



🌿 Value for December 🌿

Kindness

Kindness means that you treat everyone the best that you can. No matter who they are or how you feel about them you treat them with fairness and respect. We might think of nice things to do and say all day but when we act, that is kindness.

🥫 Food Bank 🥫

Thank you so much for your donations for the food bank so far! We know that this time of year is difficult for many and the cost of living expenses have risen for all so please only donate if you are able. Our value for December is kindness and we have spoken in assembly about the importance of giving as well as receiving so thank you again!



The Catshill Baptist Foodbank has helped many of our families and community members and we are glad to support them at this time.



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Please find below our planned Christmas events for 2022.

Christmas postbox - If your child would like to write Christmas cards to share with their friends, they can use our school postbox. Cards are delivered after lunch every day by our very own elf service

Monday 12th December: School Council 'Design a Christmas Jumper' will need to be returned by this date.

Monday 12th December: KS2 (Year 3 and Year 4) Christmas Carols - gates open at 2.45pm. Come and join us on the KS2 playground for a festival singalong outside.

Tuesday 13th December: School Council Christmas Fayre - for the children.

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Dinner

Thursday 15th December: Class Christmas Parties - All classes will enjoy a party with fun and food and maybe a special visitor. Children may wear their party clothes all day.

Friday 16th December: Christmas jumpers/own clothes for the last day of term.



🌲 🌲 **Nativity** 🌲 🌲

Thank you all for attending the nativity plays for EYFS and KS1 this year, I think you will agree that the children all looked lovely and sang their little hearts out.



A big thank you to everyone who helped out and contributed, and for parents providing their outfits.

Merry Christmas



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Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever is easily treated with antibiotics, and children, if diagnosed, are welcome back at school after 24 hours on antibiotics, as they are no longer infectious.

If your child has a rash or sore throat, or you would like further information for peace of mind, please follow the guidance on the attached link.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Catshill Children's Choice

Each half term we will have £50 to spend on new books. Please vote for your top three favourite books from the list below. The top few books that receive the most votes will be purchased for our library. The winners will be announced in our newsletter and shared with everyone in school. Happy voting!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaTDunAxSBXDD_NndJ-ybFrYKV4PQKYZrNs9cIRIBmOUTUMA/viewform?usp=share_link

School Council

Christmas Raffle Tickets are now on sale in all classes, every day until 14th December. They will also be on sale during the Nativity plays and carol singing. There are 30 gift bags full of prizes for everyone at 50p per ticket.

The Christmas Jumper competition is now open and there are 2 prizes per class. Entries need to be returned by Monday 12th December.

The Christmas Fayre for the children will be held Tuesday 13th December, everything is 50p.

😊 Thank you all for your continuing support 😊

World Cup 2022

How did your team do this week!

Our World Cup Teams

Nursery	Canada	Ghana	Saudi Arabia
RTY	Australia	Poland	Qatar
RM	Mexico	Uruguay	Wales
1R	Croatia	Netherlands	Brazil
1P	South Korea	England	Brazil
2F	Japan	Argentina	Spain
2FB	USA	Morocco	Germany
3B	Serbia	Costa Rica	Tunisia
3S	Switzerland	Denmark	Senegal
4J	Belgium	Ecuador	Iran
4F	Cameroon	France	Portugal

Last 8 Teams - Croatia v Brazil - Netherlands v Argentina - Morocco v Portugal
England v France



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Local Library Christmas Events

Christmas events in Bromsgrove Library

FROM MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Monday 19th 2:30pm	Christmas Party £1 per person. Ages 4yrs+. Christmas jumpers welcome. Booking needed.
Tuesday 20th 10:00am	Dummy Elf and Active Tots (Older Siblings welcome) Booking Needed
Wednesday 21st 10:30am	Christmas Decoration Making £1 per person. Booking needed. Ages 4yrs+
Thursday 22nd 11am-1pm, 2pm-4pm	Starting Well Christmas Party Christmas Activities, Reindeer Food and meet Santa! Booking needed. Under 7yrs
Friday 23rd 11:00am	Cosy Christmas Storytime FREE. No need to book. Christmas jumpers welcome
Saturday 24th 10:30am -12:30pm	Christmas LEGO Club FREE, No need to book

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Christmas events in Droitwich Library

FROM SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Saturday 17th 12:00pm	Winter Wonderland LEGO £1 per person. Ages 5yrs+. Booking needed.
Monday 19th 2:00pm	Christmas Stories and Craft FREE. No need to book. Christmas jumpers welcome
Tuesday 20th 2:00pm	Christmas Party £1 per person. Ages 4yrs+. Christmas jumpers welcome. Booking needed.
Wednesday 21st 3:00pm	Winter Rock Painting £1 per person. Ages 5yrs+.
Friday 23rd 3:00pm	Christmas Story and Craft FREE. No need to book. Christmas jumpers welcome

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Christmas events in Catshill and Rubery Library

FROM MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Catshill Library	
Monday 19th 10:00am	Christmas Bounce and Rhyme Ages 0-2yrs. Booking needed.
Tuesday 20th 5:50pm	Christmas Bedtime Stories Hot chocolate £1
Thursday 22nd 3:30pm	Decorate a Christmas Tree Ages 4yrs+. Booking needed.
Saturday 24th 10am	Craft Santa Keys and Reindeer Food Ages 4yrs+. Booking needed. £1 per person
Rubery Library	
Friday 23rd 2:30pm	Christmas Party £1 per person. Ages 4yrs+. Christmas jumpers welcome. Booking needed.
Saturday 24th 10:30am	Christmas Storytime Ages 3-5yrs

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Christmas events in Hagley Library

FROM MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Monday 19th 10:30am	Elf on the Shelf Craft £1 per person. Ages 3yrs+. Booking needed.
Wednesday 21st 10:30am	GONK! Craft £1 per person. Ages 3yrs+. Booking needed.
Friday 23rd 10:30am	Santa and Snowman Craft £1 per person. Booking needed. Ages 3yrs+
Wednesday 28th 10am-12pm, 2pm-3pm	Festive Character Hunt £1 per person. Ages 3yrs+ Booking needed.

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Celebrate the festive season with an exciting programme of Christmas events at Hartlebury Castle, Worcestershire!

Enjoy fun family Christmas weekends with opportunities to meet Santa, relax as you listen to marvellous concerts & evening performances, or get creative in our popular Wreath Making workshops. Or simply pop in for a visit and see the Castle dressed for Christmas with its beautiful decorations.

Nutcracker Trail: From Tuesday 6th December, follow the Nutcracker Trail around the Castle. How many can you find? *50p per trail participant (gets a treat at the end!)*

Visit during A Family Christmas and enjoy the trail for free!

Click [here](#) to see their full Christmas programme

NewStarts

NewStarts will be holding a pop up Toy Shop on Monday 12th December at midday until Tuesday 13th December at 4pm.

The toys have been kindly donated for families who are in need of a Christmas item for their child / children.

Everyone is welcome to visit us at NewStarts, 1 Sherwood Rd, Bromsgrove B60 3DR.

Thank You

Things to Remember for Activities in Autumn 2

Autumn 2 2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery		Forest School (am)	PE (pm)		PE (am)
RM			PE (am)	Forest School (pm)	
RTY			PE (am)		Forest School (am)
Year 1	Forest School (1R pm)	PE (am)	Forest School (1P pm)		
Year 2	Christmas Choir (pm)	PE (pm)		PE (am)	
Year 3	PE (pm)		PE (am)		Cornet (3S) Forest Schools (3B)
Year 4		PE (am) Swimming (am)		PE (pm)	

*Please note that there may be some flexibility.



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📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **Hearing Screening for Reception** - A message has been epraised out to Reception children, advising you that the School Health Nursing Service will be in school on 10th and 12th January to carry out hearing screening on your child. Can you please follow the link on the epraise to complete the information they will need.
- ★ **Head Lice** - We have had a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Can parents and carers please remain vigilant and follow our '[Head Lice to Dead Lice](#)' information.
- ★ **After Schools Club - Football Skills for KS2 Girls** - An epraise has been sent out to year 3 and 4 girls to see if they would be interested in attending for 6 weeks after Xmas.
- ★ **Christmas Lunch** - If you haven't ordered and paid for your children's Christmas Dinner next Wednesday 14th December, the deadline has now passed and you will need to provide a packed lunch on this day for your child.

Thank you for your co-operation

❄️ Bad Weather ❄️

Procedure during periods of severe weather such as heavy snow, we may need to close the school at short notice. The decision to close the school is only taken after a number of factors have been taken into consideration, such as local weather forecasts, highways information, health and safety and discussions with other local Head Teachers. We also have to ensure that sufficient numbers of staff are able to get to school. Should it become necessary to close the school the following will happen:-

- ★ You will receive an Epraise message (please ensure the school office has your up to date contact details).
- ★ A message will be put on our school website www.catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk.
- ★ A message will be on the Worcestershire Hub web site: www.worcestershire.gov.uk.
- ★ We will put a message on Twitter and Facebook



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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 12th December 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 📌

- ★ *School collection times*
Reception 3.20pm
KS1 (year 1 and 2) 3.20pm
KS2 (year 3 and 4) 3.25pm
- ★ *This term ends on Friday 16th December.*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Spring Term starts on Wednesday 4th January 2023.*



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