



NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been absolutely lovely to welcome everyone back to Cradle Hill this term. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed lots of happy family time together.

There is always such a lovely feeling at the start of a new academic year, and we have been so excited to see the children back through the gates, ready for another year of learning, fun and new experiences. I am incredibly proud of how brilliantly all of the children have settled in, and especially proud of our new Reception children. They have made such a fantastic start to life at Cradle Hill and it has been wonderful to see them becoming so confident already.

You will have received your invitation for Parents' Evening today. This year, we have moved our Parents' Evenings into the first term as a trial. One of the comments we received from families last year was that it felt like quite a long time to wait before having the opportunity to spend some one to one time with your child's new teacher. We therefore thought it would be helpful to bring this opportunity forward, so that you can meet your child's teacher earlier in the year and talk about how they have settled in and how they are getting on. As always, we will review how this works and really value your feedback.

Next week also sees the start of some of our wonderful outdoor learning. Year 4 will be enjoying Beach School sessions and our Reception and Year 1 children will be heading off to Forest School. The weather is looking good for both!

Sadly, Mrs Wood is no longer with us to lead Forest School, but I know our long-standing families will be thrilled to hear that Mrs Vincent is back at Cradle Hill! Mrs Vincent was the person who originally started Forest School here, so we are absolutely delighted that she is able to return and lead this special part of our curriculum. I know she is looking forward to getting back out into the woods with the children!

There is so much to look forward to this year and we are really excited about all the opportunities, experiences and memories we will create together. I look forward to seeing you all at events throughout the year and, of course, on the school gates. Please bear with me as I learn all of your names, there are quite a few new faces for me to remember!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Cradle Hill community.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing all our children return to school on Monday.

Best wishes, Mrs Andrea Keith, Headteacher



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Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th September - PTFA Own Clothes Day

Thursday 1st October - Special Lunch Menu - "Children's Favourites"

Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October - Parents Evening

Friday 23rd October - Last day of Term 1

Monday 2nd November - First day of Term 2

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

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!

Tuesday 22nd September 9am - MHST Tricky Mornings and Change

Monday 28th September 2pm - ESCC Parenting Team - Anxiety in Children

Monday 19th October 9am - NHS School Team - Fussy Eating

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



**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

Attendance (2024/2025)

100%

100% Year

100% Last 4 weeks



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.

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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

Parent/Carer Workshops

*Things to watch out for
next academic year*

 **22** *September
2026*

*MHST Support Team -
Tricky Mornings and
Change*

 **28** *September
2026*

*ESCC Parenting Team -
Managing Anxiety and
Avoidance in Children*

 **19** *October
2026*

*NHS School Nursing
Team - Fussy Eating in
Children*

*All workshops will commence at 9am
promptly.
Please do sign in at the school office.*

*More parent info can be
found [here](#)*



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Sensory Garden Thank You

Huge thank you to our staff and ex-pupils for their hard work over the summer holidays as they tackled the garden in the Ocean Centre.

This is now a lovely sensory garden for our children, allowing them a place of peace, fun and calm outside!

Thank you for all you have done whilst you were on a break from school!





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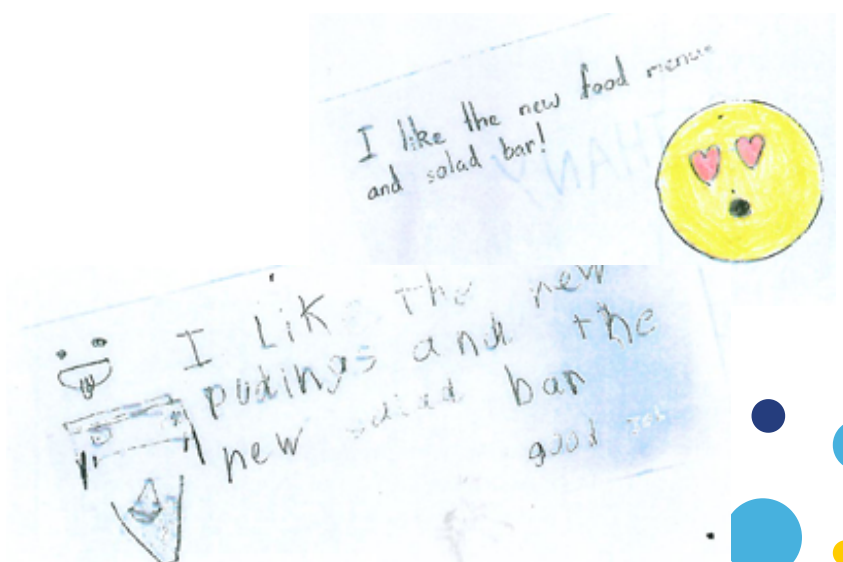
New Catering Success

We have been so pleased to welcome PS Catering to Cradle Hill this term.

We hope you have also enjoyed looking at our new menu and hearing the children's positive feedback afterwards.

As a reminder, the lunch menu can be found [here](#). Lunches are now available for all children, including those in Nursery!

For KS2 children, all lunches should be paid for, in advance on [Arbor](#). Please do log into the Parental Portal for your child to do this. Daily orders are still taken in class so please don't worry.



childrens

FavOURites

THURSDAY 1ST
OCTOBER

BRUNCH MENU

PORK SAUSAGE OR VEGGIE
SAUSAGE, EGGY BREAD, HASH
BROWN & BAKED BEANS

OR

JACKETS WITH CHEESE OR
BEANS

SALAD

CARROT CAKE
JELLY
FRUIT



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Packed Lunches and Health Eating

At Cradle Hill we are keen to ensure all our children eat a healthy lunch and snack. Although we do offer healthy lunches with our new caterer, PS Catering, we are mindful that children bringing in packed lunches should also be eating healthy.

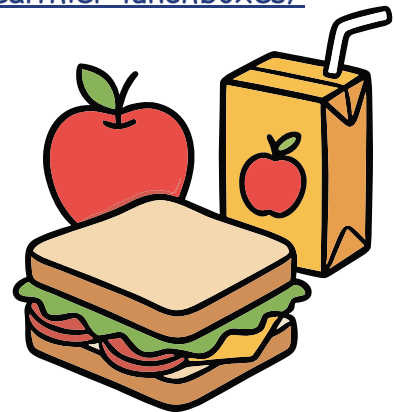
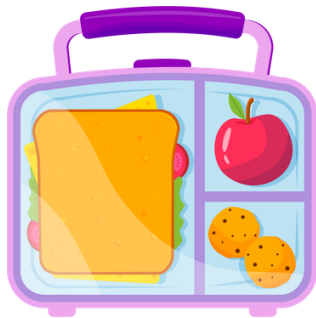
Please do remember that crisps and chocolate bars shouldnt be coming into school.

We would always encourage that snacks and lunchboxes are waste free as part of our environmental focus.

Here are some helpful resources for packed lunches idea and how to offer some healthy snacks and lunches that children will enjoy!

<https://www.cradlehill.e-sussex.sch.uk/Healthy-Lunches/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Kind Notice for Parents and Carers

Whilst the nice weather remains, we are really mindful of children using the school facilities outside of school time.

Please do remember that children should NOT be using the trim trail or our Atlantis Quiet Area at pick up or drop off time. This is because we need to be mindful of the safe use of this equipment.

Rather sadly, some equipment was broken last week and we simply cannot replace this.

We are so lucky in Seaford to have some lovely parks and beach areas for play, please do use these rather than our equipment before/after school.



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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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Well done to Roxanna for getting into the local Eastbourne Panto - Dick Whittington.

I'VE GOT INTO
PANTOMIME!

Dick Whittington

PERFORMING ON:

7th	- 10:30am
12th	- 11:00am & 14:30pm
18th	- 19:00pm
★	
19th	- 11:00am
★	
22nd	- 11:00am & 14:30pm
★	
27th	- 14:30 & 18:00pm
★	
31st	- 11:00am & 14:30pm

Roxanna

ROYAL HIPPODROME THEATRE

Additional Support



For more information on childcare and to support early years development visit

www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

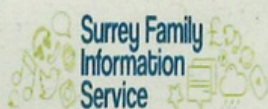


Tax Free Childcare

You can get up to **£500 every 3 months** (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

www.gov.uk/tax-free/childcare

Where to find childcare providers.



Surrey Family Information Services

Surrey based childcare

www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families



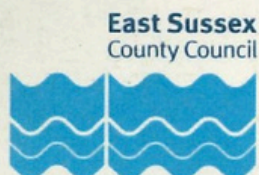
West Sussex Childcare Options

www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/childcare-and-early-education/childcare-options-and-funding/childcare-options/



Brighton & Hove Family Services

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/families-children-and-learning/childcare-and-family-support/family-service-directory



East Sussex Childcare

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/finding-childcare



Gov.UK

Find before and after school clubs and holiday clubs

www.gov.uk/after-school-holiday-club

Speak to your local Jobcentre to find out more.



Department
for Work &
Pensions



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Eastbourne
LitFest



Children's & Young People's Events

Friday 25 September



A.F. Harrold – A wildly entertaining live performance, with at least one beard guaranteed.

Saturday 26 September



Dame Jacqueline Wilson – An incredibly special interview as a true national treasure brings us her new book, *Esme Pepper*



Jenny McLachlan – An inspiring journey to *The Land of Roar* filled with magic and dragons



YA Panel – Dean Atta, Sarah Crossan, Tia Fisher and Louisa Reid on why verse novels tell such powerful stories

Sunday 27 September



Lucy Ann Unwin and Professor Caswell Barry – An interactive adventure *Inside Your Brain*



Lucy Strange – Get your detective notebooks ready, because it's time for *Murder on a Midsummer Night*!



Visit eastbournelitfest.org for the full line-up, including creative workshops for all ages and dozens of events for grown-ups!



FORCE BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL SEAFORD

FOR BOYS & GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 1-6

MERCREAD YOUTH CENTRE, MERCREAD ROAD, SEAFORD, BN25 1AB

ROOKIES

(SCHOOL YEARS 1-3)

WEDNESDAYS 5-6PM

SATURDAYS 10-11AM

MINIBALLERS

(SCHOOL YEARS 4-6)

MONDAYS 6-7PM

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CONTACT AT

INFO@FORCEBASKETBALL.CO.UK

WWW.FORCEBASKETBALL.CO.UK

ONLY 12 SPOTS PER GROUP

EGPP
ON TERM BOOKINGS

2026-27





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PTFA September News

We are pleased to be able to share some exciting news from the PTFA. Not only have they worked tirelessly to provide some great activities for our children, but also raised an amazing total for future events. More news from the PTFA can be found here, including their future events and how to get involved:

<https://www.cradlehill.e-sussex.sch.uk/News/PTFA-September-News/>

Thank you

Together we have raised an amazing

£7,764.47

Thank you to all our wonderful families and supporters for your generosity.

We have funded

- Reception Welcome packs & book bags
- Antibullying Campaign
- Christmas Presents
- Year Group Donations
- The Animal Guyz show
- PA System
- Ice Cream



SUMMER FAIR

MUFTI DAY

Friday 25th
September 2026

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on this date in exchange for the following items for our Tombolas:

Bottles/Cans

Unopened Gifts

Sweets/Chocolate

Please drop off items to the tables outside the office on the morning of the 25th September.

Charity Number: 1055495

PTFA

SUMMER FAIR

NEW DATE NEW DATE

CRADLE HILL SCHOOL

Saturday 26th September
2026

11am-3pm

£1 ENTRY PER FAMILY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- inflatable assault course •
- fun games •
- mega slide •
- face painting •
- animal display (additional charge) •
- talent show •
- market stalls •
- yummy food •
- and much more!

Charity Number: 1055495

