



🌸 Value for September 🌸

Positive Attitude

We teach our children to have a positive attitude to help them to build their resilience and support their ability to say 'I can' instead of 'I can't'.

For some children, it may help them to say, 'I can't YET'. This will show them that success is possible and everyone needs to start somewhere.

🌲 🌳 Forest Fun 🌲 🌳

2FJ having fun at Forest Fun!





We are delighted to announce that Catshill First School and Nursery have achieved the School Games Mark Platinum Level Award for the 2022/2023 2023/2024 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

☀️ Year 3 ☀️

Year 3 children have enjoyed some outdoor adventurous activities using natural resources to create faces.



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Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon)

A team of Catshill First School staff are planning to climb the highest mountain in England and Wales, Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) on 30th September. They are hoping to use their climb to raise some money for school sports equipment. We will send an epraise out shortly with details of how to donate to this worthy cause.



Mr Adams (Sports Coach), Mrs Warren (Year 1 Teaching Assistant), Mrs Wilkes (Year 1 Teaching Assistant) and Mr Boyd (Year 3 Teacher).

School Photographs

Please note that the photographer will be on-site to take your child's individual photograph on Thursday 28th September, so please send your child to school in their school uniform if they are due to have Forest Fun, with a change of clothes for later.

Children who have siblings who do not attend this school (or attend Nursery but are not in on this day) may come in at 8:15am, with siblings, to have photos taken. Children who do not attend Nursery on this day and do not have a sibling at the school may also attend at 8.15am then return home.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will begin next week. This half term we will be offering Team Games to Year 2 on Wednesdays, and Football for girls and boys in year 3 and 4 on Thursdays. For those that have applied, you will be notified shortly if your child has a place. Sessions will cost £1 per session (£6 in total), payable via payment4schools.



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Shire Services Lunchtime Menu

Here are the lunchtime menus for 2023/2024, which can also be found on our website or through the link at the bottom of the page.

[Menus](#)
[Weeks](#)

📌 Training and Development 📌

The [SEND Information, Advice and Support Service](#) have released new dates for their FREE Training Workshops for parent carers across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Please find links to more information and booking details for each workshop below.

Workshops for Parent Carers:

- [Autism & Me \(Developed by Autistic Young People\) Workshop for Parent Carers](#)
- [Herefordshire and Worcestershire SENDIASS Online Information Session \(parents and carers\)](#)
- [What does a good Education Health & Care Plan \(EHCP\) look like? \(parents and carers\)](#)
- [What you need to know if your child has an additional need/ disability](#)



Information, Advice and Support Service
Herefordshire & Worcestershire

Training and Development

Inform Empower Improve
Free Training Workshops for Parent Carers



Do you have a child with an additional need or disability?

Join one of our workshops across Herefordshire & Worcestershire to increase your knowledge and understanding of Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND).

Workshops available include

- SENDIASS information session
- SEND Support & the graduated approach/response
- What does a good Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) look like?



Visit hwsendias.co.uk or scan the QR code to find out the most available sessions.

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FREE One off sessions available to parents and carers with children 2-10 years old

Developing Good Bedtime Routines
Thursday 21st September 2023
6pm-8pm
Via Microsoft TEAMS

Understanding your children's behaviour
Monday 16th October 9:30-11:30am
Oasis HUB

Dealing with disobedience
Monday 13th November 9:30-11:30am
Oasis HUB

Please contact Oasis Hub, Oasis school or Tracy Duncan on tracy@oasis.duncan@actionforchildren.org.uk to book your space.



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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

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.



The Spire Trust

Considering a career in teaching?

The Spire Trust still have places, so if you are interested, please click [here](#) for further information.

Thank you

Important Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 26th September 9.00am to 9.30am - Reception Coffee Morning (focus on writing)

Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th October - Blackwell Residential Visit

Thursday 12th October 9.05am - 3S Parents Assembly

Tuesday 17th October 9.00am to 9.30am - Reception Coffee Morning (focus on phonics)

Tuesday 17th October 3.30pm to 6.00pm - Parents Evening

Thursday 19th October 9.05am - 3B Parents Assembly

Thursday 19th October 5.00pm to 7.00pm - Parents Evening

Friday 20th October - Year 4 Bikeability

Thursday 26th October - Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day

Tuesday 21st November 9.00am to 9.30pm - Reception Coffee Morning (focus on maths)

More details to follow shortly



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Reminders

- ★ **Reminder 3B** - Please complete the consent form Epraised out last week, for your child to learn the Ukulele, if you have not already done so.
- ★ **Reminder Yr 4** - If you would like your child to continue to learn the cornet, please complete the Epraise form sent out to you as soon as possible, as places are limited.
- ★ **After School Clubs** - These are now full, and you have been Epraised to let you know if your child has or has not got a place this half term. Please note that children who were unsuccessful in getting a place, will get preference next time, if they apply again.
- ★ **Contact Details** - Just a polite reminder that if you have changed address, phone number, email address, or emergency contact details over the summer break, can you please pop round to see one of our admin staff in the office, or Epraise admin with the correct information, so that we can update your details.
- ★ **Medication** - If your child is on medication, continuous from last year (ie inhaler or care plan), can you please pop round to the office to complete the up to date form.

Thank you for your continued co-operation

Parking Around School Roads

Can we kindly remind parents and carers to park responsibly around the roads surrounding Catshill First School and Nursery, as we have had a resident complain already. Please bear in mind our neighbours, as we enjoy being part of a caring and friendly community.

Thank you for your 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 18th September 2023 is week 3 for our dinner menu.

[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 Thursday 26th October.*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Autumn 2 term starts Monday 6th November 2023.*



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