



# Catshill First School and Nursery Newsletter - Friday 28th November 2025

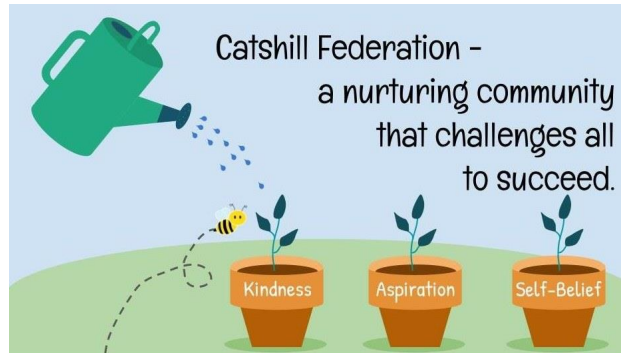
Value for Autumn 2 - Respect and Tolerance

## BRITISH VALUES



"Respect and tolerance are the foundations of harmony. Embrace differences, listen with empathy, and treat others with dignity—together, we build a stronger, more compassionate world."

## Value Award Winners



| 28.11.25 | Kindness | Aspiration   | Self-belief |
|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| RJB      | Marley   | Remeigh-Ruth | Theo        |
| RM       | Tommy    | Louie        | Mabel G     |
| 1E       | Rosalie  | Waniya       | Navaeh      |
| 1R       | Violet   | Helix        | Aaliyah     |
| 2F       | Sophie   | Lucie        | Freddie     |
| 2FD      | Finley   | George       | Ella        |
| 3F       | Gracie   | Oliver       | Reuben      |
| 3S       | Alicia   | Finley       | Nina        |
| 4B       | Erin     | Jayden       | Connie      |
| 4J       | Jude     | George       | Jack        |

## What's on this half term?

### Autumn 2

Monday 1st December Christmas Experience Catshill Methodist Church Year 3

Tuesday 2nd December SEND Coffee Morning 9.00am - 10.00am

Tuesday 2nd December Maths Workshop KS1 2.15pm - 3.10pm

Wednesday 3rd December Christmas Experience Catshill Methodist Church Year 2

Friday 5th December Library Visit Year 3

Tuesday 9th December Maths Workshop KS2 9.00am - 10.15am

Wednesday 10th December Reception Nativity 'Down the Road to Bethlehem' 2.15pm

Thursday 11th December Reception Nativity 'Down the Road to Bethlehem' 9.15am

Thursday 11th December Christmas Movie Night Year 1 - Year 4 (finish 5pm)

Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day (collection for NSPCC)

Friday 12th December Nursery Concert 'Candle Lit Carols Around the Christmas Tree' 2pm

Friday 12th December Library Visit Year 2

Monday 15th December KS1 and KS2 Christmas Carols 2.45pm

Tuesday 16th December Christmas Lunch - **ALL PAYMENTS BY FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER**

Thursday 18th December Christmas Parties (wear your Christmas party clothes £1 towards party snacks)

Friday 19th December Last Day of Term Non-uniform (no charge)

## After School Clubs



### **Autumn 2**

Mondays - Crafting Club KS2

Mondays - Sewing Club KS2

Tuesdays - TTRS Year 4 (targeted)

Tuesdays - Phonics Year 1 (targeted)

Wednesdays - Multi Skills Year 4

Thursdays - Ball Skills Year 2

**The following After School Clubs will be running in Spring 1**

Mondays - Crafting Club KS2

Tuesdays - TTRS Year 4 (targeted)

Tuesdays - Phonics Year 1 (targeted)

Wednesdays - Gymnastics KS1

Thursdays - Gymnastics KS2

**Movie Night Thursday 11th December**



**We are holding a Christmas Movie Night open to all children from Year 1 to Year 4 on Thursday 11th December.**

We have allocated one film per year group:

**Year 1 - The Grinch (cartoon version) - This film is rated U**

**Year 2 - Polar Express - This film is rated PG**

**Year 3 - Christmas Chronicles - This film is rated PG**

## Year 4 - Elf - This film is rated PG

The films will start during school hours to ensure they finish before 5pm.

**The cost is £4 per child and all payments are to be made via Parent Pay by Monday 8th December.**

Pupils who attend will be provided with some treats (popcorn and sweets) and drinks (allergy requirements will be accounted for).

Pupils can bring a comfy cushion/blanket to sit/lounge on if they wish to (no change of clothes or toys please) but it must be small enough for them to carry themselves.

**Pupils will need to be collected at 5.00pm from the classroom doors.** If someone different is collecting, please ensure the school is made aware in advance. It will be dark at this time so we recommend bringing a torch.

## Author for Autumn 2



The graphic features a portrait of Smriti Halls on the left, surrounded by several children's book covers. On the right, there is a text box with a yellow star icon at the top left and another yellow star icon at the top right. The text inside the box provides biographical information about the author.

**Author Spotlight**  
**Autumn Two 2025**

**Smriti Halls**

Smriti Prasad-Halls is an award-winning, internationally best selling British author whose books for children include *I Love You Night and Day*, *The Ways of the Wolf* and *Don't Call Me Sweet*. Smriti worked for the BBC and across children's publishing and television for 12 years, as a writer and commissioning editor. She began writing books of her own in 2012 and is now published in more than 30 languages worldwide. South Indian by birth, British by nationality and London-loving by heart, Smriti lives near Richmond Park with her husband and their three sons, reading, writing and eating iced buns.

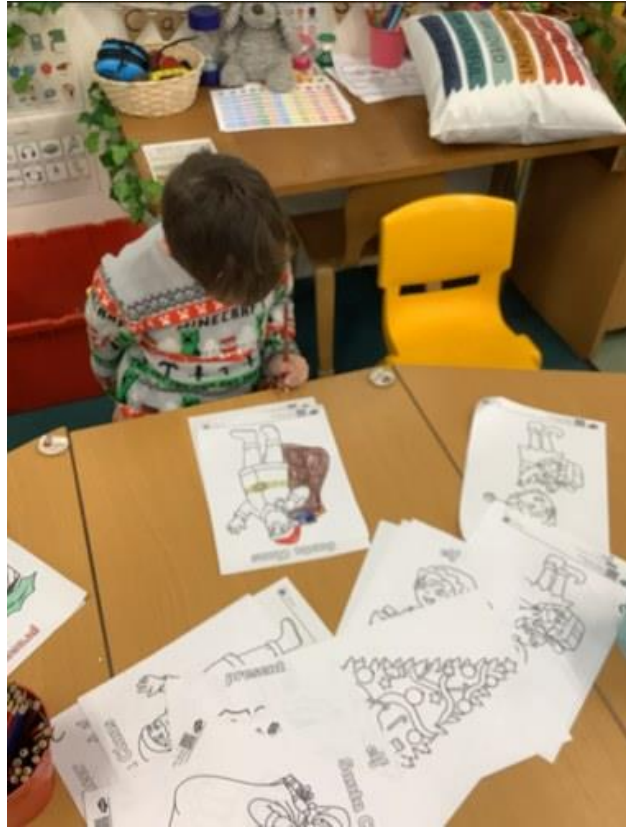
## Festive Friday



Christmas has arrived at Catshill First School and Nursery, we added a bit of sparkle whilst putting up our decorations! Thank you for helping to raise **£148.00** for school funds.











Our Christmas Card posting box will be open from Monday 1st December, which our happy Elf helpers will empty and distribute daily. Christmas Card lists are available from your classroom teacher.

## School Council



Dear Parents and Carers

**Christmas Raffle** - From 1st December the School Council will be selling the tickets until 17th December, and there are 2 prizes per class. Tickets cost 50p each and you can buy as many as you like.

Please pay for them on ParentPay as soon as possible.

Don't forget that the **Christmas Jumper designs** need to be returned by Monday 8th December. There will be a prize for the best one in each class.

**Christmas Tags** raised £38, so thank you all for your continued support.

Merry Christmas and good luck from Mrs Fannon and the School Council.

## Christmas Foodbank Collection



If anyone would like to donate any Christmas items to the foodbank, we will collect them in school.

You or your child can bring donations into school and we will pass them on to Catshill Baptist Church Foodbank.

As well as the usual items, they will also be grateful to receive Christmas chocolates and treats to pass on to the families that use their support.

Items that you might consider bringing in are:-

Packets & Jars - teabags, 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 for your continued support.

## HAF Christmas Activities Year 4's

 **THE HUB** **HAF it**  
Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub *Winter 2025*

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

#HAF2025

PAID & FREE SCHOOL MEAL PLACES AVAILABLE

**MON 22ND, TUES 23RD,  
MON 29TH & TUES 30TH DECEMBER**

THE HUB, 22 MARKET STREET,  
BROMSGROVE B61 8DA

**AGES  
8-13**

**9AM - 3PM £20 PER DAY**  
OR  
**8.30AM - 5PM £30 PER DAY**

JOIN US FOR SOME FAB CHRISTMAS  
ACTIVITIES, SPORTS AND GAMES!

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE EMAIL  
INFO@THEHUBBROMSGROVE.ORG  
OR CONTACT 07353739896**

 Department  
for Education

*HAF Christmas Holiday Activity bookings are now open so have a look at our attached poster and read the information below so you're able to book on successfully. We have free places for those eligible for free school meals and paid places available. We're also offering an early drop off and late pick up service for those that require it.*

### **Free school meal places**

*If you are eligible for free school meals you'll need to be registered on the HAF booking portal which you can do here <https://register.bookinglab.co.uk/worcestershire/37001/register>.*

*If you require the additional early drop off and late pick up service please complete [this form](#), follow the instructions and send back to us.*

### **Paid places**

*If you aren't eligible for free school meals and are looking to book a paid place please come back to us and we'll forward you the link to register and book on.*

*The early drop off (8:30am) and / or late pick up (5pm) service will be able to be selected when booking on.*

*If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask.*

Gomez Vincent

Youth & Activities Manager

07467152122

The Hub, 22 Market Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8DA

## Safeguarding Concern

We would like to make you aware of a growing concern regarding some pupils in Bromsgrove accessing the website Omegle on their mobile phones. Omegle allows users to chat with strangers online and is not monitored or age-appropriate for children. It poses significant risks, including exposure to inappropriate content and contact with unknown individuals.

We kindly ask for your support in checking your child's devices, discuss safe and responsible online behaviour with them, and monitor their use of technology at home. Please remind them not to use apps or websites that allow communication with strangers.

If you have any concerns or would like further guidance on online safety, please feel free to contact the school or look at our school website: <https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/safeguarding-welcome/>

Thank you for your continued support in helping keep our pupils safe online.

Kind regards

Miss Doidge DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

## Winter Sickness Bug



As the winter season progresses we ask parents to be vigilant of usual childhood conditions. These include chicken pox, slapped cheek, headlice, 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](#).

## Attendance Ted



This week Attendance Ted was awarded to **3F with 99.3%**.

Very well done, keep it up!



## Things to Remember and Reminders



| Autumn 2 2025 | Monday                  | Tuesday                  | Wednesday                        | Thursday       | Friday     |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Nursery       | PE                      |                          |                                  | Forest Fun     |            |
| RM            | PE                      |                          |                                  | Forest Fun     |            |
| RJB           |                         | PE                       | Forest Fun                       |                |            |
| Year 1        | PE (1R) Forest Fun (1E) | Phonics                  | PE                               |                |            |
| Year 2        |                         | PE (2FD) Forest Fun (2F) |                                  | PE Ball Skills |            |
| Year 3        | Crafting Sewing         |                          | PE                               |                | PE Ukulele |
| Year 4        | Crafting Sewing         | PE Swimming TTRS         | Ukulele (play-on's) Multi-Skills | PE             |            |

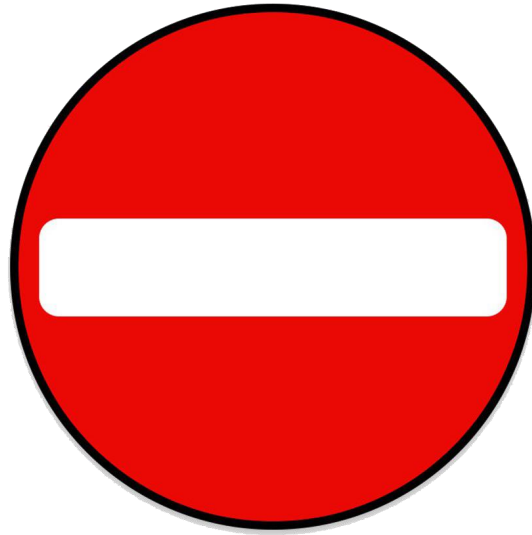
- **Free School Meal Vouchers** - If you are entitled to FSMs the vouchers for the half term period will be issued via your email, please remember to check your spam.
- **Emergency Closure Procedure - in the case of heavy snow fall overnight** - going into the winter season, should we have a heavy snowfall overnight and Miss Shingler closes the school, an Epraise will be sent out to all parents and there will be a notification on the WCC school closures list.
- **Parking around the school** - Can all parents please remember to be courteous when parking in the roads around CFSN, and not block residents driveways.
- **Long hair** - should be tied back at all time for safety reasons. This is particularly important for PE lessons.
- **Dogs and vaping** are not allowed on school premises at any time.
- **Coats, Hats, Scarves and Gloves** - 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!

- **Absence - When reporting an absence can we kindly ask parents and carers to state the child's symptoms: cold, cough, rash, vomiting, diarrhoea etc.**
- **Appointments/Medicals/Opticians** - Just a reminder that all medical, optician, hospital, dental appointments 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 and not on the individual days your child has a hot dinner.**
- **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. Please remember we need at least 2 emergency contacts.
- **Head Lice** - Can all parents and carers please regularly check their child/rens's 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.
- **School Uniform** - Just a polite reminder to remember to label all items of school uniform/PE kit.

**Thank you for your continued co-operation**

## CFSN 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 shut at all times.

**This is for the children's safety.**

## Important Information



- W/C 1st December 2025 is week 3 for our [Menu](#)
- School dinners are £2.60 per meal or £13 for the week.

- **Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday**
- If your child has an allergy, please contact the office for further information and to complete a form
- 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
  - Epraise Admin
  - Email [office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)
- **Our School Day -**
- **Our doors open at 8.45am and we ask everyone to arrive by 8.55am**
- **Here 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**
- ***Half Term ends Friday 19th December***
- ***Spring 1 starts on Tuesday 6th January***
- Please click here for [2025/2026 term dates](#)
- Please click here for [2026 /2027 term dates](#)

Anything Else!



AJB sports in Education are running a HAF sports and activities camp for FSM families at Catshill Middle School, this December. This will be their 3rd HAF camp being ran at the Middle school over the past year. Families can sign up for free through their accounts.



WORCESTERSHIRE  
**SCHOOL**  
ADMISSIONS  
2026-27

## Transferring to Middle School in September 2026?

- If you live in Worcestershire  
**and**
- Your child is in their final year at First School.

You need to apply for a school place by **15th January 2026**.

For more information and to apply, visit:

**[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Visit your local library to use a computer and apply for free. Or call us on **01905 822 700**.

Find out more online:

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 **worcestershire**  
county council



## Starting School in September 2026?

- If you live in Worcestershire  
**and**
- Your child was born between  
**1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022.**

You need to apply for a school place by **15th January 2026**.

For more information and to apply, visit:  
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🌟 **Kick Off the Christmas Magic With Us!** 🌟

Join us on **December 6th** as we *light up our Christmas lights* and start the season with a sparkle!

- 👤 **Meet Santa in his magical grotto**
- 🎨 **Get creative at our Christmas arts & crafts workshop**
- 🎨 **Enjoy festive face-painting**
- 🎮 **Play fun holiday games for all ages**

Bring the whole family for a day filled with laughter, lights, and Christmas cheer!



### Adopt a School

We are launching an exciting new campaign called 'Adopt A School'. We want to promote health and wellbeing in our local community for young people.

Here's what's included - and yes, it's all FREE! 🎁

- 👶 **Children aged 10 & under:**
  - 🏊 **FREE Swimming!** Splash, splash, and have a blast!
  - 👦 **Agex 11-15:**
  - 🏋️ **FREE Junior Gym Membership!** Time to get active and strong!
  - 👨 **Parents & Guardians (16+):**
  - 👨 **FREE Memberships!** Because healthy families = .
  - 👩 **School Staff:**
  - 👩 **FREE Memberships!** Thank you for all you do - now it's time to treat yourself!
- Let's work together to make fitness fun, accessible, and part of everyday life! 🏊👦👩
- 📩 **Want your school to get involved?**  
Drop us a message at:  
[bromsgroveswim@everyoneactive.com](mailto:bromsgroveswim@everyoneactive.com)



### Christmas Opening Hours

- 24<sup>th</sup> December - 7:00am-4:00pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> December - CLOSED
- 26<sup>th</sup> December - CLOSED
- 27<sup>th</sup> December - 8:00am-6:30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> December - 8:00am-6:30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> December - 8:00am-6:30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> December - 8:00am-6:30pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> December - 7:00am-4:30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> January - CLOSED
- 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Normal Hours

**There will be NO lessons from  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to 2<sup>nd</sup>  
January 2026**





## Lost and Found



We are accumulating some lost and found items in the office if any of this rings a bell!

Ear pods

Pink/purple bow & white and pink bow

Keys

Ring

Earring

Bracelet

Harry Potter bag charm/keyring

Grey glove

Pair of black gloves

Gorilla