



🍁 Value for November 🍁

Honesty

Children trust others when they are honest. In turn, children tell the truth when they trust. Honesty is a virtue and it can be taught to children. The children will be reminded that honest people tell the truth despite consequences and voice their opinions in a kind, thoughtful way.

🧡 Children in Need 🧡

We have been collecting money for 'Children in Need' today and the children have come to school in their own clothes, something yellow, or with spots.

We think they look fantastic!



Thank you all for your donations and helping to raise a massive £253 and counting.



Important Dates for your Diaries

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 sold after school on playground)

Friday 24th November - Year 2 Library Visit

Thursday 30th November - Assembly 2FJ

Friday 1st December - Festive Friday - Children can come to school in Christmassy clothes, perhaps with a bit of sparkle!

Friday 1st December - School Council Christmas Raffle tickets go on sale at 50p each

Friday 8th December - Year 1 Library Visit

Monday 11th December - Catshill Methodist Christmas Experience Year 4

Tuesday 12th December - Catshill Methodist Christmas Experience Year 3

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

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

Friday 15th December - Nursery Concert 9.15am

Monday 18th December - KS1 & KS2 Christmas Carols (gates open at 2.45pm, come and join us on the KS2 playground for a festival singalong outside).

Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December - Parties - Children may wear their party clothes all day

Thursday 21st December - Last day of term for Nursery

Friday 22nd December - Last day of term, children may wear Christmas Jumpers

More details to follow shortly



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 **Diabetes Cupcake Sale** 

November is Diabetes awareness month

CUPCAKE SALE



FOR WORCESTERSHIRE PAEDIATRIC
DIABETES TEAM



FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER
AFTER SCHOOL WITH
JOSH, BONNIE AND ZOE

50P
CUPCAKE



If you can't wait for a cake, and would like to donate, please follow the just giving link below

<https://justgiving.com/page/worcesterpaediatricdiabetes?newPage=true>

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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🧦 Anti-Bullying Week 🧦

What a great way to start our Anti-Bullying Week, with all the children and staff wearing odd socks!



🛏 Elmer's Bedtime Routine 🛏



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÷ — + 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 link if you would like to attend.

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

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

🏠 School Council 🏠

School Council Christmas Gift Tags are now on sale

40p a pack or 3 for £1

Buy quickly to avoid disappointment! (They always sell out very quickly)

Please keep a lookout for our next sale coming shortly on 1st December

Many thanks



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📢 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/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases).

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/>

🎵🎵🎵 Year 4 - Music 🎵🎵🎵

Year 4 visiting Catshill Middle School and getting excited with Jingle Bells!



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Forest Fun - Nursery

Forest Fun is a fantastic part of our learning in Nursery, it benefits the children in so many ways such as gaining more independence and self-confidence, reducing anxiety, building resilience, and improving their communication skills.

This year our Forest Fun sessions will be held on **Wednesday mornings**, if your child does not attend Nursery on a Wednesday morning we will endeavour to fit in some extra 'welly walks' for them and will let you know these dates nearer the time.

The dates for Forest Fun sessions for the remainder of the Autumn Term are; **Wednesday AM 22nd, 29th November. Wednesday AM 6th December.**

On Forest Fun days please send your children to Nursery in appropriate clothing. As we go into late Autumn and early Winter this will likely be **long sleeved t-shirts, jumpers and jogging bottoms**. Your children will also need to bring with them in a named bag with additional layers such as **thick socks, hats, scarves, a warm waterproof coat and waterproof trousers**. An **all in one suit** would also be useful. If you are unsure about any of this or are unable to find any of the above items please come and speak to the Nursery staff. Most children should have wellies in Nursery already, but please check this before our first session.

Thank you for supporting this aspect of the curriculum, please come and speak to staff if you have any questions at all.

The Nursery Team



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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  **Catshill Baptist Church**  
A Time of Wonder
Christmas Party - Sunday 3rd December



**A Time of Wonder**
Christmas Party
Sunday 3rd December 2023 3pm - 5pm
@ Catshill Baptist Church
Come and Join us for a FREE fun filled afternoon
Families and Children welcome 10 years and under
Sensory Space **Face Painting**
Crafts
Songs and More
COME IN YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS! ENJOY SOME NON ALCOHOLIC MULLED WINE AND MINCED PIES!
To book your space please email facilities@catshillbaptist.org.uk

 **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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 **Christmas Lunch** 
Tuesday 19th December

An Epraise 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 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

 **Catshill Methodist Church Monthly Film Night** 
Friday 17th November

Monthly Film Night   
at Catshill Methodist Church

Friday 17th November ✨
Family film is at 5pm ✨
Grown-up film is at 7pm ✨

We will have popcorn, sweets, crisps & pop all available 
Film, Snacks & drinks are all free 🙏
Donations are welcome but not necessary.



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🎄 Christmas Lunch Party 🎄
At Catshill Village Hall
On Behalf Of Bromsgrove Ukrainian Support and Relief
Friday 22nd December - 12.30 onwards

UK ♥ RAINE
Bromsgrove Ukrainian Support And Relief

BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER
PART OF THE UKRAINIAN
COMMUNITY OR
OVER 60 & ALONE?
JOIN US AT OUR
CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTY
@ CVH CATSHILL VILLAGE HALL

EVENT IS PROVIDED BY BUSAR
AND SUPPORTED BY CVH AND
CATSHILL & NORTH MARLBROOK
PARISH COUNCIL

FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT
MEMORIES
FRIENDSHIP
AND A VISIT FROM SANTA
Friday 22nd December 12:30pm onwards

Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council

CVH
CATSHILL VILLAGE HALL
EST 1992



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 **Bournheath Village Community Centre** 
Elf Hunt - Saturday 25th November

On Saturday 25th November there is an Elf Hunt in Bournheath between 10.00 and 1.00. In order to help Santa find his elves, families are invited to come to Bournheath Village Community Centre to get a clue about where to start.

They then need to follow the clues around the village to find the elves.

Each elf will have a letter on the back that will form part of a Christmas-based word.

Having worked out the word, they should come back to the Community Centre to get their prize.

There is also a Christmas Fair taking place at the Community Centre at the same time, with lots of stalls, so they might like to support local craftspeople and pick up a few Christmas presents at the same time or just enjoy some refreshments.

 **Kings Worcester** 
Christmas Holiday Club - Reception to Year 8

Are you looking for a holiday club over Christmas?

Please see attached flyer: [here](#).

 **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.



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Reminders

- ★ **Nasal Flu Vaccinations** - If your child was absent on Thursday and missed their flu vaccination, please call the NHS Nurses, to find out when their next clinic is on 01527 390030.
- ★ **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.

Things to remember

- ★ W/C 20th November 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

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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