



Value for July

Hope

Why is hope a powerful word?

Hope is a great word. It's a powerful word that inspires millions of people in many different languages. Hope has moved people out of untenable situations into better lives, and has helped humans stay alive long enough to figure out how to thrive. Hope is huge.

Sports Day

Sports day with times, parents welcome

We are delighted to be returning to having sports days again and we will be inviting parents and carers to join us for them. There are three events planned.

- Key Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2) will take place on **Tuesday 5th July**. It will start at 1.45pm and will take place on the field. We anticipate that it will end at 3pm and children can be collected as usual at the end of the school day
- Key Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4) will take place on **Tuesday 12th July**. It will start at 1.45pm and will take place on the field. We anticipate that it will end at 3pm and children can be collected as usual at the end of the school day.
- Early Years (Nursery and Reception) will take place on **Friday 15th July**. It will start at 9.15am and will take place on the Key Stage Two playground (the one with the climbing wall and tyres). We anticipate it will end around 10.15am.

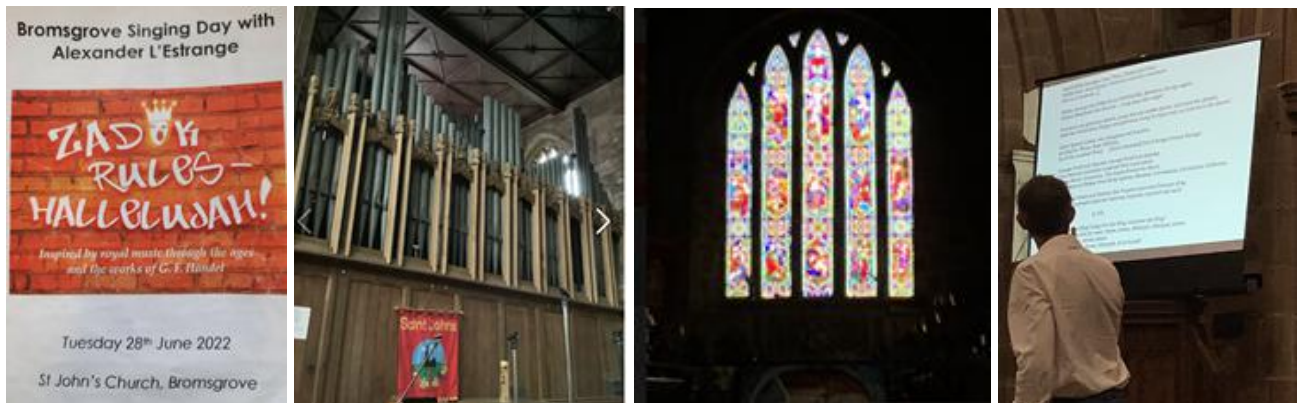
For each event, the children will be in groups or classes and will participate in a range of sporting activities and competitions during the session. We ask parents/carers to keep to the edge of the sports area and they can move around with the group(s) and support from the side. Parents/carers with more than one child at the same event will be able to move between the different groups.

- In the past, some parents/carers have found it useful to bring a portable/camp chair.
- We ask that parents/carers are mindful that this is a school event and limit attendance to 2 adults per child.
- We remind you that taking photos/videos is prohibited as we do not have this permission for all children and, for some, this is for safeguarding reasons.
- Children will need their PE kit in school, please also remember hats and sunscreen.



 **Singing Day in Bromsgrove** 
St John's Church

Some of our Year 3 children had an amazing day on Tuesday at St. John's Church!



Thank you to Alexander L'Estrange and all the parents who supported the children, we hope you enjoyed their performance.

 **Blackwell Residential** 

When a goal is set....and the goal is achieved....what an amazing time the children had at Blackwell Adventure!



Campfire fun Thursday evening....songs....dancing and marshmallows....



Thank you to all at Blackwell Adventure, the children had a fantastic time.



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End of Year Reports

On **Friday 8th July**, all children (who have been on our registers for at least one term) will bring home their end of year report. Each report contains personalised comments and information about your child's learning this year. All reports will include the children's end of year assessment and progress data as well as their attendance percentage up until the end of May.

Children in Reception will have their end of Foundation Stage Profile information, and those in Year One (and some of Year Two) will have the results of the phonic check.

Children in Year Two will have their end of Key Stage One assessment grades and those in Year Four will have the results of the Times Table check. In addition, children have produced their own comments with their reflections on their year.

All children will have targets to support their ongoing development.

We hope that you find the information useful.

Parents' Evening

There will be a parents' evening for those who wish to discuss their child's report. This will take place on **Wednesday 13th July** with a face to face drop in session after school until 4pm and then an opportunity to book an individual appointment until 5.30 pm.

Class Assemblies

Here are the class assembly dates in the run up to the end of term. We will limit attendance to 2 adults per child, we hope you can attend.

Nursery - **Tuesday 12th July 9am**

4B and 4J - Leavers' Assembly **Monday 18th July 9.00am**

More details will follow shortly, so don't forget to check your Epraise messages regularly.

Catshill Library Books

Catshill Library, our local community library, has a large number of non-returned/outstanding books and have asked for our support in collecting them. Can you please check at home and return any children's library books to us, as they have provided us with an 'amnesty box'.

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School Council

We have raised a fantastic £244.50 for our Cuddly Creature Crackers, which all goes towards raising important funds for our school.

Thank you for all of your support during the past academic year, we look forward to bringing you new and exciting raffles, prizes and gifts in September.

If you are having a sort out over the summer, we are looking for the following to help us carry on with our brilliant fundraising activities:-

Books (especially KS2), teddy bears and cuddly toys, 'Small World' play toys - cars, people, animals, boats, dinosaurs, construction bricks, unwanted gifts for raffles (everything must be in good order).

Thank you again for your continued support

Reminders and Dates for your Diaries

- ★ **Thursday 7th July** - Bellboating Regatta - for those attending in year 4.
- ★ **Friday 8th July** - Year 3 mini music concert for the parents of our cornet playing children 9.00am in the Hall. 2 people per child, entry via the glass corridor.
- ★ Yesterday we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Braiden-Smith Year 4B who will be leaving us for a short while whilst on maternity leave. Rest up while you can, missing you already, love from the Catshill Team and year 4B.
- ★ We also said a sad goodbye to some of our trainee teachers, Charlotte, Kate and Molly, who we wish all the best for the future, you have been very much appreciated.

Thank you

Hartlebury Castle

Looking for something to do in the Summer Break!

There are many exciting events and exhibitions to look forward to at Hartlebury Castle, from outdoor performances of Cinderella (26th August) to the Tales of Peter Rabbit (15th July), and the return of 21st Century ABBA (28th July).

To check out all the fun [click here](#)



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End of School Pick Up Times for September

Please note that we will be reverting back to our normal end of day school pick up times when we return in September 2022

Reception - 3.20pm
KS1 (year 1 and 2) - 3.20pm
KS2 (year 3 and 4) - 3.25pm

Thank you

Holiday Activity & Food for Redditch / Bromsgrove

The Starting Well Partnership, Sports Development team and the Community Safety team have worked in partnership and been successful applying for funding through Redditch Borough Council to Ready Steady Worcestershire. This funding has supported holiday activities across Redditch / Bromsgrove with various different providers to deliver activities with a meal or food packages.

The purpose of this funding is to provide free holiday provision, which includes healthy food and enriching activities, to school-aged children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), and to support families who are just about managing (JAM).

The offer is varied and will give children and Young people a great opportunity to try something new!

To book, it's easy! Parents can follow this link : www.haf-it.co.uk

If parents haven't used this system before they will need to sign up,

Click book now - choose from the Menu of activities (they can choose multiple activities) and book the sessions they require.

Children Always First

Children Always First is an Independent Foster Care Agency based in Bromsgrove and they are raising awareness to the local community about the need for more Foster Carers in the UK.

For further information, please [click here](#)

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● Car Park - Important Notice ●

The car park at Catshill First School and Nursery is for use by school staff only. The only exception to this rule is when access is required to the disabled parking space.

Children must NOT be on the school car park at ANY time.

All Access to the school premises must be via the pedestrian footpath and NOT through the car park.

Please note the signage on the gate requesting that it is kept closed at all times.

This is for the children's safety.

Things to remember

- ★ W/C 4th July 2022 is week 2 for our dinner menu. You can find the menu on our website <https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/our-school-day/> ✓
- ★ Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday ✓
- ★ Children should come to school on PE days wearing school uniform, they will change into PE kit as part of the session. For Forest School or Forest Fun sessions, children should come to school wearing their appropriate Forest School clothing and footwear for these activities. ✓
- ★ Log on to Rising Stars to access your child's online reading books. ✓

Term dates

- ★ *This half term ends at 3.10pm on Tuesday 19th July.*
- ★ *Please find this year's term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Autumn Term begins on Wednesday 7th September 2022 (except new reception groups and selected pupils for appointments and visits on Tuesday 6th September).*



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