



NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are already into October! We have had such a busy two weeks at Cradle Hill, with lots of exciting things happening across the school.

I would like to start by saying what a wonderful day we had at our Summer Fair last Saturday! Having been delayed from the summer, we were absolutely thrilled that the sun came out for us.

It was simply brilliant and there was such a lovely atmosphere throughout the day. From the children singing to the animals in the Beach House, there was something for everyone to enjoy. A

HUGE thank you to our amazing PTFA for all the time, energy and hard work that went into making the day such a success. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying themselves together, and even better that we were able to raise much-needed funds for our children and school. We really are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive school community.

Our Year 6 children have already taken part in both a rugby tournament and a football tournament, what a fantastic start! We really believe that keeping children active is so important, not just for their physical health but also for their confidence, teamwork and wellbeing, so it has been brilliant to see them getting involved and representing our school.

Our Year 4 children had a fantastic time at the beach last week and were incredibly lucky with the weather. We are so fortunate to live where we do, with the beach right on our doorstep, and I know like me you will all want our children to grow up being confident, safe and knowledgeable about the seaside and the environment around them. Beach School gives them the opportunity to learn in a completely different setting while developing skills and knowledge that are so very relevant to where we live.

Our Year 3 children have been enjoying their Forest School sessions, getting outside, exploring and learning together. There really is something very special about seeing children learning beyond the classroom.

I can hardly believe that we are already starting our Open Day sessions for children joining us next September! If you know anyone who is looking for a school place, please do encourage them to get in touch with the school office. The office team will be very happy to arrange an appointment and I so enjoy showing prospective families around our wonderful school.

A little reminder too that Parents' Evening is coming up in two weeks. Please do make sure you book your appointment if you haven't already. I am really looking forward to seeing many of you there.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes, Mrs Andrea Keith, Headteacher



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Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October - Parents Evening

Monday 19th October 9am - NHS Children and Fussy Eating Workshop for parents/carers to join

Wednesday 21st October - Individual/sibling school photos

Thursday 22nd October - NHS Flu Immunisation in school

Friday 23rd October - Last day of Term 1

Monday 2nd November - First day of Term 2

Monday 2nd November 2pm - ESCC Parenting Team Workshop on Understanding Neurodivergence in Children.

Friday 13th November - MUFTI Day for Children In Need

Monday 16th November - Meet the SEND Team Coffee Afternoon

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

Thursday 8th October - National Screening Programme Y6

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

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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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.

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Cradle Hill
Community Primary School

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](tel:01323892773) 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/>

Together we care, together we achieve



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2026-2027 House Captains have been announced!

Congratulations to our new Year 6 House Captains! They have worked incredibly hard on their speeches and were proudly selected by the children in their KS2 houses to represent our school. Our new House Captains truly embody our school values of kindness, honesty, respect, curiosity, resilience and imagination. We know they will be fantastic role models for the younger children and will make a positive difference to our school community throughout the year.

A huge well done also to all of our House Captain candidates for having the confidence to put themselves forward!

Malala

Daniel
Phoebe

Ennis

Harrison
Mia

Attenborough

Alex
Olivia

Peake

Ronnie
Nancy





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Year 4 enjoy Beach School

To celebrate outdoor learning and our geography/history topic, Year 4 took a trip to Cuckmere Haven for some wonderful beach school. First, we split into tribes and set up camp. We recreated shields using our surroundings and went rock pooling. We smelted wax into our personalised clay moulds to make our very own Celtic/Roman coins. We even got a lovely hot chocolate with marshmallows! Some of us spotted fish, cows and crabs, and collected treasures like sea glass and shells!

It was a fantastic day out!





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Year 6 News

Elise in Year 6 won the 'Design a Football Kit' for Vision Education!
Well done Elise!



On Thursday 24th September, 18 Year 6s travelled to the Elite Performance Centre in Lancing to take part in a football tournament. All of the children showed resilience, determination and tenacity throughout the day and played extremely well. They were all excellent ambassadors of our school and many adults commented on how polite they all were. It was a tremendous day!



On Friday 25th September, 70 Year 6s took part in a T1 Tag-Rugby Tournament at The Salts against other local schools. It was a wonderful afternoon full of teamwork and excitement! We would like to say a big thank you to Kevin Lewis who hosted this tournament and to Mrs Brennan and her Y11 leaders for supporting the running of the festival.

Physical activity

for children and young people (5-18 Years)



***Builds
Confidence &
Social Skills***



***Strengthens
Muscles & Bones***



***Maintains
Healthy
Weight***



***Develops
Co-ordination***



***Improves
Health & Fitness***



***Improves
Sleep***



***Improves
Concentration
& Learning***



***Makes
You Feel
Good***

Be physically active

60 minutes

Aim for an average of at least

per day across the week

**Spread activity
throughout the day**



Play



Walk / Run



Swim



Skate



Skip



Climb

**Activities to
develop
movement
skills, and
muscle and
bone strength**

**All activities should make you
breathe faster & feel warmer**



Bike



Active Travel



Sport



PE



Workout



Dance

**Reduce
inactivity**



**Increase
activity**

**Find ways to help all children and young people accumulate an average
of at least 60 minutes physical activity per day across the week**

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2026



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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 Fruit & 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!



"Together we can help our school community garden flourish."



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Forest School for Sea Otters

Sea Otters had a wonderful time in Forest School on Wednesday. We demonstrated our learning about the Stone Age by building shelters out of wood, animal skins (tarpaulin) and vines (ropes). There was a heavy storm so we had to make it weather tight. Some of us got a little wet! We then explored and played in Forest School - doing some cave art with paint brushes made of feathers and sticks, we cooked in the mud kitchen, swung in the hammock, climbed the rope ladder and so much more. We had great fun!



TT Rockstars

Year 4 will be competing in a Times Table Rockstar Battle of the Classes over October Half-term!

Please do remember how great this system is to develop your child's maths fluency and timetables. Little and often is the key for this!





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Eastbourne Lit Festival

Last Thursday, 6 Cradle Hill pupils represented Cradle Hill CP in the Poetry by Heart competition as part of Eastbourne Lit Fest at Eastbourne Library.

Alongside several other children in East Sussex schools, the following children bravely and enthusiastically performed these poems in front of audience and judging panel.

KS1

Solo- Archie T- The Sneeze by Michael Rosen

Freestyle- Ruby C and Ada L One More Story by Julia Donaldson

KS2

Solo- Roxanna E- Instructions for growing poetry Tony Mitton

Freestyle-Edie B and Florence PB- An Emerald is as Green as Grass Christina Rossetti

It was a wonderful afternoon of poetry and we were so proud of the children for so bravely and confidently performing their poems in front of an audience.

We were also entertained by poet A F Harold who was hilarious! Well done everyone!



Poet, A F Harold



POETRY BY
HEART

Choose a poem

Learn it by heart

Perform it out loud





**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

If you have been given this form by a young carer here is what you can do:

- If they don't want to talk about their caring role, still check in with them and let them know you are there if they need you
- Treat their caring role as a learning and support need, not a behavioural issue
- Ask them how you can support them and their family
- Give them a safe space to talk
- Learn more about young carers
www.childrenssociety.org.uk/information/professionals/young-carers
- Refer them for a Young Carers Assessment with IMAGO East Sussex Young Carers
(you will need consent from the young person and their guardian)
www.imago.community/East-Sussex-Young-Carers

CONTACT US!

All young carers are eligible for activities, information and support.

01323 738390

www.cftc.org.uk/young-carers-service-east-sussex/



Young Carers Project



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Aged under 18?



Live in East Sussex?

Do you help look after someone in your family due to illness, addiction, SEN or disability?

REGISTER AS A
YOUNG CARER!

No one left to care alone



WHO ARE YOUNG CARERS?

A young carer is someone aged under 18 who helps to look after someone, usually a family member, but sometimes a neighbour or friend. The person could be ill, elderly, have a learning or physical disability, an addiction or a mental health condition.

WHAT DO YOUNG CARERS DO?

- Practical tasks, like cooking, housework and shopping
- Physical care, like helping someone out of bed
- Personal care, like helping someone get dressed
- Managing the family budget and collecting prescriptions
- Helping to give medicine
- Helping someone communicate

But caring isn't just doing things physically. Young carers may:

- Give emotional support, including talking to someone who is upset
- Worry about someone when they are away from them
- Protect brothers or sisters with additional needs from bullies or help them make friends
- Put the needs of the person with the illness or condition ahead of their own

OUR YOUNG CARERS PROJECT

We know as a young carer it can be hard to get a break. Friends may not understand and young carers often feel lonely and isolated. School can be difficult, it can be hard to complete homework, get there on time or for others to understand your home life.

Our aim is for young carers to have a break and a chance to meet and build friendships with other young carers. We also can support young carers with any difficulties they face, and refer onto other services that can help.

Youth Clubs

Monthly youth clubs for those aged 8-17 years

Outings and activities

Outings for those aged 5-17 during school holidays

Help with transport to clubs and activities

Information and guidance

Providing information for support and referring onto other services

East Sussex Carers Card

The Card identifies you as a carer, and that someone depends on you in an emergency. It's also a discount card, giving you savings across East Sussex

If you want to tell a teacher, or trusted adult, about your caring role but don't know how to start, you can fill out this form and give it to them

I AM A YOUNG CARER

I help to look after someone who needs me due to physical or mental illness, disability, age or addiction.

I am giving you this leaflet because:

- ☐ I want you to know but I don't want to talk about it
- ☐ I want support and someone to talk to
- ☐ I am finding it hard to balance my life and caring

Name

Form

Contact details

I am happy for you to talk to my parents/guardian about this

Yes ☐ No ☐

Anything else I want to say:

www.cftc.org.uk

WACKY WILD WEST HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term 2026
26th Oct – 30th Oct, 9.45am–12.30pm
St Luke's Church, Seaford, BN25 3TH
For Children in Reception to Year 6

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

We are delighted to report we had a great Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we pledged to spend funds raised on some upcoming school projects and planned events for the year!

OUR OFFICERS FOR 2026/2027

Chair - Sarah Cotter

Vice-Chair - Yani Earp

Treasurer - Andrew Ward

Co-Secretaries - Alice Buroni and Katie Pepper

Website Lead - Kimberley Beal

Committee - Amy Everson, Lianne Elliot, Fran Chorlton, Fiona Lewis, Kira Phillips, Patrycja Borla, Deanna Allen, Lisa Marzetti, Andrea Keith and Inga Elphick



WE NEED YOUR HELP

To complete our committee, we're looking for a Reception Parent representative, Events lead and Communication/Social Media lead. Could you help? Contact us at cradlehillptfa@gmail.com or join our WhatsApp Community.



Last chance to help the school win £250
Register by Sunday 4th October



Thank You!



Together, we raised over £3,000!

Massive thank you from the PFTA and Cradle Hill School





Coming up Events!



A year of connection, giving, and shared leadership



PTFA Monthly Meeting

Monday, 5th October 2026, starting at 7pm at The Old Plough in Seaford.

The first PTFA Committee meeting of the year, join us to find out what's coming up this year and how you can get involved.



PTFA Information board at Parents Evening

While waiting for your turn to meet the teachers, why don't you check out our information board to find more about us & the committee.



Winter Disco

27th November 2026 and 4th December 2026

We will need volunteers to achieve this, please get in touch with one of our committee members or keep an eye on Volunteer sign up in WhatsApp class group chat.



Nov and Dec

Advent Calendar Raffle, IQ Card design, Elfridges (pop-up shop), Father Christmas visit and End of term treats.

