



🍁 Value for October 🍁

Tolerance

We have learnt that tolerance is showing an understanding of differences.

We found out that tolerance is accepting people as they are, regardless of age, gender, interests, race or religion.

🎨 Year 4 - Art 🎨

Year 4 have been exploring art pencils in our sketching topic. We completed small sketches this week and looked closely at the shading on the drawings. We used the techniques we have been working on and produced some amazing artwork! Well done to all the artists in Year 4!



Parents Evening

We are holding our autumn term Parents' Evenings in school during the week commencing 16th October.

For the majority of classes, these meetings are being held on Tuesday 17th October between 3.30pm - 6.00pm and on Thursday 19th October between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. Class 1R are having their meetings split over 3 nights so there is an additional Parents' Evening for them on Monday 16th October between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. There are also different arrangements for Nursery.

We invite you to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher via Epraise. Parents' Evenings can be found under the Community tab. Each slot is 7 minutes long and we would prefer that only one booking per child is made. If you are a split family and unable to have one appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you

Trim Trail

Nursery enjoyed their first visit to the trim trail today. They practised climbing and balancing and had lots of fun exploring outdoors.



School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet?

A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Thursday 12th October. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit 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



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Black Awareness Month

Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. In school, throughout October, we are celebrating Black History Month. We are reading books by black authors and finding out about important people from African and Caribbean backgrounds.



School Council



Congratulations to our lucky winners of the Mythical Creatures Raffle, raising a total of **£129**.

The winners are:-

N - Emrys, Elsie B, Theo, RB - Mayli, Daisy, Freddie, RM - Ruby, Layla, Jasper
1E - Charlotte, Jonah, Nina, 1R - Bille-Rose, Finley, Emily
2F - Alfie, Clara, Vivienne, 2FJ - Emmanuel, Isla H, Vinnie
3B - Bailey, Matilda, Zoey, 3S - Bella, Tilly, Megan
4F - Freya, Lola, Demi-Leigh, 4J - Maeby, Chloe, Aivah

Thank you for your continued support.

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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📍 Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) 📍

WOW what a team!! Challenge complete 🙌🙌🙌 and over £1,000 raised so far!



Here is the link if you would like to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Catshill1stSnowdon>

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

🍎🍏🥛 Harvest Festival 🥛🍏🍎

Our annual Harvest Festival Assembly will be on Monday 16th October. Children are asked to bring in items to be donated to Catshill Baptist Church Food Bank.

Items that you might consider bringing in are:-

Packetts & Jars - Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, long life milk, long life fruit juice, cereals, rice, pasta, savoury rice, noodles, pasta sauce, custard, jam, biscuits.

Tinned Food - Fish, meat, potatoes, vegetables, tomatoes, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, fruit, rice pudding, sponge pudding.

Toiletries - Toilet rolls, soap, toothpaste, washing-up liquid, nappies, ladies Sanitary Items.

Thank you

⚽🏈🎾🎸♟️ 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 perhaps encourage them to try some new ones.

More information will be epraised out next week.



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📌 Important Dates for your Diaries 📌

Wednesday 11th October - Reception 2024 Open Evening 4.30pm to 5.30pm, please contact the office if you wish to come along.

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

Thursday 12th October 9.05am - 3S Parents Assembly

Monday 16th October - Harvest Festival 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

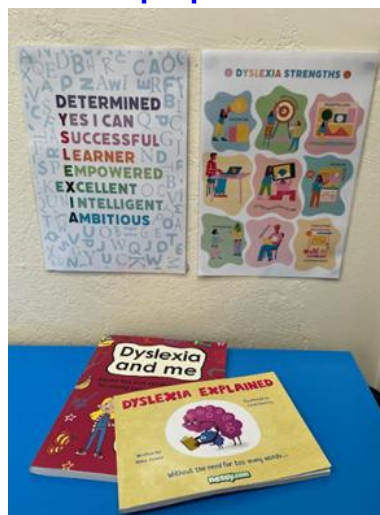
Thursday 16th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

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

More details to follow shortly

📖 Dyslexia Awareness Week 📖

Year 2 have discussed Dyslexia Awareness week and how Dyslexia can be someone's superpower!



Please click [here](#) to watch 'See Dyslexia Differently'



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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 parents and carers please remain vigilant and follow our ['Head Lice to Dead Lice'](#) information.

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

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🌲🌲 Forest Fun - 2FJ 🌲🌲

In PSHE 2FJ have been learning about resilience and encouragement, as well as being a positive thinker. Here are some of the lovely comments overheard by Mrs Fay, whilst working together to make a den!



📖 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>



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Warriors Rugby Camps for Half Term

WARRIORS RUGBY CAMPS

EVESHAM RFC RUGBY CAMP
TUES 31ST OCTOBER | 10AM - 3PM
1 day £45

GLEE HILL RFC RUGBY CAMP
2ND-3RD NOVEMBER | 10AM - 3PM
1 day £45 2 days £75

FOR BOYS & GIRLS
U7 - U11, U12 - U16

BIT.LY/WARRIORSSHOP LIZZIEFRANSTED@WARRIORSRUGBYWOMEN.CO.UK

Little Moons Learn Stay & Play
Saturday 28th October - Catshill Village Hall

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📌 Reminders 📌

- ★ **Bikeability Year 4** - Is now full and you have been notified if your child has a place. Can all forms please be returned to the office by Tuesday 10th October.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **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 9th October 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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