



## 🍁 Value for October 🍁

### Tolerance

We show respect to everybody, regardless of who they are and what they believe. Tolerance makes it possible for people to coexist peacefully, with a diverse mix of people.

## 🍎🍏🥛 Harvest Festival 🥛🍏🍎

Thank you to all our parents, carers and children for all of your generosity. We really enjoyed singing and performing poetry in our assembly to celebrate the harvest festival.



Thank you to everyone for your continued support



## 📌 Important Dates for your Diaries 📌

Wednesday 25th October - Reception Vision Tests

Thursday 26th October - Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day

Thursday 16th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 16 November - Parents' Maths Workshop KS2

Thursday 23rd November - Parents' Maths Workshop KS1

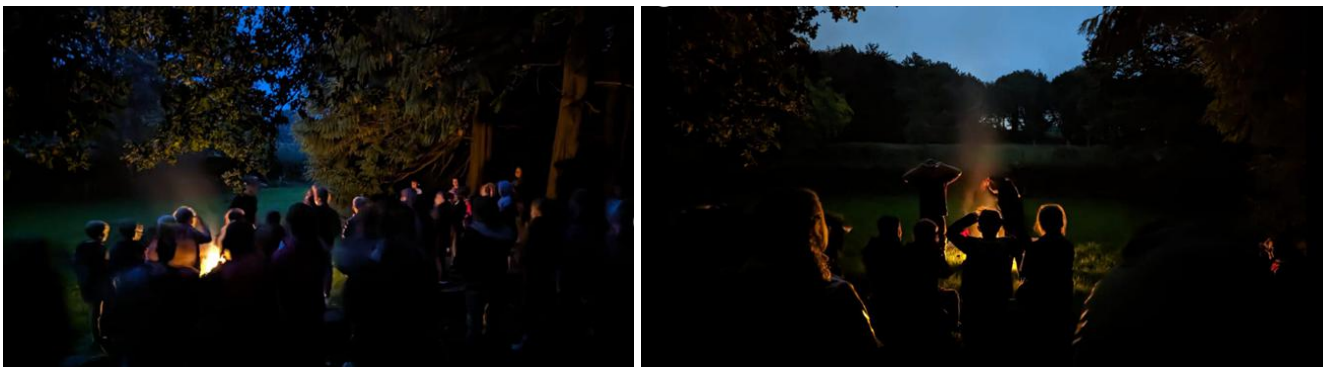
Tuesday 21st November 9.00am to 9.30pm - Reception Coffee Morning (focus on maths)

More details to follow shortly



We are so proud of our children for all of the values they showed during their visit to Blackwell Adventure!

Here are just a few photos for you to enjoy!



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 **Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day**  
Thursday 26th October

On Thursday 26th October, we will be holding our annual Sports, Hobbies and Interests Day for all the children at Catshill First School and Nursery. This is to celebrate all the different activities that the children take part in outside of school and to perhaps encourage them to try some new ones.

On the day, we encourage the children to wear something that shows their interest, for example they might choose to wear a sports kit, a special uniform or a hobby related costume. Some interests, such as reading or collecting coins don't require any special clothes so own clothes are fine - please do not feel the need to buy anything extra. Please only wear clothes that are suitable for school (including shoes and coats) as the children will still need to go out to play.

Each class will plan activities so the children can talk about and share their experiences of their sports, hobbies or interests and some classes will get the opportunity to try out something new.

If your child would like to bring something in to show (such as a collection) or if you have a hobby that you think the children would like to find out about, please see your child's class teacher or speak to Mrs Plant on the gate.

Please note, children in year 1 and year 4 will still have PE and 3S will have Forest Fun (arms and legs will need to be covered).



 **School Council** 

Don't forget to get your 'Decorate a Pumpkin' pictures back to school by Monday 23rd October, for judging on Tuesday.



Please look out for our first book sale of the school year on Tuesday 7th November.

2 books for 50p.

It will be in the hall during playtime, so come and get some bargains.

Thank you

 **Join the Blue Peter Book Club** 

Welcome to the Blue Peter Book Club, where awesome stories and fun await you! We want everyone to get involved – so dive in, start reading and let's explore the world of books together!  

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>



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## Nasal Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 4

Vaccination UK, who are commissioned by the NHS to provide child immunisations within schools, will be attending our school to deliver the Flu Nasal Sprays or IM alternative (porcine free injection) on Thursday 16th November.

It is really important that they receive a consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline.

An Epraise has been sent out to you this week, to complete the form as soon as possible, together with further information, or follow the below link.

### [Flu Immunisation Form](#)

Thank you

## After School Clubs

After half term we will be holding the following after school clubs. Epraises have been sent to the relevant classes, but places are limited, so please respond by Monday 23rd October by midday, and you will be notified if your child has a place.

Monday - Reading Club for Year 2  
Monday - Christmas Sewing Club for Year 4  
Monday - Crafting Club for Year 4  
Tuesday - Crafting Club for Year 3  
Wednesday - Team Games for Year 2  
Thursday - Football Skills for KS2 Boys  
Thursday - Football Skills for KS2 Girls

The clubs will run for 6 weeks, finishing the last week before Christmas.

## Maths Workshops For Parents

Please look out for our Parents' Maths Workshops run by Mrs Stacey, coming soon. Learn how we teach maths at Catshill First School and Nursery, and how you can support your child at home.

Thursday 16th November KS2 year 3 & 4

Thursday 23rd November KS1 year 1 & 2

More details will be epraised to you all after half term.

Thank you



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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

### Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#).

These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Follow the below link for further information and advice on managing coughs/colds/ Slapped cheek/sore throat etc.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### Head Lice

We have had a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Can all parents and carers please check their child/rens hair, and follow our ['Head Lice to Dead Lice'](#) information.

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

Thank you



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## 🌲🌲 Forest Fun 🌲🌲

Lots of forest fun in Year 3!



## 📖 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://forms.gle/tNsPeHV6qbEzdgQV9>



## ☔ Coats, Gloves and Scarves ☔

A reminder for after half term, that children should have a suitable coat with a hood in school every day. Unless the weather is really poor, we do try to go outside for playtime and at lunchtime every day. As the cold weather approaches and children bring in gloves, scarves and hats, please make sure these items have names written in as they so easily get mixed up or mislaid! - Thank you



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## MORNING TOURS AVAILABLE

- ✓ 9th November
- ✓ 16th November
- ✓ 23rd November
- ✓ 30th November



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## School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet?

A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school was Thursday 12th October. Delivery will now need to be paid when you order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Thanks

## Ordering of School Dinners

We need to remind parents and carers about the procedure for ordering school meals for your child.

Dinners must be ordered for the whole week on a Monday morning. This is vital as it allows Shire Services to order enough food for all the children. We have had a number of children recently coming to the office in the middle of the week with their dinner money.

Money or cheques (made payable to Shire Services), must be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written on the front, along with the days on which dinner is required.

The cost is £2.40 per day, we do not deal with the money in school, we simply pass it on to Shire Services. Therefore, if you do not provide the correct amount for payment, you will need to wait for change to come back from them.

Thank you for your co-operation

## Reminders

- ★ **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.
- ★ **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.

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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 📌

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.

### 📌 Things to remember 📌

- ★ W/C 23rd October 2023 is week 2 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](mailto: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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Check out the fun events happening over half term at Hartlebury Castle!

## Pumpkin Carving

Choose your pumpkin, scoop out the seeds and draw your design. Whether you go for a seriously spooky, fabulously funny or cunningly creative – let your imagination run wild!

Then hand your pumpkins to our fantastic carvers who will cut it out for you.

Children can design away with a hot chocolate by their side – all carvers get a complimentary hot chocolate with their pumpkin carving ticket!

### Pumpkin Carving Session Times

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th October:

11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st October:

10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm

**Must be pre-booked**

**Whole-site admission tickets + £6.50 per pumpkin**

## Calling all young witches and wizards...

Dress up in your favourite spooky costume, create your own magic wand in the craft area, then use your magic in Professor Bumbledum's enchanting spell sessions in the Great Hall!

Wand-making crafts: 11am – 4pm

Spell sessions: 11.30am and 12.30, 2, and 3pm

Spend the rest of your day exploring the Castle as you follow the magical pumpkin trail.

**Whole-site admission + £3.50 for activities. Book online, or pay on the door!**



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