



☀️ Value for July ☀️

FRIENDSHIP

This week we have been thinking about why friendship is so special.

Here are some of the children's ideas:

Friendship is special because you can make memories together.

Friendship is special because you have someone to care for you.

Friendship is special because when you are sad they cheer you up.

Friendship is special because it means you have someone by your side.

🎒 Nursery - Book and a Biscuit 🎒

We had a wonderful book and biscuit session this morning in Nursery, it was fantastic to see such a great turn out! The Nursery was full of chatter, singing and dancing too!

Thank you!



📌 Transition News 📌

This week the children have had two other sessions within their new classes. Some of the reception children met their new teacher Mr Elvins for the whole morning on Wednesday.

He is really looking forward to seeing them in September.

Individual children have been for some extra visits to their new classes throughout the week.

Teachers have also been visiting children in their current classes during their PPA time.

We have welcomed new children with visits to the school to meet their new teachers and classes this week.

Year 2 have also had PE sessions with the children they will be with in their new classes in September.

In addition to this there have been some additional invites sent out today for individuals for enhanced transition visits in September. If you have received an invite please confirm you can attend via epraise. Mrs Ludlow has also had some transition meetings with parents and is busy ensuring that teachers for next year have all the information they need to prepare for their new classes.



Classes for September

Current class	New class name	New Teacher (s)	New Teaching Assistants
	Nursery	Mrs Thompson-Yates and Miss Lunnon	Mrs Spooner, Mrs Willey, Miss Marsh and Mrs Warner
	RB	Mrs Banks (Monday to Thursday) Mrs Yarranton (Friday)	The Teaching Assistants will support both Reception classes: Mrs Beeston, Mrs McCandlish, Miss Sheward and Miss Smith
	RM	Mrs Mercer	
RTY	1R	Mrs Reid	Mrs Warren
RM	1E	Mr Elvins (new to our school)	Mrs Wilkes
1R	2F	Miss Fletcher	Mrs Partridge and Mrs Lawrence
1P	2FJ	Mrs Fay (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs G Jones (Thursday and Friday)	Mrs Warman
2FB and 2F	3B	Mr Boyd	Mrs H O'Brien
	3S	Mrs Stacey	Miss Read
3B and 3S	4F	Mrs Freeman	Mrs Cross
	4J	Mrs Jones	Mrs Fannon

Please note that these staffing arrangements could be subject to change if need dictates or circumstances change.

Changeable Weather

Please make sure that your child has a hat for in the sunshine and a coat for the rainy days to wear for outdoor sessions, playtime and lunchtime. We also recommend that parents/carers apply a long lasting 'once a day' sun cream on sunny days.

Thank you

School Council

Please look out for our next sale Cuddly Creature Crackers from Monday 17th to Thursday 20th July - every cracker costs 50p.



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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.

<https://forms.gle/1xiX58XPoFvzJZJh6>

Happy voting!

At Catshill First School we celebrate diversity, by exploring and studying different faiths, cultures and beliefs.

All are welcome at Catshill First School and Nursery.



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.



Vosene Kids - Head lice Defence Spray has been recommended by a parent.

We also recommend that all long hair be tied back during school time.

Thank you



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☀️ Catshill Village Hall Table Top Sale ☀️

Sunday 6th August

10am - 2pm



Table top
sale



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10am-2pm

Catshill village hall

Golden cross lane

B610JZ

📌 Parking on Julian Close 📌

Further to unacceptable parking on Julian Close, Councillor Shirley Webb has been contacted, and she has emailed the PCSO and PC and also enforcement at the council to ask that they attend Catshill First School and Nursery at drop off and pick up times as soon as possible.

Can you all please park responsibly around the roads near the school and please bear in mind our neighbours, as we enjoy being part of a caring and friendly community.

Thank you

🚣 Bell Boating Regatta 🚣

Very well done to our bell boating year 4's who had a thoroughly fantastic time at the regatta on Thursday, and performed enthusiastically in all of their heats, against lots of local schools.



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☀️ Bromsgrove Activities for the Summer ☀️

Cost of Living: Let's Work Together 2023

Bromsgrove Summer Special Fitness, FUN & Finance

The summer break doesn't have to break the bank! Whether you're looking for fun things to do, ways to keep fit or for some financial help, check out our partnership leaflet with plenty of free or low-cost activities, events & advice for all.

Our partnership continues to work together to provide support & advice to residents & signpost them to trusted sources & organisations that can help.

Things to do

Activity	Venue	Date/Time	Cost	More Information
Holiday Activity & Food Programme	Various	Various	FREE for free school meal children.	bromsgrove.gov.uk/haf
Bandstand Schools Fairfield School	Sanders Park	7th July 1pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
Bandstand Schools Chadsgrove School		14th July 1pm		
Bandstand Music Shipston Town Band	Sanders Park	16th July 2.30 - 4.30pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
Age UK Meet the Art Tutor Coffee Morning	Amphlett Hall	19th July	FREE	ageuk.org.uk/brwf
Bandstand Music Blackwell Band	Sanders Park	23rd July 2.30 - 4.30pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
Bandstand Music Elgar International Brass Band Summer School Concert	Sanders Park	27th July 1.30pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events

Things to do

Activity	Venue	Date/Time	Cost	More Information
Green Fun Day	Sanders Park	29th July 11am - 4pm	FREE entry & parking	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
Bandstand Music AD Concert Band	Sanders Park	30th July 2.30 - 4.30pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
Circus Kaos Workshops	Sanders Park	Every Tues in Aug drop-in 12 - 4pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
Angie Mack Hula Hoop Show		2nd & 30th Aug 12, 1.30 & 3pm		
Dougie the Dino		3rd Aug 12, 1.30 & 3pm		
Bandstand Music Black Country Big Band	Sanders Park	6th Aug 2.30 - 4.30pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
Glamba Drumming Workshops	Sanders Park	9th & 17th Aug 12, 1.30 & 3pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
bdht Fun Day	Shawfield, Hollywood, B47 5HP	9th Aug	FREE	bdht.co.uk
Purple Spider Activity Bus	Sanders Park	10th & 23rd Aug 12, 1.30 & 3pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
Bandstand Music Brass Beat	Sanders Park	13th Aug 2.30 - 4.30pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
bdht Fun Day	King George Close Park, Sidemoo, B61 8SW	16th Aug	FREE	bdht.co.uk

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Activity	Venue	Date/Time	Cost	More Information
Bandstand Music Jazz Alchemy	Sanders Park	20th Aug 2.30 - 4.30pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
bdht Fun Day	Lytleton Ave Rec, Charlford, B60 3JP	23rd Aug	FREE	bdht.co.uk
Prof. Chandler's Punch & Judy Show	Sanders Park	24th Aug 12, 1.30 & 3pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
Bandstand Music Wyre Forest Big Band	Sanders Park	27th Aug 2.30 - 4.30pm	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/events
bdht Fun Day	Burcot Ln, Bromsgrove, B60 1AH	30th August	FREE	bdht.co.uk

Keep fit & healthy

Activity	Venue	Date/Time	Cost	More Information
Junior Parkrun 2k timed run	Sanders Park	Sundays 9am	FREE	parkrun.org.uk/bromsgrove-juniors
Hagley Walking Football	Hagley Playing Fields	Tuesdays 10.30am	FREE	Search for 'Walking Football' on bromsgrove.gov.uk
Strong & Steady Falls Prevention	Various	Various	FREE	activehw.co.uk/strong-and-steady
Couch to 5k 9 week learn to run programme	Various	Various starts Sept	FREE	bromsgrove.gov.uk/couchto5k
Worcestershire Health Walks	Various	Various	FREE	worcestershire.gov.uk/healthwalks
Living with Fibromyalgia programme	Bromsgrove Sport & Leisure Centre	Starts Sept	FREE	Search for 'Fibromyalgia' on bromsgrove.gov.uk

All details were correct at the time of being published. If you need this information in another language/format please call 01527 548284 or email equalities@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Advice & Contacts

Act On Energy
Energy advice - including energy efficiency tips, billing issues, grants & funding for energy efficiency measures & grants for biomass heating systems & help with fuel bills & energy debt.
FreePhone: 0800 908 2888
actonenergy.org.uk

Age UK Bromsgrove, Redditch & Wyre Forest
Free & confidential advice for people over 50.
01527 570480
enquiries@ageukbrwf.org.uk
ageuk.org.uk/brwf

bdht
Can support its residents with budgeting, employment & general support. Contact us if you are struggling financially or worried about paying your rent.
0800 0850 180
contactus@bdht.co.uk

Bromsgrove and Redditch Housing Network (BRHN)
Signposts to a variety of voluntary sector services & helps find the right service if you need help to access food, furniture, school uniform, money advice, support when facing homelessness, disability advice & more.
01527 602827 office@brhn.org.uk

Libraries
Free PC access, WiFi & activities.
01905 823722
worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries

Citizens Advice Bromsgrove & Redditch
General information & advice & specialist debt support.
0800 278 7890 cra.org.uk

Council Support
We are here to support you to please keep in touch. Information & advice about housing benefits, council tax support, discretionary housing payments & our essential living fund.
Bromsgrove District Council
01527 882123
benefits@bromsgrove.gov.uk
bromsgrove.gov.uk/benefits

NewStarts
Empowers local individuals & families to overcome their challenges & achieve more in their lives. Providing free assistance to over 2000 households every year in North Worcestershire.
01527 882410 / 0121 679 2072
newstarts.org.uk

Community Supermarket at NewStarts, 1, The Wood Road, Every Thurs 9 - 1pm - pay what you can.

Starting Well Bromsgrove
Supports families, parents, children & young people across Wincs to lead happy, healthy & fulfilled lives.
01905 520 052 StartingWellBromsgrove.org.uk
startingwellwincs.nhs.uk

Worcestershire Adult Front Door
01905 768053
worcestershire.gov.uk/costofliving

Need mental health support?
Contact Samaritans 116 123
samaritans.org

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Have a go Redditch!

Arrow Valley Country Park

Thursday 10th August, 12 - 4pm

FREE EVENT!

Do you have a bike you need to repair?
Love sports & creativity?
Want to enjoy a day out for all the family?

Have a Go! is a one-day festival for Redditch people at Arrow Valley Country Park.

Mini Athletics • Meditation • Dance & Drama
Yoga • Tennis • Tricking • Self Defence
Rounders • Info Stations

Bring your bike along!
Spike Bikes will be offering FREE bike MOTs, basic repairs & maintenance demos.

Don't forget to bring a picnic!




Summer Drop-ins

Starting Well Redditch
10th (2024) 9.30 - 11.30am

@ Holly Trees Family Hub
St Stephen's First School, Mabey Ave, Riverside, Redditch, B98 8HW

Healthy Lifestyles
Thurs 3rd August, 1 - 3pm
Topics such as fussy eating, sleep & healthy alternatives.

SEN
Thurs 24th August, 1 - 3pm
Topics such as self-regulation tips, resources to support children at home & sensory play ideas.

Teens
Thurs 31st August, 1 - 3pm
Topics such as struggles with their sleep, brain development & youth groups in the community.

@ Redditch Library
15 Market Place, Redditch, B98 8AR

0 - 3yr olds
Thurs 10th August, 9.30 - 11.30am
Topics such as ideas for play, 2-year-old funding & introduction to solids.

Behaviour
Thurs 17th August, 9.30 - 11.30am
Topics such as tips for certain behaviours, reward ideas & ways to support your child's emotions.

No need to book, just come along!

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Activities

Spike Bikes

Redditch Tennis Club
Redditch Tennis Club's Head Coach will show you how to play tennis & give you the best tips for bringing out your inner Federer.

Mindful Meditation
Life busy? Need to take a breath? Then say no more! Join the Ahead of Wellbeing team for mindful meditation throughout the day.

Mini Athletics
Burn off your little ones energy by joining in with Mini Athletics.

Yoga
What's meditation without a bit of yoga? Join Breathe Life for a yoga session in the park, for all ages.

Dance & Drama
Join Starting Well volunteer Eve for dance & drama activities. No need to be good at dance or drama. Just have a go!

Tricking

Combines flips & twists from martial arts & gymnastics & dance moves & styles from breakdancing. Redditch's own Dan from Swipes Tricking Academy will run sessions getting you into this activity that is gaining in popularity.

Open Rounders

Join Alison & the team for an afternoon of rounders. Hit the ball, run, & make sure you make it to the next post! For all ages.

Self Defence

Join Pete & have a go at Pad work!

Info Stations

Stop by & have a chat with Redditch Library, Reimagine Redditch & Starting Well Partnership to find out what groups & support are available locally!




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📌 Reminders and Dates for your Diaries 📌

- ★ **After School Clubs** - Please be advised that all after school club activities have now finished for the summer term.
- ★ **School Reports** - If you would like to comment on your child's report, please follow this link <https://forms.gle/F5DyobstD1a9X7pm6>
- ★ **Tuesday 18th July** - Year 4 Leavers Assembly and Celebrations.
- ★ **Wednesday 19th July** - Drop in parents evening - If you would like to discuss the content of your child's school report further, we have arranged a parents evening on Wednesday 19th July from 3.30-5.30 pm. The first hour is a drop in session followed by an opportunity to book an appointment with the class teacher if you would like to. Please epraise your child's teacher to arrange.
- ★ **Lost Uniform** - Can we kindly ask parents to name all items of clothing, we are having a lot of lost uniform at the moment, which can't be returned to the rightful child, as it has no name inside.
- ★ **Signing In/Out System** - We have had a new signing in/signing out system at school, so please allow time when signing in late children, or collecting early for appointments.
- ★ **Library Books** - If you need to return library books, we have an amnesty box in the office reception area for you to leave them in.
- ★ **Found** - Silver coloured ring with a stone and a silver heart shaped pendant. Please see the admin office if this is yours.

Thank you for your continued co-operation

📌 Things to Remember 📌

Summer 2 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)	Ball Skills (pm)	
Year 2		PE (pm)		PE (am)	
Year 3	PE (pm)	Football Skills Boys (pm) Football Skills Girls (pm)	PE (am)		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.					



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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 17th July 2023 is week 3 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
Email - office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk

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 21st July.*
- ★ *Please find 2022/2023 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Autumn term starts Wednesday 6th September 2023 (except new reception groups and selected pupils for appoints and visits on Tuesday 5th September).*



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