. Your hard work, professionalism and passion ensure that every child is nurtured, challenged and encouraged to flourish. This has been another busy year, and your support for one another and for our children has been exceptional.

This week has been particularly memorable as we welcomed Ofsted into our school. I would like to thank every member of our school community for the way you supported us throughout the inspection. The inspectors commented on the warm, welcoming atmosphere and the positive relationships that are so evident across our school. We look forward to sharing the final report with you when it is published.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Your encouragement at home and your involvement in school life make a tremendous difference. I would especially like to thank those families whose children are moving on. Many of you have supported the school for many years, volunteering your time, attending events and helping to build the wonderful community we enjoy today. We wish your children every success and happiness in the next stage of their education.

Thank you to our Parents' Forum for your constructive feedback, ideas and support this term. Working together helps us continue to improve and ensures that the voices of our families are heard.

A huge thank you also goes to FoCS. Through your tireless fundraising, organisation of social events and willingness to give your time, you have provided so many additional opportunities and resources for our children. Your efforts have enriched school life in countless ways, and we are incredibly grateful.

To our dedicated Governors, thank you for your challenge, support and commitment to ensuring the very best for every child at Cradley. Your guidance and strategic leadership are invaluable.

Finally, as the summer holidays begin, I would like to extend a special thank you to our Holiday Club team. While many of us enjoy a well-earned break, they will continue providing a safe, happy and engaging environment for our children and supporting families throughout the summer.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful, safe and happy summer break. Whether you are travelling, spending time with family or simply enjoying a slower pace, I hope you make many wonderful memories.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 3rd September for another exciting year of learning, friendship and opportunity. We invite you all to a big family breakfast on Friday 4th September from 8.00am to welcome everyone back including our new children and families.

God bless Mrs Jones

School Calendar



July/August

20 July - 14 August - Holiday Club

September

3 - Back to school

10 - Teeny Tots Toddler Group

22 - Whole School Flu Immunisation

October

2 - Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

8 - School Photos

Attendance



Well done to Oak Class who have had 96.43% 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 92.31%

Sycamore Class 88.33%

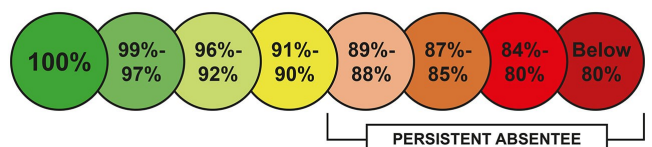
Birch Class 95%

Oak Class 96.43%

Whole school 93.01%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



Friends of Cradley School

Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

News

Hello everyone,

We've done it - the academic year is completed!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our mini FoCS fair yesterday — what a fantastic afternoon! There was plenty of fun with ice creams, tombola, football competitions and the raffle, and together we raised over £300 for the school. Thank you so much to everyone who came along, helped and supported us!

What a cute Caravan

You may have spotted a very exciting new arrival at Cradley — our beautiful play caravan, now sitting proudly in the school play area! A huge thank you to the lovely Verity for arranging this wonderful donation. It has already been a big hit with the children, who have wasted no time making the most of their new space for imaginative play. We are also very grateful to Matt, Sean and Rob for all their hard work setting it up and making sure it was ready for the children to enjoy.

Treasurer Found

We are over the moon to share that we have found our new Treasurer, **Laura Grassick**. Laura will be joining the team next academic year - thank you so much, Laura!

If anyone else would like to support FoCS, whether that's by joining the main team or helping with general volunteering, please let us know. We'd be more than happy to chat through what's involved

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to say a truly heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported, volunteered, organised, donated, baked, bought raffle tickets, shared ideas or given their time to FoCS this year. It has been a fantastic year, filled with so many special memories for the children, and none of it would have been possible without the kindness and generosity of our wonderful school community.

A special thank you also goes to all the teachers and to Mrs Jones for always encouraging and supporting FoCS initiatives. We feel very lucky to be part of such a caring, welcoming school, where everyone pulls together to make things special for the children. Thank you!

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Thank you so much for your continued support — it really does make a difference.

- ☐ **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 Summer Holiday everyone, Cass, Charlotte & Verity**

Parents' Forum

The Parents' Forum aims to be the voice of parents and children, working in partnership with the school to share collective views, provide constructive feedback, and foster positive collaboration. We are committed to maintaining open and honest communication between families and the school to support every child in reaching their full potential.

By working together, we will promote inclusivity, strengthen relationships, and help create a positive, supportive learning environment where all children can thrive. The forum will support the school to listen, learn, and act on feedback, ensuring that the needs and experiences of pupils and families are valued and considered in ongoing school development.





This week we've said a fond farewell to Mr Probert and Mrs Theakston.



Mr Probert is taking some time to decide where his next adventure lies.

Mrs Theakston is moving to Thailand with her family to teach in a school there!



We will really miss them both but wish them well in their next chapters!



Nursery News



Football Fever..... World Cup July 2026



PIC•COLLAGE

Here we are at the end of another school year....Don't know where that time has gone? It has been a fantastic year, full of some wonderful learning opportunities and memorable experiences that we have had the pleasure of sharing with you all, whilst watching the nursery children grow and develop.

We have enjoyed some amazing days out, including picking pumpkins at Bennet's Farm, meeting Santa at West Midlands Safari Park, having a tour of Eastnor Castle and getting up close to animals and sea life creatures at the Three Counties Show and Sealife Centre, Birmingham.

Alongside this we have welcomed visitors into our setting, such as Reptomania and their selection of snakes, spiders and other creepy crawlies, which the children still often talk about. We have been out and about around the village, attending church services, playing at the park and joining in with the whole school walk, as well as our regular meet ups with Teeny Tots.

Now we have reached the end of the year, it is time to wish our preschool children the best of luck on the next step of their school journey, and we look forward to seeing our younger children back in September where we will have more fun and exciting things planned, as well as welcoming some new faces.

This week, all of our wonderful preschool children are our Stars of the Week! They have each been absolutely amazing throughout their time in Nursery and have shown so much kindness, confidence, resilience, and enthusiasm as they have learned and grown together. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and the fantastic friendships they have made. As they get ready for their exciting next adventure at school, we want to say a huge well done and thank you for being such a special part of our Nursery family. We know you will all continue to shine - good luck, preschoolers!

Shakespeare Rocks!

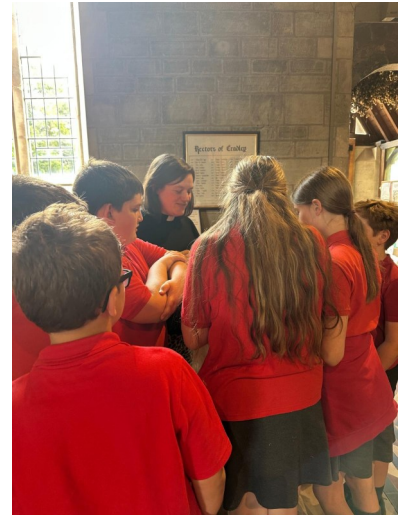


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Year 6 Reflection

Year 6 visited the church on Wednesday to meet Rev Rosie to take time to reflect as they leave primary school.



End of Term Treat!

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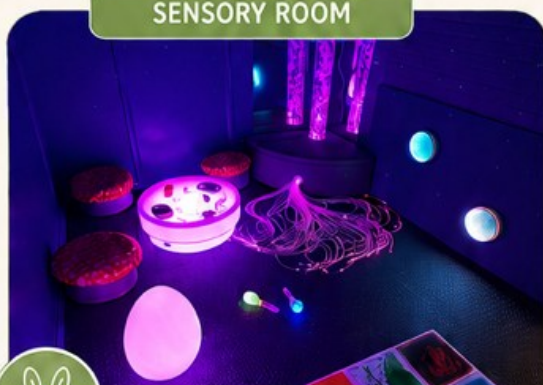


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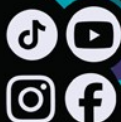
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