



Whole School Attendance Figures

8th – 12th January 2024

92.9% Attendance

This week's attendance information:

Reception & Year 1	85.0%
Year 2	85.7%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5 & 6	91.1%

Houses –

Robins	91.2%
Goldfinches	96.5%
Woodpeckers	96.2%
Kingfishers	89.0%

Catcott News

48th Edition – Friday 12th January

Welcome back everyone. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable festive break.

We have certainly hit the ground running back at school. This week we have welcomed two fabulous new members of staff into our Reception and Year One classes. Mrs Flint and Mrs Hoppins are both experienced teachers, joining us from other schools.

Laura Constanza

Mrs Emma Flint

We are welcoming Mrs Emma Flint, an experienced Year One teacher to join Mrs Kennedy.

'I am incredibly excited to join the Year 1 team and feel very lucky to be working with such a wonderful group of children and staff. I have been a teacher for 9 years now, mostly working in Key Stage 1. I love to dance! I have a degree in contemporary dance and enjoy sharing my passion with the children.'



Mrs Hopkins

We are welcoming Mrs Michaela Hoppins, an experienced Reception teacher to join Mrs Thomas

'I am really looking forward to teaching and getting to know the reception children on Fridays. I have been teaching for almost 30 years and I have worked part time whilst bringing up my children. In my spare time I have managed to combine my passion for the great outdoors with dogs by becoming a pet carer. Some people say not to work with either animals or children, but I do, and I love it!'



Choir 2023

Below is a video taken by Mrs Nicola Thompson a music teacher who runs our now Musical Performance Club. This video is one of the songs that the children performed at Wells Cathedral last year in December.

Please double click on the link below to view the video.

<https://vimeo.com/902258222?share=copy>

Musical Performance Club

Yesterday was our first session of 'Musical Performance Club', it went really well and Mrs Thompson and Mrs Constanza were very impressed with the children. This term they are focusing on Matilda the Musical – children took home 'Matilda Medleys' to practice for next week.



**Music
Performance
Club**


Matilda

EVERY THURSDAY 3:30PM - 4:15PM

**'Do you want to be a
little bit naughty?'**

Police Community Support Officer

Thomas Russell is the new local PCSO. If you would like to contact Tom, his mobile is: 07935 013566 and email 6512@avonandsomerset.police.uk



Catcott Primary School



PCSO'S

PCSO Tom
Police Community Support Officer

Hello, I am one of the local Police Community Officers attached to Catcott Primary School. I am a Police Community Support Officer, as part of the Sedgemoor Bridgwater East, Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Please feel free to contact us via phone or email.

Tel: 101

If it's an emergency dial 999

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For general enquiries

Parking

We have had the help of our 2 buddies this week to try and tackle the ongoing problem of school parking!

Please can we ask all families to park with consideration and caution when dropping off and picking up your children. Our biggest priority is the children's safety. There is plenty of parking round the village, please leave enough time to park sensibly.



Breakfast Club and School Meal Bookings

Please can we ask that ALL families book their child(ren)'s lunches and breakfast club sessions in advance!

Lunches - If your child is not on the lunch list and has no packed lunch, we will call you to make arrangements to bring one in. Beech Catering prepare the lunches to the number of children that have booked. If we are to give children lunches that haven't booked, we are reducing the portion sizes for the children that have.

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club bookings can be made via ParentMail, calling the office or emailing the office. If your child turns up to breakfast club and they haven't booked, a charge for the session will be added to your ParentMail account.



Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 swimming will run every Friday from the 12th January till the 22nd March.

Please make sure you have paid and consented your child to attend via ParentMail.

If you are a DBS checked volunteer in Year 3 and would like to help out on a Friday morning, please email Miss Collins in the office.



Year 5/6 Trip to Shepton Mallet Prison

On Tuesday 23rd January the Year 5's and 6's will be visiting Shepton Mallet Prison. This trip ties in with their current history lessons where they are learning about Crime and Punishment through the ages.

Please can you give consent for your child to go by the 16th January (Tuesday). The link is below if you have not yet done so.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JuzFWQsC2G>



CONVICTS EXERCISING IN PENTONVILLE PRISON.

Community Values in Action



As many of you may know, in 2019, the Cossington bus driver Bob, sadly passed away. At the time, a sapling was planted in his memory with a plaque to remind us of him. Sadly, the sapling did not thrive and has died. Two of our Year 6 children, Tom and Lian, were determined that Bob should be remembered. So, together with Mrs Mynott, they hatched a plan to replace the tree. They all remembered how much Bob enjoyed Christmas, I am told his minibus was always decorated for the festive season. Mrs Mynott kindly donated the Christmas tree from her own garden, which Tom and Lian then planted. This will serve as a reminder of Bob for years to come.

This display of community spirit, kindness, and team spirit, embodies the spirit of Catcott.

Thankyou

PTA

The PTA are fundraising throughout this year to raise money to improve our Trim Trail.

The next event for your diaries is there first 'Burger and Bingo night' on Friday 2nd February.

To reserve your space for bingo and to order your food, please go to Parent Mail. This will be live for bookings on Monday.

Catcott PTA presents

BURGER & BINGO NIGHT!

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024
Doors open 6pm, eyes down at 6:30pm

Held in the School Hall, fun for all the family.
Raffle with lots of amazing prizes to be won!

FREE ENTRY but please reserve your Bingo space via **Parentmail** and to pre order food, with payment taken in **cash on the night**.

- Burger & Chips £4.00
- Cheeseburger & Chips £4.50 (meat free option available)
- Portion of Chips £2.00

Refreshments also available to purchase on the night.

CASH ONLY

BINGO BOOKS £5.00

AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

CATCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL

8	25	33	48	63
10	18	40	49	61
7	20	FREE	42	65
1	22	45	57	74
12	29	37	58	70

Play Update

You may have noticed new outdoor play equipment being constructed over the last few weeks. Today, the Year 5 and 6 children have put the finishing touches to new areas of Opal play.

1. Climbing cubes and book nooks

In the top playground you will find climbing cubes and book nooks, complete with outdoor cushion. These proved popular before they were even finished.

2. Climbing frame

On the back playground, there is a new climbing frame with ropes for the children to explore.

3. Sand Pit

Moving to the field, the sand pit – complete with diggers- is now ready to go.

4. Barrel assault course

Finally, there is now a barrel assault course on the field. This has been set up (and extensively tested) by the Year 5 and 6 class team. The trim trail is also up and running again.



Key Dates

Some dates for your diary!

On the horizon

23

Jan

TUESDAY - SCHOOL EVENT

Shepton Mallet Prison Trip - Year 5 & 6
All day

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Feb

FRIDAY - SCHOOL EVENT

Burger & Bingo Night
18:00 - 20:00

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12

Feb

MULTI-DAY - SCHOOL EVENT

February Half Term
Feb 12 - Feb 16

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House Points

This weeks House Points, well done Woodpeckers!



336



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416