

🍁 Value for October 🍁

Tolerance

Tolerance means respecting and learning from others, valuing differences, bridging cultural gaps, rejecting unfair stereotypes, discovering common ground, and creating new bonds.

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

On Thursday 26th October, we held 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.

Here are some fantastic photos for you to enjoy!



📌 Important Dates for your Diaries 📌

Monday 6th November - Meadow Walk Year 2

Friday 10th November - Catshill Library Year 4

Thursday 16th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 4

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

Thursday 23rd November - Assembly 2F

Thursday 23rd November - Parents' Maths Workshop KS1

Thursday 30th November - Assembly 2FJ

More details to follow shortly

🏠 School Council 🏠

Here are the winners of our 'Decorate a Pumpkin' Competition.

N - Alfie D, RB - Quinn, RN - Teddy-Daye, 1E - Henry, 1R - Tommy
2FJ - Charlotte, 2F - Rowan, 3B - Kadeen, 3S - Jack
4J - McKenzie, 4F - Demi-Leigh



Well done for all those who entered, it was a very tough choice.

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



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Bikeability

Very well done to all of our year 4's who endured horrendous weather last Friday, but were still able to complete the Level 1 Bikeability course.



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>

Nasal Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 4

Just a polite reminder that forms need to be completed by 31st October.

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, and you have been 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 - 2 places left (please see the office)

Tuesday - Crafting Club for Year 3

Wednesday - Team Games for Year 2

Thursday - Football Skills for KS2 Boys

Thursday - Football Skills for KS2 Girls

4.15pm finish and collection from the glass corridor.

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



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÷—+ 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

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

📌 Starting Well Newsletter 📌

The Starting Well Partnership supports parents, families, children and young people across Worcestershire. We have 6 teams working out of our Family Hubs located in districts across the county.

Families in each of the districts are supported by Health Visitors, Parenting Support Workers, Community Nursery Nurses, School Health Nurses, Health Care Assistants, Volunteer Coordinators, Community Health Connectors, Business Support Officers and Administrators. They provide support, advice and clinics from our Family Hubs, community spaces, schools and GP surgeries.

[Starting Well Partnership | Worcestershire | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](#)

Please take a look at our First Starting Well Partnership- Bromsgrove Newsletter (attached) we hope that you find it informative. If you have any feedback or comments about the newsletter – please email Startingwell@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

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Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies after half term (and a small amount of other items) on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

Poppy Appeal Suggested Donations

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](https://www.gov.uk/child-illness).

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/>

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/tNsPeHV6qbEzdqQV9>



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!

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🏠 Catshill Middle School Open Morning 🏠



CATSHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

**2024
Open
Morning**

Please visit...
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to book your place!

MORNING TOURS
AVAILABLE

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



🕯️ 🎄 'The Christmas Story' Competition 🎄 🕯️
Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council

What a fantastic competition to get your child involved in over half term,
we look forward to seeing their pictures!



Design your version of
"The Christmas Story"
Using any materials you like

Entries must be in by
10th November

Entries will be judged by Catshill & North
Marlbrook Parish Council

Two winners from the First school & two
winners from the Middle school will be
chosen to turn on Catshill Village
Christmas lights with Santa!



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🔥🎆 **Bonfire Lunchtime Menu** 🎆🔥
Monday 6th November



BONFIRE NIGHT

MENU

Hot Dog & Ketchup
Quorn Dog & BBQ Sauce (v)
Crispy Jacket with
Cheese & BBQ Beans (v)

SERVED WITH...

Southern Fried Wedges
Sweetcorn & Coleslaw

FOLLOWED BY...

Chocolate & Orange Muffin
or Rocket Lollies

Fresh Dining

Food Allergies & Intolerances - Before ordering, please speak to our staff about your requirements

📖 **Catshill Library** 📖



**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING
AT CATSHILL LIBRARY?**

Come to our

**VOLUNTEER
RECRUITMENT
SESSION**

Hot drinks
and biscuits
available!

Do you enjoy talking to people, using computers, shelving
and tidying, and think you could encourage the next
generation to discover a love of reading?
Drop in to find out about volunteering opportunities!

Friday 1st December, 10 - 11am
at Catshill Library



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🧑‍🎓 SEN Events - Bromsgrove 🧑‍🎓

NEW DATE

SEN EVENTS BROMSGROVE

FAMILY DISCO PLUS BUFFET

TICKETS £5 EACH

**26TH JANUARY 2024
AT 7.00PM TILL LATE
CATSHILL WORKING MENS CLUB**

For More Information
07380137570
SENEventsBromsgrove@outlook.com

🌲🌲 Forest Fun 🌲🌲

2FJ

Our final Forest Fun session. We will be back in January to see what has changed over the autumn months and onto winter!



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📌 Reminders 📌

- ★ **Free School Meal Vouchers** - If you are entitled to FMS's the vouchers for the half term period will be issued via your email, please remember to check your spam. Unfortunately Nursery children are not entitled to these vouchers.
- ★ **Photographs** - If you have ordered photographs from Tempest, they will coming home with your child, please check their bags.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Head Lice** - Can all parents and carers please regularly check their child/rens hair, and follow our '[Head Lice to Dead Lice](#)' information if they find head lice. We also recommend that all long hair be tied back in school time.

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 📌

- ★ W/C 6th November 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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