



## 🌸 Value for January 🌸

### Resilience

Being resilient gives children the ability to tackle obstacles head-on, bounce back from any setbacks and have the best chance at succeeding. It allows them to learn and grow in all situations – two skills that are crucial to wellbeing and development.

## 🌲🌳 Forest Fun 🌳🌲

Mud, mud glorious mud! Even the inclement weather couldn't stop 3S from having fun!



## 🏆⚽ After School Clubs - Spring 1 🏆⚽

The following After School Clubs are running this term (Spring 1)

Monday - TTRS Club - Year 4 (selected pupils)

Monday - Phonics - Year 1 (selected pupils)

Tuesday - Arts & Crafts - Year 1 (selected pupils)

Wednesday - Team Games Year 1

Thursday - Football Skills Boys KS2

Thursday - Football Skills Girls KS2

4.15pm finish and collection from the glass corridor.



## Computing - Year 4

Year 4 have been digitally altering photographs in computing. This week we worked in pairs to alter the hue or saturation of an image.



## Class Assemblies

This term year 1 will be holding their class assemblies:-

1R - Thursday 1st February 9.05am

1E - Thursday 8th February 9.05am

The assembly will be 15 to 20 minutes long, and entrance is via the glass corridor.

Unfortunately we don't have space for prams or pushchairs, they will need to be left outside in the shelter by the glass corridor. Due to safeguarding reasons, we do not allow photography or videos to be taken during the performance.

Thank you

## Numbers Day for NSPCC

**On Friday 9th February** we will be holding our maths themed Numbers Day.

Children will be able to come to school in numbers or maths themed clothes, or just their normal clothes for a suggested contribution of £1.

During the day the children will be involved in lots of fun maths games and challenges and every year they have great fun on Numbers Day.

The donated money will be split between purchase of new maths resources and NSPCC.

We look forward to seeing some fantastic outfits.



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Hello Children, Parents and Carers

On Monday 29th January the School Council will be holding a book sale in the hall at playtime.

Please send your child in with 50p and they can come and choose 2 books from our exciting selection.

We have lots of new books to add to the sale so the children can come and choose some new stories for our usual bargain price - 2 for 50p.  
What do you like to read? Will you try some new authors?

There are picture books for our younger readers, board books, annuals, chapter books for the older readers and much much more.

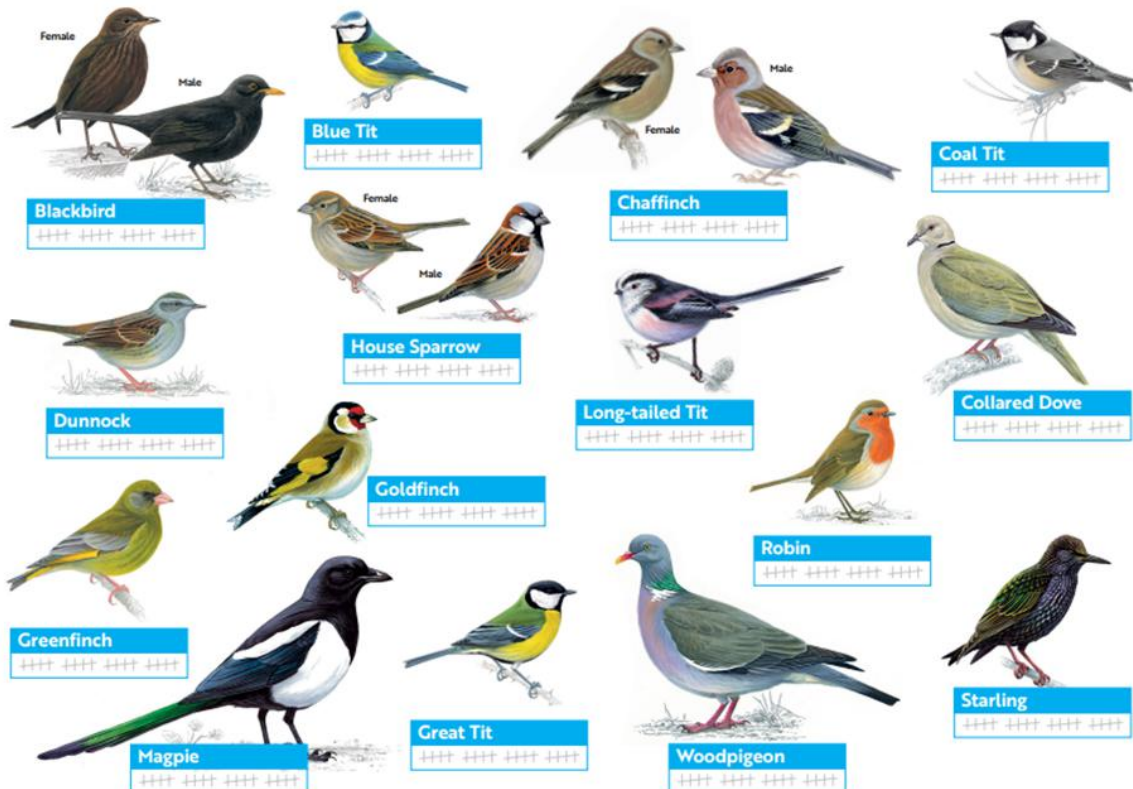
Thank you for your support.

From Mrs Fannon and the School Council



 **Bird Watch** 

It's the big garden birdwatch this weekend, please click [here](#) if you would like to take part and for more information.





# Staying Safe On-line

## STAYING SAFE ONLINE



The Internet can be a very exciting place – being able to talk to your friends, play games, share photos, and watch videos. On the other hand, you can also be putting yourself at risk.

### PHOTOS / VIDEOS

You might enjoy taking photos of yourself, your family, your home and even your pets! But always ask permission before sharing a photo of someone else or their home.

### TALKING ONLINE

It is great to be able to talk to your friends and family online, but you need to be aware of strangers who might try and contact you through the internet.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is a good way to stay connected to friends, family as well as learn about new skills and hobbies. There is no rush to start social networking and there are plenty of other ways you can stay in touch with friends, chat, and game until you are ready to use them safely. If you are already using social network sites, make sure you are aware of the risks and what you can do to be safer.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Never share any personal information online. This includes your full name, your address, your date of birth, the school you attend, any clubs you go to, your phone number or your username/password.



For more info scan here

### GAMING

Playing an online game with your friends can be great fun, but you should only play with people you know or trust. Always make sure you are playing a game that is for your age.

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## STAYING SAFE ONLINE



## A parents and carers guide for: Supporting Children and Young People Online

Children and Young People are spending more time online and it can be confusing for us as adults. Here are some top tips to keep your children safe online:

Explore the internet together

Check you have your safety and privacy settings on

Teach your children about what information shouldn't be shared online

Encourage your children to show you what apps and websites they are accessing

Support your children in spotting the difference between real and fake news

Remind them of some key online safety rules

Have boundaries or set a family agreement for online use

Don't block access to all technology – teach children to use them safely instead

Balance screen time with no-screen time

Talk about how their own online actions can affect others

For more info scan here



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## 📌 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

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.



## 📌 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. Vosene Kids - Head lice Defence Spray has been recommended by a parent.

Thank you



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## + - ÷ Maths ÷ - +

4F had a maths reasoning lesson. We used our knowledge of multiplying by 0 and 1 to help us solve word problems. Well done 4F!



## 🤒 Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) 🤒

Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. The MMR would have been given at the age of 1 year and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands which have been on the rise within the last few weeks. If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact their office on **01527 390030** to make an appointment.'

**Please Note** - This will NOT be done in school and parents will be required to bring their children to a Saturday clinic at an alternative location.

Kind Regards,  
Worcestershire Team | Immunisation Administrator



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# 📌 Term Time Dates 2024 - 2025 📌



## Catshill First School and Nursery Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/25

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

TERM STARTS	Tuesday 3 September 2024 New Reception groups and selected pupils for appointments and visits
	Wednesday 4 September 2024 Whole school return
HALF TERM	Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2024
TERM ENDS	Friday 20 December 2024

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 1 – Monday 2 September 2024

Inset 2 – Friday 25 October 2024

### SPRING TERM 2025

TERM STARTS	Tuesday 7 January 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2025
TERM ENDS	Thursday 10 April 2025

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 3 – Monday 6 January 2025

Inset 4 – Friday 11 April 2025

### SUMMER TERM 2025

TERM STARTS	Monday 28 April 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 July 2025

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Bank Holiday – Monday 5 May 2025

Inset 5 – Monday 21 July 2025



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## 📌 Vacancies 📌

We currently have a vacancy for a **Cleaner** at Catshill First School - [Job Description](#) 

The school is seeking to appoint a reliable, hardworking and enthusiastic cleaner to join our school as part of the cleaning team. The successful candidate will be working under the direction of the Site Manager and working alongside staff and pupils. Common sense, initiative and flexibility are essential.

If you are enthusiastic, a good team player and flexible then please contact Mrs Kate Sabin, School Business Manager by email [kes37@catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:kes37@catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk) for further details and an application form, or collect a pack from the admin office.

## 🌡️ 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.

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

## ☂️ 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, children should 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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## 📌 Reminders 📌

- ★ **Friday 2nd February - Library Visit - Year 2** - Don't forget your child's library card for their visit.
- ★ **Tuesday 27th February - Botanical Gardens Visit - Year 2** - We will be leaving school at 9.10am and arriving back to school at around 3.00pm. An epraise has been sent out with further information re payment and lunch.
- ★ **Appointments/Medicals/Opticians** - Can we kindly remind parents and carers that all medical, optician, hospital, dental appointments etc, need to be reported to the admin office, either in person or via Epraise or email, so that we can record your child's absence accordingly.
- ★ **Medication** - Medication can only be given to the children if it is prescribed by the Doctor and is required to be given 4 times a day, as per the school policy, and a medication form completed, which can be collected from the school office.
- ★ **Lunch Money** - Just a polite reminder regarding lunch money. Can all parents please provide the correct money where possible, along with name, class and which days your child would like a lunch. **All money should be handed in on a Monday morning.**
- ★ **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

## 📌 Things to Remember 📌

Spring 1 2024	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) Phonics Club	Arts & Crafts Club	Team Games	PE	
Year 2		PE (2F) Forest Fun (2FJ)	PE (2F & 2FJ)		
Year 3			PE	Forest Fun (3S) Ukulele (3B) Football Skills Boys Football Skills Girls	PE
Year 4	TTRS Club	Swimming		PE Football Skills Boys Football Skills Girls	Cornet Continued

\*Please note that there may be some flexibility.



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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

- ★ W/C 29th January 2024 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](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 Friday 9th February*
- ★ *Please find 2023/2024 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please find 2024/2025 term dates [here](#)*
- ★ *Please do not book holidays in term time.*
- ★ *Spring 2 term starts Monday 19th February 2024.*



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