

🌸 Value for September 🌸

Positive Attitude

What is an example of a positive attitude in school?

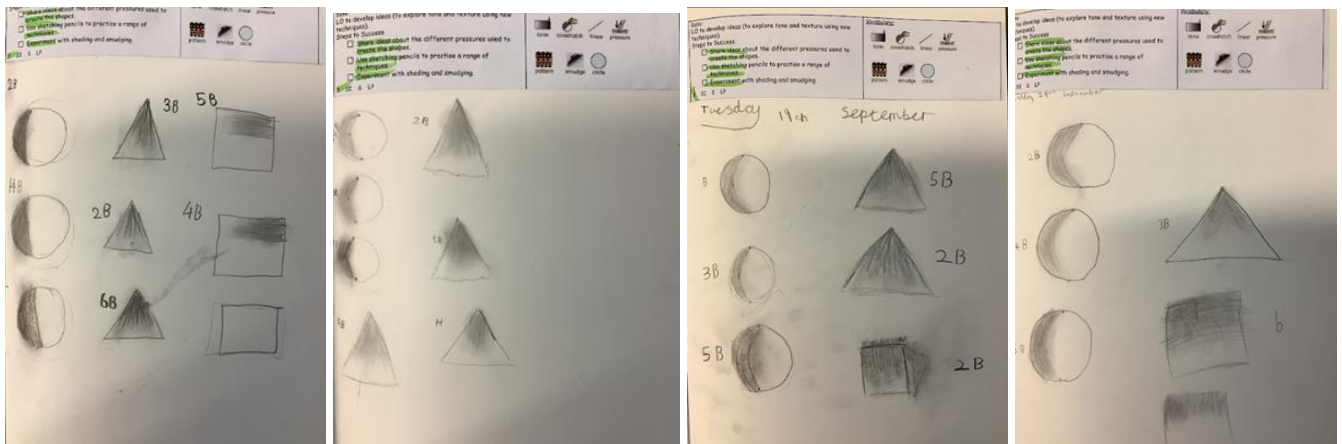
A child with a positive attitude shows enthusiasm, curiosity, or engagement when a learning opportunity occurs. Even when they might not be interested in the subject, a child with a positive attitude participates in the learning activity and shows a willingness to try and learn.

🍁 Forest Fun 🍁

The children created their own theatre with a stage and seats. We used clay to make nature prints by rolling leaves, sticks and bark into it.



Year 4 have been exploring tints and tones using sketching pencils. They looked at blending with the B grade pencils and the different effect this can give.



Families Hereford & Worcester Magazine

It's back to school already? Maybe you'll have some time this month to take a look at the fabulous Education feature and explore how to support your child's learning this year. Whatever stage your child is at, you'll find something of interest in Families magazine.

It won't be long before half term, so take a look at the fab Halloween cooking and craft ideas and free Halloween activity packs.

['Families Hereford & Worcester Magazine'](#)

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.



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School Council

Here are our school council class and deputy representatives for 2023 - 2024

1E - Jack & Ellie, 1R - Ivy & Alfie, 2F - Gracie & Alfie, 2FJ - Emmanuel & Erin
3B - Zoey & Jake. 3S - Honey & Ted, 4F - Robin & Lorelei, 4J - Kyan & Hattie

Welcome to our first raffle of the new school year, it is called 'Mythical Creatures'

There are 3 prizes per class and each raffle ticket costs 50p.

Would you like to win a mermaid, fairy dragon, unicorn or a dinosaur? The sale will run from Monday 25th to Friday 29th September and tickets will be on sale in all classes.



Good luck from Mrs Fannon and the School Council

Forest Fun

Year 3 enjoyed den building in the forest!



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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. If you would like to donate please go to



SNOWDON CLIMB
CATSHILL FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY STAFF
ARE CLIMBING THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN WALES
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT, PLEASE
SCAN/FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT!

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[justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Catshill1stSnowdon](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Catshill1stSnowdon)

Here is the link if you would like to donate.

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

Children's Choice

These were the winning books voted for summer 2 2023

Sunny side up by Clare Heleln Walsh

The Lucky Bottle by Chris Wormell

Is that your mama? Patrice Lawrence

Voting will start next week for our next round of catshill children's choice books.



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📌 Important Dates for your Diaries 📌

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

Thursday 5th October 9.00am to 9.30am OR 3.00pm to 3.30pm Nursery Share, Learn & Play

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

Wednesday 25th October - Reception Vision Tests

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

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



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♪ Severn Arts Music Groups, Bands and Orchestras ♪

Lift Off! - beginner music groups for all

FREE to take part - come and try!

Having the opportunity to make music together is a wonderful experience for children, which is why we run our Lift Off! music groups in Bromsgrove, Evesham, Kidderminster, Malvern and Worcester.

The groups are informal, fun and FREE, providing an opportunity for school aged children from beginner up to grade 1 standard to come along and have a go at creating music with others. No musical experience is needed to take part.

LiftOff! sessions are delivered by Severn Arts teachers who are enhanced DBS checked and receive regular safeguarding training.

Sessions are weekly during term time (excluding holidays) - see schedule below. Children (and parents/carers) can take part in as many sessions as they like and can either sign up beforehand or sign up on the day. Each session is 45 minutes.

Come with your instrument, be creative, make new friends and have fun!

Sign up for a FREE Lift Off! place *

*please note, Lift Off! can be found under Music Centre Groups for registration

Rehearsal venues and days

Bromsgrove Lift Off!: Monday 5 - 5.45pm

The Orchards School, Perryfields Road, Bromsgrove, B61 8QN



Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Please click [here](#) for further information



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📌 Reminders 📌

- ★ **Bikeability Year 4** - An Epraise has been sent out to all year 4's re bikeability level 1 course. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the form as soon as possible, as places are limited.
- ★ **Vision Screening for Reception** - An Orthoptist will be visiting our Reception children on Wednesday 25th October. A form has been sent out for you to return, but only if you do not want your child to have a vision screening test.
- ★ **After School Clubs** - Please note that Team Games and Football Skills will now end at 4.15pm and not 4.30pm from next week.
- ★ **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

⊖ 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 📌

Autumn 1 2023	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery	PE	PE	Forest Fun		
RM	PE		Forest Fun		
RB	PE				Forest Fun
Year 1	PE (1E) Forest Fun (1R)			PE	
Year 2		PE (2F) Forest Fun (2FJ)	PE Team Games		
Year 3			PE	Forest Fun (3S) Ukulele (3B) Football Skills Boys Football Skills Girls	PE
Year 4		Swimming		PE Football Skills Boys Football Skills Girls	Cornet Continued

*Please note that there may be some flexibility



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Things to remember

- ★ W/C 23rd September 2023 is week 1 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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