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Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe we have already been back from half term for two weeks!
This week we welcomed a large group of student teachers into our Reception and Year 1 classes. It was lovely to have them with us, and even lovelier to receive an email from their lecturer afterwards commenting on what a "calm, happy and friendly school" we are. This is something we are incredibly proud of and it is always special when visitors notice the wonderful atmosphere that our children and staff create every day.

On Monday, we also held our Curriculum Afternoon and Governors' Day. It was wonderful to have all of our governors in school, spending the day immersed in our classrooms and seeing first-hand the learning, teaching and experiences taking place across the school. The children also really enjoyed the opportunity to spend time learning and working with children from different year groups, sharing experiences and getting to know one another across the school. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate our curriculum and the sense of community that makes Cradle Hill so special.

We also marked Remembrance Day in school. Two of our children represented Cradle Hill by laying a wreath, and we spent time remembering those who have served and sacrificed so much. Our children were absolutely exemplary during the minute's silence in school. It is so important that we take the time to help our children understand the significance of remembrance and show their respect.

There has been plenty of other excitement too! Our Year 3 children enjoyed a fantastic 'Hands on History' experience, bringing their learning to life, while our Year 6 children have been off to the Amex for what I am sure was a brilliant experience.

This week Seaford Head also held its Sports Awards, and it always makes us so proud to hear how some of our former pupils are getting on. I often think how fortunate I am to live in Seaford and still get to catch up with the lives and achievements of so many children who have come through Cradle Hill. It is wonderful to be able to hear how they are developing and achieving great things.

Today is also World Kindness Day, which feels like a lovely reminder of something we talk about and encourage every day in school. Kindness really does make a difference, whether it is a small gesture, a thoughtful word or simply taking the time to look out for someone else. On that note, I hope you all remember to be kind to yourselves too. Have a lovely weekend, enjoy doing whatever makes you happy, and I look forward to seeing all our children back in school on Monday!

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

Parent Carer Workshops - these are FREE for all to attend, usually include tea and coffee and always offer some great advice from professionals in the field. Simply come to the office and sign in!
Monday 16th November 2pm - SEND Team Parent Coffee Afternoon - come and meet our SEND team for Q&A
Monday 23rd November 9am - MHST Parent/Carer Workshop - Taming Worries and Managing Uncertainty

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



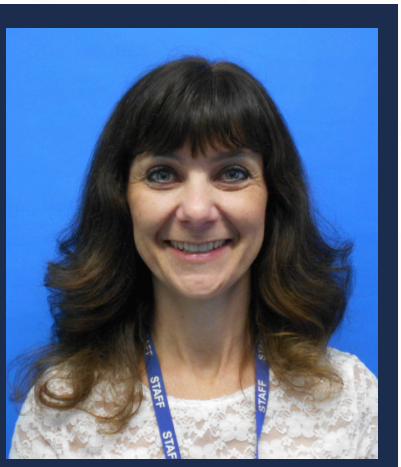
Amy Dinmore

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!***

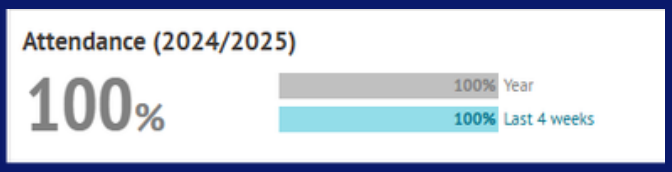
Be in school to be in with a chance to win!





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.

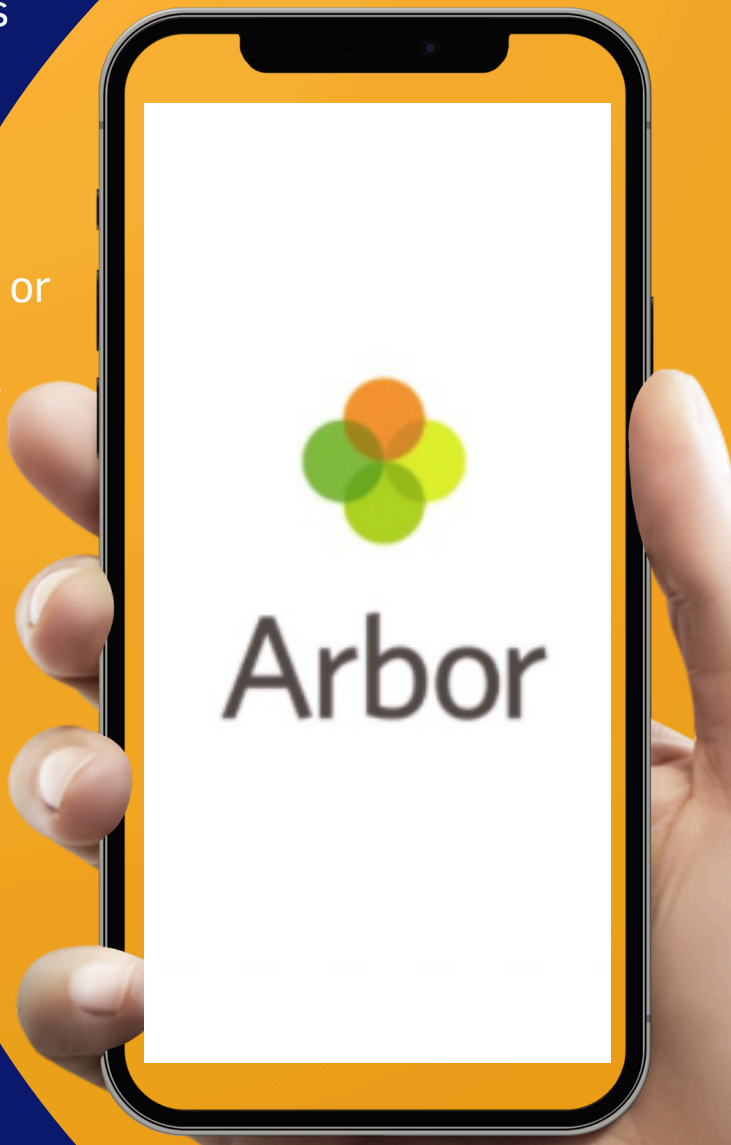
It is quick and easy!

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

	MAY 2027						JUNE 2027					JULY 2027					AUGUST 2027					
Monday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	3
Tuesday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	3
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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/

We are excited to share that Cradle Hill School is in the top 20% of schools nationally for KS2 progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Come and join us!

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Community Defibrillator for Cradle Hill

Seahaven Responders has partnered with Cradle Hill Community Primary School to install a new Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) on the school grounds. The life-saving equipment is now registered with South East Coast Ambulance Service and available 24/7 to support both the school and surrounding local Seaford residents in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest.
The school is shortly having a non-school uniform day to fundraise for the charity to help with the costs of the new PAD site and ongoing maintenance costs.

"We are extremely pleased to launch this new PAD site alongside the school," said Jack Stonehouse, Team Leader for Seahaven Responders. "Every second counts when someone stops breathing, and enabling the community to have early access to a defibrillator can truly save a life during a cardiac arrest."

"We are incredibly grateful to Seahaven Responders for their invaluable support and guidance in bringing this vital equipment to our school and the local community," said Andrea Keith, Headteacher at Cradle Hill Community Primary School. "As a school, we are proud to sit at the heart of Seaford. Knowing that our grounds can now offer a lifeline to local residents in the event of a cardiac arrest is deeply reassuring, and we are delighted to be able to support and protect our wider community."

The new defibrillator is housed in a highly visible cabinet on the main gate of the school on Lexden Road, ensuring 24/7 public access. In the event of a suspected cardiac arrest, 999 should be called immediately. The ambulance call taker will direct the caller to the exact location of the cabinet and provide the secure access code to unlock it. The defibrillator itself is automated and provides clear, step-by-step spoken instructions once switched on, meaning any member of the public can use it to save a life, even with no prior medical training.
About Seahaven Responders Seahaven Responders is a team of volunteer Community First Responders who live locally and work alongside South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAmb), attending emergency 999 calls across Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven.

For more information or to make a donation visit their website at
www.seahavenresponders.org.

We would also like to thank CDS Electrical for installing this device at no charge to the shcool of Seahaven Responders. This is a wonderful community support.

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Proud children learning about the important work of our First Responders and Defibrillator



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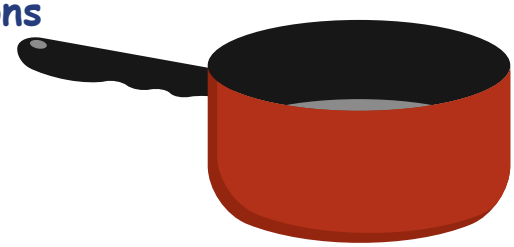
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026

This term we have proudly been involved in the national poppy appeal, selling poppies in school ahead of Remembrance Sunday this week.

Our House Captains also proudly represented the school by laying wreaths at the Seaford memorial.
More details about the appeal can be found here.



Home Corner Donations



We are looking to widen our home corners throughout school and are looking for kind donations to support us with this.

This would include items such as toy kitchens, toy kitchen equipment and other such items.

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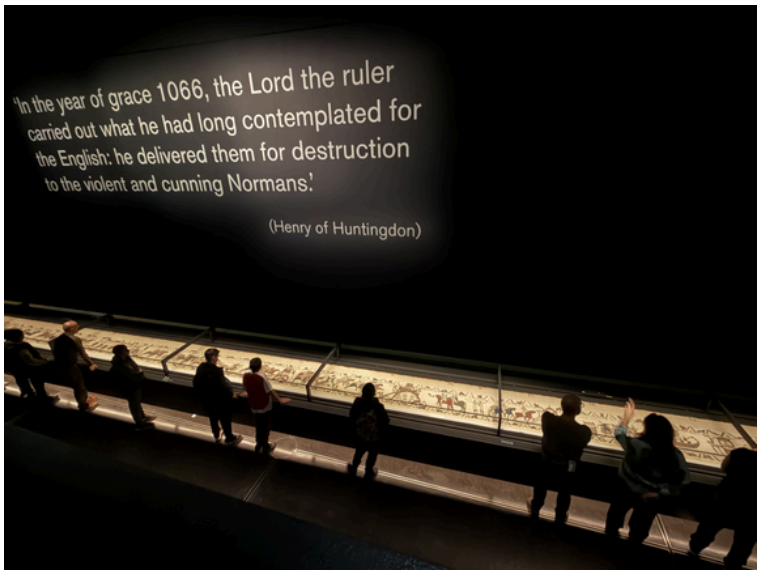
Bayeux Tapestry Trip

A group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 recently enjoyed a fascinating visit to see the Bayeux Tapestry. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to bring their history learning to life and learn more about the events surrounding the Norman Conquest.

The children showed great enthusiasm throughout the day, asking thoughtful questions and engaging brilliantly with the exhibits. We were particularly proud of the way they represented our school, demonstrating excellent behaviour, respect and maturity at all times.

Well done to all the children for making the trip such a successful and enjoyable experience.





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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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THE SCARLETS
Year 6 & 7 Girls
SEAFORD RUGBY FC
YEAR 6 & 7 GIRLS
RUGBY
Come and be part of our team!
Play
Learn
Grow
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
Make new friends
Build confidence
Learn new skills
Be part of a supportive team
AT THE SALTS
TRAINING SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS
SUNDAY 10AM
TUESDAY 5.30PM
JUST TURN UP TO TRAIN
FOR MORE INFORMATION


BABY Week UK
Baby Week East Sussex
East Sussex County Council
Join us for our FREE launch event
Saturday 14 November 2026
10:00am - 1:00pm
Eastbourne Library
seaglass arts
Musical play drop-in with Seaglass Arts
• Fun, friendly sessions for families with children from birth
• Songs and games, live music and instruments
• Play and learn together
• All welcome
You will also have the chance to speak with representatives from Book Start, Family Hubs, Education and Health services