



🍁 Value for November 🍁

Honesty

Honesty is being truthful in what you say and do.
Always telling the truth, never stealing or cheating.
Not hiding the truth about something, being sincere.
Being able to share honestly how you feel.

🌸 Remembrance Day 🌸

All our classes have created their own fantastic Remembrance Day wreaths. We have been spending time talking about what this day means and how to show that we remember. Well done children - they look amazing!



Thank you all for your kind donations



🎉 Anti-Bullying Week 🎉

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week (13th to 17th November) and the theme this year is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'.

The Catshill Schools will be taking part in anti-bullying activities throughout the week. We will begin with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Your child is invited to take part next Monday by wearing odd socks. All other school uniform should remain the same as usual. There is no charge for participation.



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOOHOO... MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?
Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?
The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?
It's so easy ☺ Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school
2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work
3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.

**Monday
13TH
November**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
THANK YOU!**
Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE ORGANISER

MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING RANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Andy and the Odd Socks PARTNER

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Important Dates for your Diaries

Monday 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day

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

Thursday 16th November - Parents' Maths Workshop for KS2 (year 3 & 4)

Friday 17th November - Children in Need

Friday 17th November - Library Visit Year 3

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 (year 1 & 2)

Friday 24th November - Cupcake Sale (on behalf of Diabetes)

Thursday 30th November - Assembly 2FJ

   **Christmas Calendar**   

Friday 1st December - Festive Friday

Monday 11th December - Catshill Methodist Christmas Experience Year 4

Wednesday 13th December - Reception Nativity 2.30pm - 3.15pm

Thursday 14th December - Reception Nativity 9.30am - 10.30am

Friday 15th December - Nursery Nativity time tbc

Monday 18th December - KS1 & KS2 Christmas Carols

Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December - Parties

More details to follow shortly



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 **Children in Need** 
Friday 17th November

We will be collecting money for 'Children in Need' next week, on Friday 17th November. Children may come to school in their own clothes preferably yellow or with spots, or their own clothes, for a suggested donation of £1.

Many thanks

 **School Council** 

We are pleased to report that our book sale raised £34.50, thank you all for your kind generosity.

Please keep a lookout for our next sale coming shortly.

Many thanks

 **Nasal Flu Vaccinations** 
Reception to Year 4

Just a polite reminder that Vaccination UK will be in school next Thursday

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.

Thank you

   **After School Clubs**    

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

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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Year 4

In Year 4 we made slime! In We explored states of matter and discussed whether some common items were a solid, a liquid or a gas. We also explored what we could do to change from a liquid to a gas or from a liquid to a solid - for example heating water to make steam or freezing it to make ice. The class enjoyed playing with it and looking into whether they could stretch, pull, squeeze and twist their slime. Well done everyone on a fantastic lesson.



÷ — + Maths Workshops For Parents + — ÷

An Epraise has been sent out inviting you to our Parents' Maths Workshops run by Mrs Stacey.

Learn how we teach maths at Catshill First School and Nursery, and how you can support your child at home.

Please click on the below links if you would like to attend.

[Thursday 16th November KS2 year 3 & 4](#)

[Thursday 23rd November KS1 year 1 & 2](#)

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/>

Catshill Children's Choice

Each half term we 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.

Last week to vote!

<https://forms.gle/tNsPeHV6qbEzdqQV9>



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Herefordshire and Worcestershire SENDIASS

We have released new November and December dates for our FREE SENDIASS Training Workshops across Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Please find links to more information and booking details for each of our workshops below. This includes details of our new online training session for parents and carers, What you need to know if your child has an additional need/disability.

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](#)

If you have any questions about any of the workshops, or would like to organise a session at your setting, group or organisation please email

SENDIASSTraining@worcestershire.gov.uk

Winter Sickness Bug

As the winter season progresses we ask parents to be vigilant of usual childhood conditions. These include chicken pox, slapped cheek, head lice, ringworm and threadworm etc. Please advise us of any of these conditions when you call to notify us of the absence. Many of these conditions are easily treatable via your local pharmacy or with advice from your local GP surgery.

We also remind you that our policy in respect of sickness and diarrhoea is that 48 hours needs to have passed between the last bout and return to school.

If you are unsure in respect of any symptoms or ailments your child may have, further help and information can be found on the [NHS Website](#).



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🧡 Year 2 Visit to Catshill Meadow 🧡

Luckily the weather held for us on Monday for our walk to Catshill Meadow. We enjoyed our Autumn Scavenger Hunt to end our topic on seasons.



A big thank you to all of our volunteers

🏠 Catshill Middle School Open Morning 🏠



CATSHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

**2024
Open
Morning**

Please visit...
www.catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk
to book your place!

**MORNING TOURS
AVAILABLE**

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



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Poetry Competition - Our Planet



POETRY COMPETITION
Theme
OUR PLANET



Children and Adults
Sections: 5-9 years, 9-13 years, 13-16 years, and 16+.
A Prize for Each Section

Closing Date is the 11th of December
Winners announced 18th of December
Entries online to bca.poetry1@gmail.com
Drop off boxes at Bromsgrove Primary for paper entries.
Organised by Bromsgrove Climate Action- for more info,
call 07759 298022



Christmas Lunch Tuesday 19th December

An Eprase has been sent out this week, to enable you to book your child's Christmas Lunch, if they want one. It will be served on Tuesday 19th December and costs £3.

Roast Turkey & Chipolata Sausage or Veggie Toad In The Hole, served with Stuffing Balls, Baton Carrots, Fresh Sprouts, and Garden Peas, Roast and Mashed Potatoes.

Followed by Festive Cupcakes or Christmas Biscuits.

Please complete [this link](#) if you would like to order for your child.

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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📌 Things to Remember 📌

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

*Please note that there may be some flexibility.

📌 Reminders 📌

- ★ **After School Clubs** - Please ensure that any after school club(s) your child has been booked into that are payable, is done before Monday 13th November.
- ★ **Contact Details** - Just a polite reminder that if you have changed address, phone number, email address, or emergency contact details, 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.



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 Things to remember 

- ★ W/C 13th November 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 Friday 22nd December.*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Spring 1 term starts Tuesday 9th January 2024.*



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