



Whole School Attendance Figures

26th April – 3rd May 2024

94.62% Attendance

This week's attendance information:

Reception & Year 1	96.23%
Year 2	93.91%
Year 3	92.50%
Year 4	96.30%
Year 5 & 6	94.05%

Houses –

Robins	97.74%
Goldfinches	93.87%
Woodpeckers	94%
Kingfishers	91.03%

Catcott News

61st Edition – Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Families,

This week we have continued to focus on our environment and what we can do to improve it. The children have all noticed much more litter around school than normal, in fact when Year 1 went on their walk around the village and collected litter, they found that there was more litter in school than the whole of the village. The school council are now working with the children to create a green team to help keep our site clear.

What have we been up to this week?

We're off to the moon.

In Reception class the children have been reading 'Man on the Moon' and have enjoyed transforming their role play area into a fully functioning Spaceship! They have been very resourceful, using lots of recycled materials to cover their ship and working as a team to travel to the moon. They have been helping to clear up space rubbish and even encountered space slime! I wonder what they will find next week....

Beltane

Year 4 learnt about the festival of Beltane in Forest School this week, using clay and foliage the children created their very own 'Green Man' to honour the festival.

The Battle of Sedgemoor

Year 5 and 6 continued to delve into local history this week- looking at evidence of the Battle of Sedgemoor. The children looked at different pieces of evidence and noted what they thought it told them about the battle. They ranked their evidence from strongest to weakest and then write up their findings.

Lots of fab historians!

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend, and we will see you all on Tuesday morning.

Mrs Constanza

Laura Constanza

Headteacher

Year 4 Forest School

To honour the festival of Beltane (1st May) the children made their own Green Man faces from clay.

Children were first introduced to Beltane, a fire festival that marks the transition of Spring into the Summer.

Discussion on the history, legend and meaning of the Green Man.

Demo of how to shape the clay to form a face and decorate with foliage.

Discussing and identifying plants that could be used for the make- ivy, hawthorn, cleavers, nettles, elder etc.

On to the field to collect foliage for the make.

Crafting the Green Man faces!
Children developed their own story and legend behind their Green Man.



Tyler – 'I enjoyed learning about how to shape faces and how to identify different types of trees.'

Maisie - 'I have enjoyed the whole day. Getting to know a new story that is relevant to our area, how to make my own green man and how to create my own story.'

Ellie – 'My favourite thing was using clay and how to shape it together'.

Annabelle – 'I loved learning about different types of leaves.'

Hunter – 'I loved making up my own story about the Green man.'

Charlie – 'I am passionate about mystical creatures, so learning about different stories of the green man was the highlight of the day.'

Illness and Medical Appointments

Please make yourself aware of our procedures when recording illnesses or medical appointments.

Catcott School Attendance Policy –

Illness

“The reporting of absence due to illness remains the responsibility of the parent. Absences due to illness which have not been reported to the school by the parent on the first day of absence may not be authorised.

If a child is absent for more than one day, the parent should contact the school each day to provide an update on the child's condition, unless otherwise agreed by the school.”

Medical Appointments

“Parents should try to make appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where appointments during school time are unavoidable, the pupil should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. It is not acceptable for a child to miss a whole day's schooling for an appointment, unless necessary, in which case the school will need an explanation as to why this is.

If a pupil must attend a medical appointment during the school day, they must be collected from the school office by the parent or another authorised adult and signed out in the 'signing out' iPad. No pupil will be allowed to leave the school site without parental confirmation.

Advance notice is required for medical or dental appointments, unless it's an emergency appointment, and must be supported by providing the school with sight of, or a copy of, the appointment card or letter – only then will the absence be authorised.”

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Uniform

The Governors and staff strongly encourage the wearing of school uniform believing that it promotes a sense of belonging, raises the tone of the school, and is appreciated by parents.

Please remind yourself of our uniform below, children should be wearing this every day -

- Black shoes or black trainers.
- White polo shirts
- Blue or Black trousers/skirts/dresses
- Catcott blue jumper/cardigan with or without the school logo.

Uniform for P.E –

Children will come to school dressed in their PE clothes on the day that they have PE.

- Plain navy/black shorts or plain navy/black tracksuit bottoms & sweatshirt
- Colour House T-shirt (Reception- Plain white T-shirt until the children are 'sorted' into their house colours)
- Trainers



Catcott School Golden Rules

These expectations are for the whole school community of adults and children. It is important for us that the expectations we have of behaviour does not just happen within the classroom, but also around our school and further afield.

Beyond Skate

Based in Burnham-on-sea,
fun for all the family!

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Be Kind
Be Safe
Be Respectful



Beyond Skate

Welcome to Beyond Skate, a family run roller skating club for all. Whether you're a beginner, looking to improve your skills or just enjoy challenges, come join us and see how we roll. All sessions are fun, inclusive and usually involve music! Make sure to check our website for more information!

<https://www.beyondskate.co.uk/>

More information:

Instagram:

@beyondskate1

Facebook:

beyondskate-andrews-skating

(Prices may vary depending on age ability or the sessions you seek)



House Points

This week's house points.
Well done, Robins!

Upcoming Dates

Dates for your diary.



On the horizon

6

May

MONDAY - SCHOOL EVENT
BANK HOLIDAY
All day

16

May

THURSDAY - SCHOOL EVENT
Year 1 Trip to Dunster Castle
All day

20

May

MONDAY - SCHOOL EVENT
Year 5/6 Trip to Battle of Sedgemoor
All day

24

May

FRIDAY - SCHOOL EVENT
Easter 'Bake-On!'
12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

27

May

MULTI-DAY - SCHOOL EVENT
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May 27 - May 31

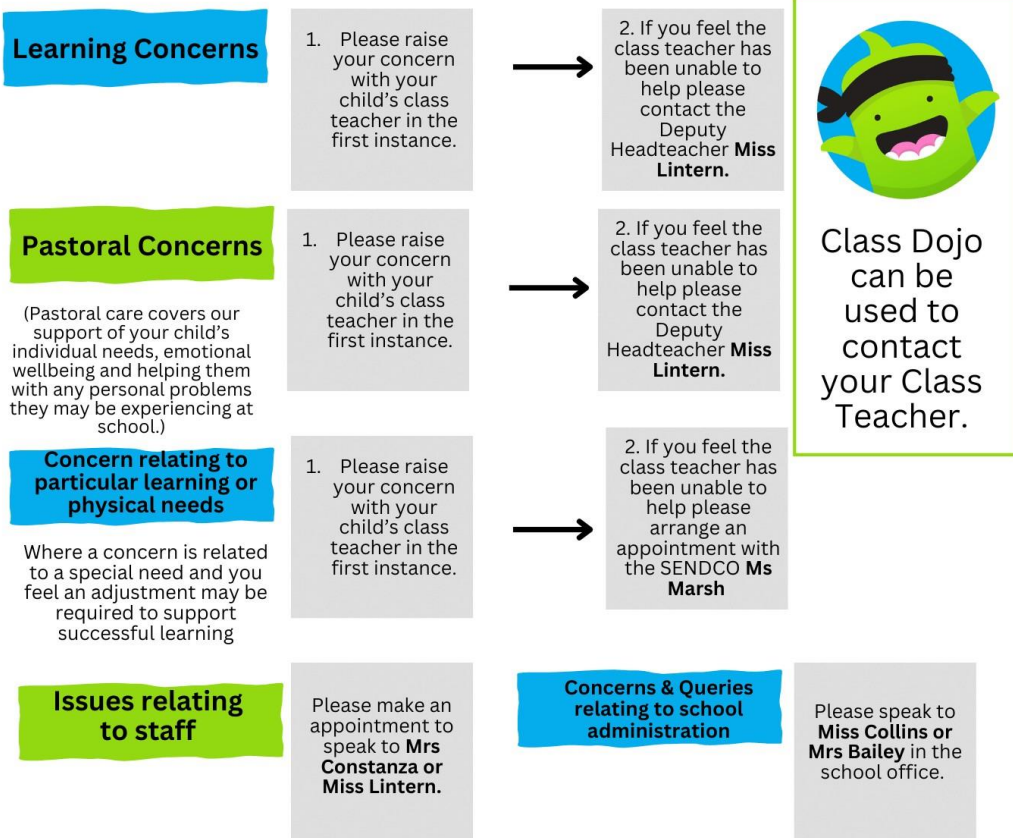
Catcott Primary School Communication Chart

Please follow this protocol if you need to voice your concern at any point.

Catcott Communication Flowchart

Recommended Procedure for Parents and Carers

We know that when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether its pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature, they often feel the best way forward is to ask to see the Head or Deputy Head. In our experience many of these concerns can be most quickly resolved by talking first to the class teacher as they know your children best.



Please make an appointment to see our Headteacher: Mrs Constanza if you remain concerned after the following steps above.

Teachers are available after school for informal conversations and appointments can be made with all of the above by contacting the school office on 01278 722527 or emailing office@catcottprimary.co.uk

If you are writing to the school it is really helpful if you give us as much information as possible about the background of your concern, including who it involves and what you would like the outcome to be.