



# Whole School Attendance Figures

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4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> January

95.14% Attendance

The attendance rate was 88.9% across all schools in the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December. At Catcott, our attendance was 88.84% which makes us nearly in line with the national average.

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# Catcott News

Version 15 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to all our families, I cannot quite believe we are at the end of the first week already - Christmas already seems a distant memory, and the Easter eggs are in the shops.

This week the children have all begun new topics, in Reception the children have been investigating ice and how it changes. Year 2 are reading the Paddington Bear stories by Michael Bond and checking inside hats for marmalade sandwiches. In Year 6 the children have been through Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  and begun their adventures in the Wizarding World with Harry Potter.

It is going to be an exciting term.

## House Meetings are Back

This afternoon the children took part in their first house meeting of the year. House meetings will happen on the first Friday of each term and will be planned by the House Captains. This year they are working on developing a unique identity for each house, I have been lucky enough to hear some of their ideas and look forward to seeing how these develop.

The House Captains have been busy planning the agenda with Mrs Brogden and today they have launched a 'House Logo' competition. Your child will bring home further information about this today.



# Menus

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Menus are now live for January 21<sup>st</sup> – February 10<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline is Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## Outdoor Learning...Can you help?

Our Forest School area needs some TLC, we are looking for volunteers to help us clear the area so we can start using it with the children.

If you would be interested in helping, please let me know.

## PTA Update

December was a busy month for the PTA, they supported us at our Christmas Play and once again put on a Festive Film night.

This term the PTA have funded a trip for Reception to the Wild Place as part of their 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' topic.

## Year 2

Year 2 have been busy this term already! They have been writing character descriptions of Paddington Bear, learning to spin and balance in gymnastics and learning all about changing material in science; stretch, bend, twist and squash.



## Volunteers

Last term, our brilliant volunteers helped with the following:

1. School trips
2. Christmas plays
3. Christmas play rehearsals
4. Children in Need Ramble

This term, our volunteers have already committed to different events such as the Reception trip to Bristol, and the Year 4 weekly swimming.

If you would like to join our fabulous team of volunteers, please email the office and we can get you signed up.

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## Staff Profile

Meet the team:

This week two new members of staff joined our team.

### **Mrs. Liz Peacock**

Mrs Peacock is our new ELSA; she will be working with children on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

## Get to know...

### **Mrs Peacock**



**Who am I? - ELSA**

### **A bit about me....**

I live in the nearby village of Middlezoy with my family. I have a very bouncy cockapoo Poppy and a rather grumpy cat called Wilber.

I have three grown up children, one of which still lives at home at the moment. I very much enjoy time when we are all together.

When I'm not helping people as an Emotion Coach, I work in my studio at the end of the garden where I enjoy glass art, ceramics and textiles.

I also enjoy taking walks with Poppy, doing yoga and practicing reiki.

<b>My Favourite Book</b>	<b>Wuthering Heights</b>
<b>My Favourite Colour</b>	<b>Red</b>
<b>My Favourite Hobby</b>	<b>All things crafty!</b>
<b>My Favourite Subject</b>	<b>Art</b>
<b>My Favourite Disney Movie</b>	<b>Toy Story</b>

**Mrs. Alex Hollow**

Mrs Hollow will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year One.

Get to know...

## Mrs Hollow



Who am I? - Year 1 TA

### A bit about me....

I was born in Hertfordshire and always wanted to be a teacher, so feel very fortunate to be a Teaching Assistant!

I studied Art History at university and worked in Australia for a year.

I live locally with my husband and two little girls, and our cat, guinea pigs, hamsters and fish!

My Favourite Book	Secret Garden
My Favourite Colour	Yellow
My Favourite Hobby	Swimming
My Favourite Subject	English Literature
My Favourite Disney Movie	Mary Poppins

## Important Dates

10.01.23	School in a Bag Assembly
11.01.23 12.01.23	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
16.01.23 17.01.23	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
06.01.23 – 10.01.23	Healthy Schools Week
30.01.23	Reception trip to Wild Place
07.02.23	Safer Internet Day
08.02.23	Sport Active Fun Day
13.02.23 – 17.02.23	Half Term
20.02.23 22.02.23	Parents Evening 16:00-18:30
02.03.23	World Book Day
17.03.23	Red Nose Day
22.03.23	Year 1 Trip to Puxton Park
29.03.23	Year 5 and 6 Trip to London
19.04.23	Year 4 Trip to Caerleon Roman Fortress
03.04.23 – 14.04.23	Easter Holidays
21.04.23	Earth Day
01.05.23	Bank Holiday
05.05.23	Coronation Celebration
08.05.23	Bank Holiday
09.05.23 – 12.05.23	Year 6 SATS
11.05.23	Somerset Day
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 – 28.03.23	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

*Yours sincerely,*

*Laura Constanza*

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## Spring Term Theme days

Sunday 15th January - Just Voice

A day of A Capella singing

Saturday 4 Feb - World Tour

Songs from around the globe

Sunday 5th February - Showtime

Songs from the shows



Plus follow up days:

Sunday 26th February & Sunday 12th March

Book a single day for £15

or all 3 for £40

To join SCYC for the term's sessions: £60

\* 50% reduced fees for pupil premium:

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