Cradle Hill
Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We are about to enter December! I honestly don't know where this term has gone, but we are heading into one of my favourite times of the year at Cradle Hill. There is always something very special about Christmas in a primary school, and we have so many lovely events to look forward to over the next few weeks.

We have our Reception Nativity, carol concerts, our choir singing at Glyndebourne and our open afternoons when parents and carers are invited into school to spend some time looking at the children's work and seeing all the wonderful things they have been learning. I really hope to see lots of you at these events. It is always lovely to welcome families into school and share some of the children's achievements with you.

The Christmas singing has already started, and I can hear the excitement building! I have a feeling that by the time the children come back into school on Tuesday, Christmas will have well and truly arrived. I am certainly looking forward to all the singing, smiling faces and festive excitement that December brings.

It has been another busy two weeks, with our Year 4 children enjoying a fantastic 'Hands-On History' day. They had the opportunity to explore historical artefacts, get hands-on with their learning and take part in drama activities to bring history to life. These are the sorts of experiences that really help children remember and enjoy their learning, and it sounds as though a brilliant day was had by them all.

Our Year 6 children are also enjoying their Forest School sessions at the moment. It is lovely that, right through to the oldest children in our school, we continue to provide opportunities to get outdoors, try new things and learn in different ways.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing our children return to school on Tuesday for the start of December.

Best wishes, Mrs Andrea Keith, Headteacher

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Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th November -School closed for children - INSET Day
Monday 7th December - Open Classrooms Y5 and Y6
Tuesday 8th December - Open Classrooms Rec, Y1 and Y2
Wednesday 9th December - Open Classrooms Y3 and Y4
Friday 18th December - Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 9th March and Thursday 11th March - Parents Evening
Friday 25th June - Whole School Sports Day



Year Six Specific Dates

w/c 10th May 2026 - Y6 SATS week
w/c 5th July - Y6 PGL Residential
w/c 12th July - Y6 Transition Week at Seaford Head School
Tuesday 20th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly

Christmas Events

Monday 7th December 2.30pm - Year 5 and 6 Festive Singing
Tuesday 8th December 2.30pm - Year 1 and 2 Festive Singing
Wednesday 9th December 2.30pm - Year 3 and 4 Festive Singing
Wedneday 9th Deecember - Whole School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th December 9.15am - Reception Nativity
Wednesday 16th December 2.30pm - Reception Nativity
Friday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day for St Wilfs Hospice

Meet Our Team

Simply click on our names to find our email address!
Do pop into the Office if you need to speak to someone.
Email addresses for all class teachers can be found here.



Andrea Keith

Headteacher



Ellie Jones

Deputy Headteacher



Holly Stonehouse

SENCO/DSL



Jill Hanby

Safeguarding & Attendance Officer



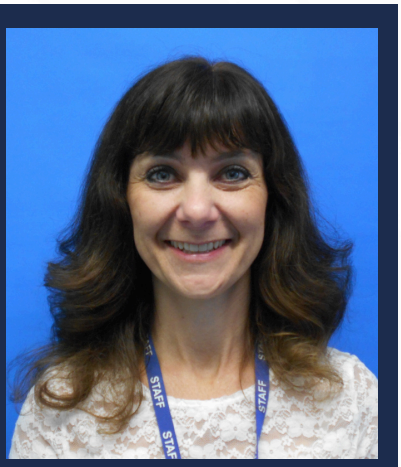
Amy Dinmore

Ast SENCO



Hermione Parks

EYFS Lead



Karen Russell

Year 1 & 2 Lead



Sarah Eddie

Year 3 & 4 Lead



Briony Parks

Year 5 & 6 Lead

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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

- ***Be in school all week for a chance to win***
- ***Celebrate being in school!***

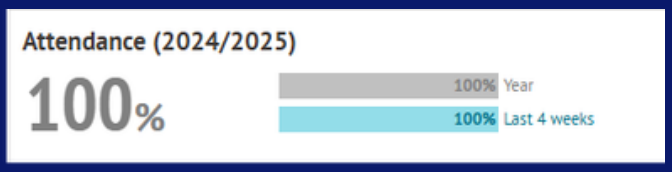
Be in school to be in with a chance to win!





Be In To Win!

If you have a worry or a concern about your child's school attendance, please contact Mrs Hanby - jillh@cradlehill.e-sussex.sch.uk



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ARBOR ATTENDANCE

Use our Arbor portal to check your child's attendance marks and report your child's absence.

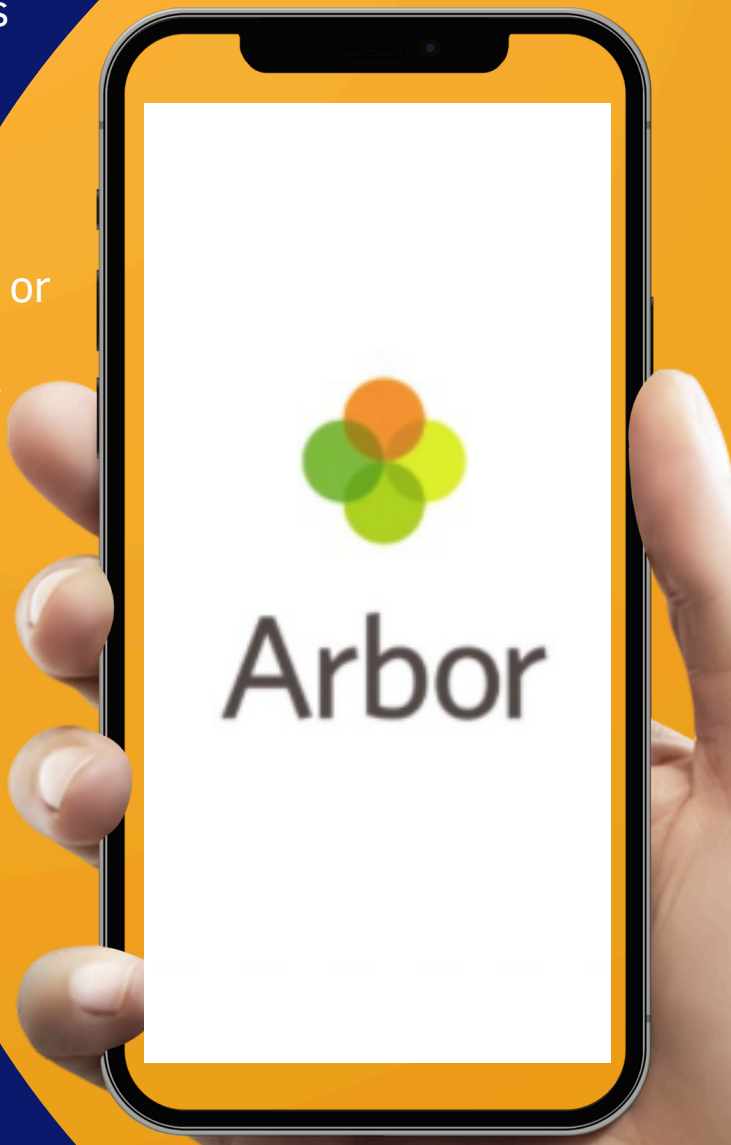
It is quick and easy!

You can use the online portal (QR code)_ or download the app from your play store. Log in with the email address you use for school.

Once on the app or portal, your child's profile will highlight their attendance %

You can go to the menu and download an attendance certificate to see all marks.

You can also update your child personal data on Arbor, book parents evening and pay for school dinners.



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East Sussex School Term and Holiday Dates 2026-2027

Calendar view

The below table may not be accessible to screen readers. You can find the same information in text form on page 2.

	SEPTEMBER 2026					OCTOBER 2026					NOVEMBER 2026					DECEMBER 2026				
Monday	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
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Saturday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	

	JANUARY 2027					FEBRUARY 2027					MARCH 2027					APRIL 2027				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
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OPEN DAY SESSIONS RECEPTION 2027

Are you looking for your child's first school?







We would like to welcome you to look around our school!

We are happy to offer visits to our school at a time and day that is convenient to families.

Please contact our school office to book a visit. You can contact us via email at office@cradlehill.e-sussex.sch.uk or via phone on 01323 892773 and we will be very happy to book a suitable time for you.

For more school information, please visit our website https://www.cradlehill.e-sussex.sch.uk/

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Orcas get magic at Forest School

Year 5 Octopus Class enjoyed their forest school lessons inspired by Harry Potter. Each child got to make the 'Deathly Hallows' using natural materials. We ended the lesson with a fire pit and enjoyed toasting marshmallows!









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Year 4 Roman Forest School

In Forest School, we had a wonderful time creating our own Roman mosaics. However, instead of using tile, we used nature! They showcased things that we love the most, like animals!









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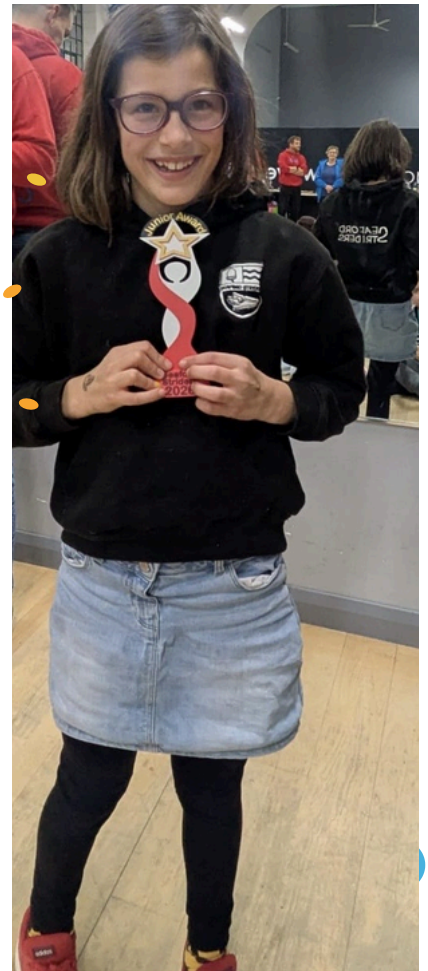
Seaford Striders Annual Awards Ceremony

Tuesday 3rd November Seaford Striders held their Annual Awards Ceremony. Some of our wonderful students at the school received an award for their outstanding efforts and dedication to the club. Well done to them all!









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Cradle Hill secure SportsHall Silver!

On Wednesday 18th November, a group of 20 Year Six athletes went to Willingdon School, Eastbourne to participate in the School Games Sportshall Athletics.

Competing against fifteen schools from Seaford, Newhaven, Lewes and Eastbourne, the Cradle Hill squad were put through their paces in a series of track and field events. As well as multiple sprints and relay races, the children took part in five additional field events: standing long jump, vertical jump, chest push, speed bounce and javelin.

After performing incredibly and racing to victory in 9 out of their 10 heats, the team faced an agonising wait to hear whether they would be progressing to the county finals. While it was not the news we had been hoping for, the team achieved an outstanding 2nd placed finish, missing out on 1st by an extremely fine margin. Gold medal positions were secured in multiple events including Boys Obstacle Relay, Boys 1+1 relay, Girls Chest Push and Girls Javelin. Podium finishes were also achieved in Girls Obstacle Relay, Girls 1+1 relay, Boys 2+2 relay, Girls 6 Lap Parlaauf, Boys 4 x 1 Relay, Girls Speed Bounce and Boys Standing Long Jump.

Each of the children who attended were excellent ambassadors for Cradle Hill, who performed and behaved exceptionally. Mr Simmonds would like to personally congratulate each of them for their extraordinary dedication and effort.
A huge well done to Zip, Annabel, Delphine, Bonnie, Daisy, Eva, Ella B, Ella G, Phoebe, Bella, Murphey, Buster, Ned, Otto, Jonathan, Zac, Jack, Marcell, Jenson and Ronnie.





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KEEP KIDS SAFE OUTSIDE CRADLE HILL SCHOOL!

We are supporting a campaign to help make the roads around Cradle Hill Community Primary School safer for our children and families.

- Reduce the speed limit around the school to 20mph
- Enforced safety measures during school drop off and pick up times



👉 Sign the petition here:

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/keep-kids-safe-outside-cradle-hill-school?source=direct_link&

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ONE TERM WITH PS CATERING

AFFORDABLE PRICES FOR KS2 AND NURSERY CHILDREN. CHEAPER THAN OUR PREVIOUS CATERER



DAILY SALAD BARS FOR HEALTHY EXTRAS



FESTIVE AND CELEBRATION MENUS



ONLINE PAYMENTS VIA ARBOR

PLEASE SEE OUR DAILY MENUS HERE.

PS Catering Management Ltd
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Gardening News

The children have been working very hard to clear the garden of weeds, tidy and prepare for the next planting season. Today then dug up some potatoes which have been sent straight to the kitchen to make potato salad next week.





Can we get to 1000 happy messages?

Since we started our Happy Message project, we are pleased to share that we have received 960 messages!

To truly celebrate all our school community, we are offering a prize for the **1000th happy message!**

Can we get there before christmas?

Messages can be left here.

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Vote for Cradle Hill in the Tesco Fruit and Vegetable Grant!

We are delighted to share some exciting news with our school community!
Cradle Hill Community Primary School has been selected to take part in the Tesco Fruit & Veg Grant Scheme, giving us the opportunity to secure funding to support the next stage of our school garden development. [Tesco Frui...Veg Grant | Outlook]
This project forms Phase 2 of our Community Garden Project, building on the fantastic work already completed and helping us create an even more vibrant outdoor learning environment for our children and the wider community.
The project with the highest number of votes can receive up to £1,500, which would help us continue transforming our outdoor space and provide further opportunities for pupils to learn about growing fruit and vegetables, healthy eating, sustainability, biodiversity and caring for the environment.

How to Vote

From August 2026 to November 2026, customers shopping in participating Tesco stores will be able to vote for our project.

✅ Make a purchase in store (of any value)
✅ Receive one blue token per transaction
✅ Place your token in the voting unit for Cradle Hill Community Primary School Participating Stores



You can vote for us at:
Tesco Lewes Superstore
Tesco Peacehaven Express
Tesco Rottingdean Express
Tesco Seaford Express
Tesco Seaford Alfriston Express

Every token counts, so we'd be incredibly grateful if you could support us by choosing Cradle Hill Community Primary School whenever you shop. Please also encourage your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to vote for us.
With your support, we hope to secure funding that will help us complete the next phase of our Community Garden Project and create a wonderful outdoor space for current and future pupils to enjoy.
Thank you for your support and happy voting!
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"Together we can help our school community garden flourish."

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Year 4 Hands on History Visit

We loved our visit from Nick and Lucy from Hands on History. We were able to see how much time had passed since the Saxons/Romans on the interactive timeline. It was great to see artefacts from those time periods.

We trained to be Roman warriors and learnt you had to show great discipline. We learnt about Viking runes and legends and even started writing in runes! We used our investigation skills to work out what historical job matched the items in a box.

Did you know scribes used to write out whole books? One of our favourite parts was seeing the teachers dressed up in costume!







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Tech-Free Families

In a world where technology plays an increasingly large part in children's lives, some families choose a slightly different path by taking a more limited or tech-free approach to childhood. Whether it's reducing screen time, delaying access to devices, encouraging outdoor play, nurturing creativity, or prioritising face-to-face relationships, many parents value the benefits that a lower-tech childhood can bring.



While every family makes choices that work best for them, we recognise that children and parents can sometimes feel isolated when their approach differs from what seems to be the norm. Strong friendships, shared experiences and a supportive community are important for both children and adults, regardless of the choices they make around technology.

We would love to help connect families within our school community who share similar values around limiting or avoiding digital devices and technology use at home. The aim is simply to create opportunities for families to meet, share ideas, and perhaps even develop friendships beyond the school day.

If your family takes a tech-free or low-tech approach to childhood and you would be interested in being connected with other like-minded families at Cradle Hill, please contact the school office. With your permission, we can help put families in touch with one another.

Building connections within our community is one of the things that makes Cradle Hill such a special place, and we would be delighted to support families who would like to explore this opportunity together.

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!

Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you so much for your continued support over the past term. Your donations, time, and enthusiasm help us fund extra resources, playground, and experiences across the school.

With winter arriving and evenings drawing in, we have a busy calendar of seasonal events and fundraising ahead.

We have raised £445.44 from the Christmas raffle, thank you everyone who supported us and volunteered. We are distributing the IQ Cards ordered this week, your child/children will come back with the orders.

We are still in need of a number of volunteers to run Disco and Elfridges, please email cradlehillptfa@gmail.com or sign up on below links or keep an eye on Class WhatsApp group chat for volunteer sign up forms.

Disco volunteer sign up form - https://volunteersignup.org/T8BHH

Elfridges volunteer signup form for 10th Dec - https://volunteersignup.org/99TQ3

Elfridges volunteer signup form for 11th Dec - https://volunteersignup.org/7CM4X

Coming up Events!

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Winter Disco – 27th Nov and 4th Dec 2026

Wearestill inneed ofanumberofvolunteerstorun**4th December Disco** and Elfridges.

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ELFRIDGES

Elfridges Pop up shop – 10th and 11th Dec 2026

Your child will betakento the halltoselecttheirprepaidgifts!
£2.50 per gift, token can be purchased here:
https://www.cradlehillptfa.org/product-page/elfridges-gift-shop-2026



End of term treats – 17th December 2026

Treat yourself before the end of term! 🎄🍪
Join us after school for a festive bake sale. We'll have a delicious selection of sweet treats, including cookies, doughnuts, shortbread, and gingerbread men.
Both cash and card are accepted—stop by, grab a treat, and celebrate the end of the term!



PTFA Christmas Drinks – 17th December 2026

We're organising Christmas dinner and drinks at The Plough on Thursday, 17th December 2026, from 7pm. Join us for some festive fun and a good laugh—no PTFA talk, just a chance to relax and get to know one another!

BISHOPSTONE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Saturday Kids



CLUB CONTACT:-

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email: kidsbishopstonettc@gmail.com

David mobile:07756633369

Web site: bishopstonettc.com

You are welcome to join us on
Saturdays 10am to 12pm

AttheWIClaremont Hall,Seaford
(behind Hyundai Garage)

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The Christmas Magic Lantern Parade 2026

Saturday 12th December



How to get involved

Collect a community lantern kit
Seaford Tourist Information Office: Mon - Fri 10am - 2pm
Or The Crypt Gallery: Wed - Sun 10am - 4pm

Decorate a lantern
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12pm - 3.40 pm

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Seaford Town Council

Charity reg: 1196735

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Bishopstone Table Tennis Club

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The Frozen Christmas Show

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