



🌻 Value for April 🌻

Diversity

Talk about the ways that you are all different in your family. Talk about the way you are different to your neighbours and friends.
Everyone is different. Isn't it great.

📌 Strike Date 📌

Tuesday 2nd May

Catshill First School & Nursery will be open on Tuesday 2nd May to the following classes only:

Nursery, RM, 1P, 2F, 4F, 4J

👑 Coronation 👑

Friday 5th May

All the children may come into school dressed as a King or Queen, or dressed in red, white and/or blue.



⚽ Catshill Under 9's Football Team ⚽

Catshill U9 have won the Mary Earps Cup! Well done girls, we are so proud of you



🐄 🐰 🐑 Attwell Farm 🐑 🐰 🐄

Reception had an animal-tastic day at Attwell Farm on Monday!



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You have helped to raise a massive £117 for our 'PPP Pick up a Penguin, Panda or Polar Bear' raffle, thank you all for your generous donations.

Winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Thank you again for your continued support.

 **Blackwell - Wednesday 11th - 13th October 2023** 
(Year 3)

For those that were unable to attend the Blackwell information meeting on Thursday 20th April, here is a link to the slides and general notes that were shown, about the fantastic experience your child will have.

[Blackwell Adventure](#)



What is Healthy Start?

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks.

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk

You can also use your card to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

[Healthy Start - How to Apply](#)



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Catshill Children's Choice

Here is the new list for Summer 1

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.

[Please click here to complete the form!](#)

Happy voting!

Bell Boating - Wednesday 10th May 2023 Year 4

We are pleased to confirm that Year 4 will be taking part in a Bell Boating Journey at Vines Park Droitwich, and an epraise has been sent out to year 4 parents/carers with more information on how to pay and order lunch.

Many thanks



Health and Wellbeing Survey

Health and Wellbeing survey for Worcestershire women and families after having a baby.

Have you had a baby within the last 12 months? If so, please take part in our survey.

[Complete Health and Wellbeing Survey](#)

The aim of this survey is to better understand the needs, experiences, and preferences for Worcestershire women and families during pregnancy and after having a baby. This will help to influence the development of services and support for families in Worcestershire. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Thank you.

The survey closes on Friday 28th April 2023.

The Spire Trust

Considering a career in teaching? The Spire Trust still have places for September 2023. If you are interested please click [here](#) for further information.



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🎉🎊 Catshill Coronation Celebrations 🎉🎊



The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort

Catshill Methodist Church
10am-4pm
Saturday 6th May 2023

Watch the Coronation with your community
Everyone Welcome
Light refreshments available

Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council



Catshill Coronation Trail
Sunday 7th May
12 - 3pm

Trail starts and finishes at Catshill Methodist Church

Take part in our Coronation Quiz

Refreshments available at the end of the trail

A commemoration gift will be given to players upon completion of the trail

Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council

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World Immunisation Week and World Hand Hygiene Day

Measles and the MMR Vaccination

This week (24 to 30 April) is World Immunisation Week. As part of this, Public Health in Worcestershire are encouraging everyone to ensure they are up to date with their MMR vaccinations.

Measles is a very infectious viral illness that is spread by coughs and sneezes. It spreads very quickly to non-immune children and adults who are unvaccinated or have not previously been infected. It can be a serious illness.

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms which can include a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, cough/sneezing, sore red eyes, white spots inside the mouth and a rash.

The MMR vaccine is a safe and effective combined vaccine and protects against 3 serious illnesses: Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection from measles. The first dose is given at the age of 12 months and the second dose is given at three years and four months, before starting school. Having both doses gives long lasting protection.

Parents or guardians of children who are not up to date with their two doses of MMR vaccine should contact their GP practice to book an appointment. It's never too late to catch up. Adults who have never previously had the MMR vaccine or have only had one dose of it, should contact their GP surgery to arrange to catch up with outstanding doses.

For more information on measles, MMR vaccine and seeking medical advice please visit: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

World Hand Hygiene Day 2023

World Hand Hygiene Day 2023 takes place on 5th May. The theme for this year is 'Accelerate Action Together- Save lives. Clean Hands'. This is promoting that together we can take action to prevent infections. One of the ways this can be done is by maintaining effective hand hygiene.

Preventing an infection and its spread can have huge benefits to everyone. Cleaning hands helps to protect you and others from becoming ill. As part of this, Public Health in Worcestershire would also like to raise awareness of the local 'Clean Hands, Safe Hands' campaign.

For more information on World Hand Hygiene Day visit

[World Hand Hygiene Day 2023](#)



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📌 Things to Remember 📌

Summer 1 2023	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		PE (pm)		PE (am) Ball Skills (pm)	
Year 3	PE (pm)	Football Skills Boys (pm) Football Skills Girls (pm)	PE (am) Coding 3B		Cornet (3B) Forest Schools (3S)
Year 4		PE (am) Swimming (am) Football Skills Boys (pm) Football Skills Girls (pm)		PE (pm)	Cornet Continued (4J/4F)

*Please note that there may be some flexibility.

📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **Monday 1st May - School closed - Bank Holiday.**
- ★ **Wednesday 3rd May 3.30pm - New Reception parents information evening for those who have siblings already at the school.**
- ★ **Year 4 Photos Thursday 4th May - The photographer for year 4 leavers and class photos will take place in the morning.**
- ★ **Monday 8th May - School closed - Bank Holiday**
- ★ **Sports Day - Tuesday 27th June - KS2 (Yr3 and Yr4), Wednesday 28th June - EYFS (Nursery and Reception), Thursday 29th June - KS1 (Yr1 and Yr2). Races/ competitions start at 9.15am for approximately 1 hour.**
- ★ **Just a gentle reminder that jewellery and nail varnish are not allowed in school, and long hair should be tied back where possible. Please check out our school uniform rules on our [website](#) for clarity.**

Thank you for your continued co-operation

🚫 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.



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Things to remember

- ★ W/C 1st May 2023 is week 2 for our dinner menu. You can find the menu on our website

[Our School Day](#) ✓

- ★ Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday ✓

- ★ To report an absence, please state child's name, class and reason for illness.

Phone - 01527 872913 - option 2 (from 8.15am)

Leave a voicemail - 01527 872913 - option 1

Text - 07786 132612

Epraise - Admin

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Term dates

- ★ *Here and on time at five to nine.*

- ★ *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 26th May.*

- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*

- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*

- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*

- ★ *Summer Term 2 starts on Monday 5th June.*



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