



AUTUMN TERM

CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots to celebrate this week!

A huge congratulations to Nursery, Maple Class and Sycamore Class for their amazing performances of Angel Express. The children performed with confidence, sang angelically and entertained in ways which only small children can.

Today the KS2 children took part in a performance with 3 members of Orchestra of the Swan. The workshops were inspiring and for children to perform the way they did with just 2 hours of workshops was truly brilliant.

We also have exciting news of the forthcoming arrival of a 'Cradley baby' to share as Mrs Rowley is expecting a baby in April. We send huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Rowley as they prepare for the arrival of their first baby.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all to the Carol Service on Thursday 19th December at Cradley Church at 6pm.

God Bless,

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

PEACE

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



School Calendar

December

- 18 - Nursery to Santa Safari
- 18 - Whole School to Panto in Worcester
- 19 - Christmas Lunch
- 19 - Carol Service at the Church 6.00pm
- 20 - End of term

January

- 7 - Children back to school
- 17 - Young Voices for Choir
- 22 - Welcome Wednesday Maple Class

February

- 3-14 - Birch Class swimming every day
- 5 - Sycamore Class Collective Worship
- 11-12 - Parents Evening



Music Lessons At Cradley

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



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT ELIZABETH BENNETT**

elizabethbennettmusic@gmail.com

Flute Lessons with Bea
Price
bpriceflute@gmail.com



Guitar Lessons with Tom
Doherty
tom-doherty@hotmail.co.uk

Piano, clarinet, saxophone and singing -
Wednesday mornings
Flute - Wednesday afternoons
Guitar - Monday afternoons

Attendance



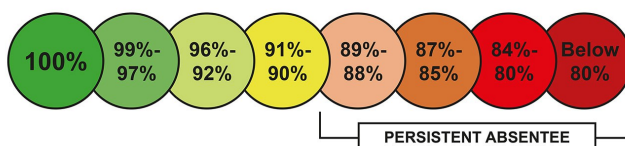
Well done to Oak Class who have had 97.78% attendance this week! They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next week. Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.45am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.**

Maple Class	83.33%
Sycamore Class	96.20%
Birch Class	93.93%
Oak Class	97.78%

Whole school 93.28%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for the following posts:

After School Club Assistant

Thursdays, 3.00-5.30pm starting on 9th January 2025.

Lunchtime Supervisor (Temporary)

Monday-Friday, 11.40am-1.05pm starting on Tuesday 7th January 2025 until February half-term.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in either or both roles please speak to Mrs Jones or ask in the office.

Friends of Cradley School (FoCS)

News

It's a very busy time of year for us on the FoCS team, and we are really looking forward to our upcoming events.

On Thursday it's the Carol Service at the church and we will be selling mince pies, Christmas cake and drinks including mulled wine, beer, wine and even prosecco! Please arrive early for the refreshments and bring cash for the bar.

On Friday the raffle will be drawn at the end of the school day on the playground - 3.15pm. Prizes can be collected directly on the day, ready for Christmas!

Most of our requests for help take a few minutes or an hour here and there, but another way to support us from your armchair is to use Easy Fundraising.

Once registered, there are thousands of companies that you buy from online that will give us money at no extra cost to you.

It's free money!!!

Please sign up.

It all adds to our funds, of which every single penny is spent on enhancing your children's education and subsidising extra curricular fun events, for example, we are paying for the coach to take all the children to the pantomime.

We can't do this without your support.



Kirstie, Cass and Charlotte

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

19th DECEMBER Carol concert at Cradley Church - we would also appreciate volunteers for this event to serve up mulled wine and mince pies.

20th DECEMBER The Christmas Hampers Raffle!

The FoCS Christmas Raffle

Donations

We are looking for donations for the prizes – a Christmas hamper for each Class, Nursery, and Staff.

Please bring donations, big or small, into school on
Friday 6th December
in exchange for a Christmas dress up day!

Festive donations can be....

Wine Beer Cider Spirits Non-alcoholic drinks
Crackers Biscuits Chocolate Sweets
Mince pies Christmas puddings Jam Chutney
Cakes Dried fruit Nuts
Non-edible luxury items e.g. Xmas candles

Tickets - £1 each

10 tickets will be sent home with each child soon!

If you want more, please ask Rachel/Cass/school office staff

Please return ticket stubs with cash or cheques made payable to 'Friends of Cradley School' to the office by **Friday 13th December**

Draw on Friday December 20th @3pm on the school playground

Please support our school!





WEEKLY AWARDS

HAZEL CLASS

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

Melody

Betsy for her amazing singing and dancing on the stage during the nativity.

Ivy for being brave, taking risks and increased confidence in all areas of nursery.

MAPLE CLASS

Friendship Award Star of the Week

Philip

Jesse for being brave on stage.

SYCAMORE CLASS

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

Hatty

Ezra for settling back into school so well.

Imogen for her brilliant writing and her hard work practicing her letter formation.

BIRCH CLASS

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

James M

Artem for his skills in DT.

Kai for his outstanding and independent work in english.

OAK CLASS

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

Geni and Chloe

Jake for his positive approach to assessments.

Johnny for responding well to specific advice.

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

All of Nursery, Maple Class and Sycamore Class for their amazing performances of Angel Express.



Hazel News



The nursery children have been getting messy this week, exploring textures and being creative. They made marks in shaving foam Santa's beard and created handprint holly wreaths.



PIC·COLLAGE

Angel Express



Sycamore Class



In DT, Class 2 have been learning about beach huts. After designing their own beach huts, they practised joining wood.



PIC•COLLAGE



Class 2 enjoyed a well deserved Yes day. We spent the afternoon watching a movie, with popcorn.



PIC•COLLAGE

Sycamore Class



Last week, Class 2 were pleased to welcome parents, to show off all their work this term.

PIC•COLLAGE

Birch Class

Birch Class had a great time this week making tacos whilst developing their chopping, peeling, grating and frying skills.



Orchestra of the Swan

Today we had the amazing Orchestra of the Swan in school - they've been working with the Key Stage 2 children over the last few weeks and today they performed for the rest of the school and parents!



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2025-2026

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2025
(to commence September 2025)

Applications can be completed from
16 September 2024 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

If your child is starting school
in September 2025 please
remember to apply for their
school place online by 15
January 2025.



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.

Holiday Club

At Cradley CE Primary School
WR13 5NG

Booking is
now open!

Christmas

30 & 31 December 2024

2 & 3 January 2025

Christmas

- * Baking Activities
- * Craft Activities
- * Movie and Popcorn Afternoon

Breakfast (8am-5pm

session) and healthy snacks
are provided.

Hot Lunch option is available
(£2.50) or children must
bring their own packed
lunch.

Session Times & Costs

9am - 1pm	£17
9am - 3pm	£25
8am - 5pm	£30

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

Booking and
payment must be
made in advance

For more information please
email
ismith@cradley.hereford.sch.uk
FAO Lauren

HAF bookings for FSM children
open in November.


CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Temple Court Christmas Trees

*Open Friday 29th November then every Friday,
Saturday & Sunday until Christmas*

Nordmann Fir, Norway Spruce cut trees up
to 10ft and a selection of pot grown trees

*Located just outside Bosbury at
Temple Court, Bosbury, Ledbury,
Herefordshire, HR8 1HA*

10% of the sale of your tree will be donated
to the local primary school PTA of your
choice



Cradley Church Carol Service

Wednesday 18th December 6.30 pm

This is a chance to begin the 7-day run-up to Christmas itself in Cradley with the much-anticipated Annual Carol Service. Please come and join in with familiar carols and listen to the choir singing tunes you know and some you probably won't know, but we can guarantee beautiful and joyful songs for the season.

Readings will tell the Christmas story, and look out for one or two instrumental solo contributions from cello and violin, played by Cradley residents! In addition to this, our magnificent Nicholson organ, our glorious peal of tower bells, and our wonderful group of handbell ringers will feature prominently.

The church choir has been expanded specially for this occasion with friends from the surrounding area – we have already been preparing hard, and we look forward to joining with you in glorious Christmas music. Please help us literally to fill the church, both with people and music!

Look forward to seeing you there. After the service, all are welcome to refreshments at the back of the church.

Please contact either of us for more information.

Wynne Harries 01886 880 976 wynneharries@gmail.com

Julia Maclagan 01886 880 402 julia.maclagan@btinternet.com

A Nativity like no other!

A sea of smiling faces from Nursery to KS1. We are such a lovely school.

Consider that some of the children are only two years old. What were you doing when you were two, not on the stage I would guess.

Four angel performers singing so enthusiastically, three Kings and a host of stars. What more do you want.

Thank you children, staff and proud parents and grandparents and all who came to support the children.

Thank you
Eryl Copp

Church 4 All

The church celebrates Epiphany on January 5th where the Wise Men arrive to see Jesus.

We are telling the story of a camel called Hoshmakaka who suffers with gout, sciatica and painful joints! Says it all.

I would like some children to act out the story with me, no speech involved, camels and Three Wise Men essential!

So please put it in your diary!

Before that of course is Christingle and carols on Christmas Eve at 4 pm.

St James Church Cradley wish you all a joyous Christmas.

Eryl Copp

FOR SALE

Selling kids bedroom furniture due to moving overseas.

Next Compton kids cabin bed
Next Compton double wardrobe
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Next mattress to fit cabin bed

All excellent condition - £299.00

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Please contact Kirsty Edwards
on 07977 573248



Fat moose climbing frame for sale.
Purchased approximately four years ago.
10 year guarantee as anchors were
purchased at the same time.

- ◆ Wood package for XXL climbing frame
- ◆ Straight climbing wall
- ◆ Straight climbing ladder
- ◆ 2 Swing hooks
- ◆ LineUp Climbing rope with knots
- ◆ EasyUp rope ladder
- ◆ Large climbing net
- ◆ Horizontal bar
- ◆ 10 + GrabOn climbing holds
- ◆ No basket ball hoop.

Great Christmas gift idea
Summer will be here in no time!
£180.00 for quick sale.

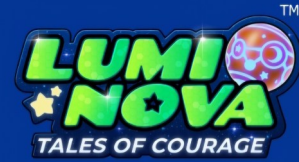
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

by Alex Jackson



This amateur production of
"Beauty & The Beast" is presented
by arrangement with
Alex Jackson Pantomimes

Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th &
Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th January
@ 2.30pm & 7.30pm (Matinees on Saturday & Sunday)
The Market Theatre | Tickets: £12 (£8 Concessions, Family Ticket £42)
Tickets online themarkettheatre.com or by phone 07967 517125



Luminova is a fantastic app for helping children deal with anxiety. Parents need to download it and complete a registration form in order to get a code.

<https://luminova.app/?handw>



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