



# Whole School Attendance Figures

9th – 12th May

90.50% Attendance

# Catcott News

Version 30 – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Well done Year 6!

We have all been blown away by the professionalism shown by the Year 6 students this week. They have all worked really hard for their SATS exams, and have been superb all week. Mrs B was super excited to present them with their leavers hoodies this week, which I am sure they will be wearing into school until the end of term!



## Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Ashburne will be joining us as a full-time teacher in September. Mrs Ashburne is a valued member of the Catcott family so we are sure you will all be thrilled with this news!

## Dojo Points





## Summer Fair

***Do you have a gazebo we can borrow?  
Would you like to volunteer to help set up and/or run  
a stall?***

If so, please let Mrs Dunford know. We would love your help and support to make the event run smoothly.

## Class Photos



All years to come in School Uniform and bring their PE kits separately.  
Year 5 to come in PE kit and get changed after PE.

This is just for class photos, no individual/sibling photo's will be taken on this day.

## Inset Dates 2023/2024

Monday 4th September  
Tuesday 5th September  
Monday 30th October  
Tuesday 2nd January  
Friday 28th June

Please follow this link to view the whole calendar:

[CATCOTT DATES](#)

## Sickness Bug

We have been informed that there have been cases of vomiting and diarrhoea at our school which has resulted in many children and staff being absent during the last week. We strongly advise that children who say they are feeling unwell or with any symptoms of norovirus ie. vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach cramps, temperature, headache and aching limbs MUST stay off school for a minimum of 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea and until fully recovered with no symptoms remaining. Handwashing is the most important element of reducing the risk of infection spreading further. Hand sanitiser/gel does not kill norovirus. Please read the letter from the UK Health Security Agency on below.



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Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EH

Follaton House, Plymouth Road,  
Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE [www.gov.uk/ukhsa](http://www.gov.uk/ukhsa)

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have been informed that there have been cases of diarrhoea and vomiting (Norovirus) at the setting that your child attends.

Norovirus is generally a self-limiting illness probably caused by a virus, but it is very infectious. The most usual symptom is vomiting. Some people may have diarrhoea and/or abdominal pain. Symptoms rarely last for more than 24 – 48 hours. The incubation period (time it takes for the illness to develop) is between 12 and 48 hours.

**If your child is affected, please keep them away from the setting. They should not return until 48 hours after the diarrhoea and vomiting have stopped.**

The virus is easily spread from person to person. Good hygiene by everyone in the family reduces the risk. This means **washing hands with soap and warm water after going to the toilet, and before preparing or eating food as a minimum. Please note that hand sanitiser / gel does not kill norovirus.**

It is important to clean up carefully when someone has been sick as vomit is very infectious. It is important to clear up spills of vomit or faeces immediately, by thorough washing of the contaminated environment with detergent and hot water. For hard surfaces, (floor, work tops etc. an additional disinfection with a dilute solution of Milton or household bleach (according to manufacturer's instructions) will reduce the risk of contamination. DO NOT MIX these substances with soap and water. Be sure that each family member uses separate towels and flannels which are changed and washed frequently.

**Staying away from the setting until fully recovered for 48 hours and hand washing are the most important elements of reducing the risk of infection spreading further.**

If you need any further advice, or if you are worried about your child, please contact NHS 111, your GP or, in an emergency, 999. If your child is unwell enough to need medical review, please do provide a stool sample to help identify the bug causing the illness. You can share this letter with your healthcare provider so they are aware of the current outbreak.

For more information on symptoms and management of diarrhoea and vomiting please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Yours faithfully

Health Protection Team  
UK Health Security Agency South West

## Ice Lolly Friday



Ice Lolly Friday has proven to be a huge success so far! Our school council have raised over £135 so far for School In a Bag.

What is School in a Bag?

Since 2009, School in a Bag have been distributing SchoolBags to children all over the world. We support children in all countries regardless of race, politics or religion.

School in a Bag is a simple solution – each SchoolBag is filled with essential resources that will enable a child to write, draw, colour, calculate, express themselves, eat, drink and above all, learn.

A typical SchoolBag contains: 12 pencils, 10 biro pens, 12 colouring pencils, a math set, a ruler, a pencil case, 6 exercise books (line/square/plain), a water bottle and a lunchbox containing a spork, a mask, a small towel, a bar of soap, a tooth brush, and a tube of toothpaste.

Every SchoolBag shipped internationally is new and individually numbered to allow donors to track their progress on the website.

One school bag costs £20.

For further information, follow the link below:

[School In A Bag](#)

## Sharing Assemblies

We are all looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Sharing Assemblies. Assemblies will be 9:15-9:45 in the school hall. The PTA will be onsite from 8:45 providing Bacon Rolls and Tea/Coffee.

Reception and Year 1 – 9<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 – 16<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3 – 30<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> July

Year 5 – 14<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 will be having a Leavers Assembly on the 21<sup>st</sup> July. More information to follow regarding this.

## Important Dates

17.05.23	Class Photos
23.05.23	Year 4 Trip to Caerleon Roman Fortress
29.05.23 – 02.06.23	Half Term
09.06.23	Reception/Year 1 Sharing Assembly
16.06.23	Year 2 Sharing Assembly
21.06.23	Sports Day
26.06.23 – 28.06.23	Year 6 Pinkery
30.06.23	Year 3 Sharing Assembly
05.07.23 – 07.07.23	Year 5 Kilve
07.07.23	Year 4 Sharing Assembly
12.07.23	1 <sup>st</sup> Reserve Sports Day
14.07.23	Year 5 Sharing Assembly Reports Sent home to Families
19.07.23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve Sports Day
21.07.23	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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*Yours sincerely,*

*Laura Constanza*

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