



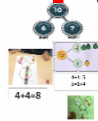
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Learning Opportunities

It was lovely returning to school this week and hearing the children excited about sharing their learning. We had a visitor in school this week from the Local Authority and she was very impressed with the children's knowledge and explanations of their learning. Well done to everyone.

Early Years and reception children had a visit from Redditch Dog Walking and the lady spoke with the children about dog safety. The children were very enthused and asked some great questions. Year 1 and Year 2 were great mathematicians and are using the part-whole method and tens frame to support addition and subtraction.

Year 3 were historians and started their new learning about Ancient Britain. I saw lots of detailed drawings of animals using charcoal. Year 4 children went on a dragon hunt and uncovered some large eggs in the forest school and a strange smell of smoke coming from the corridors.



Summary

Learning Opportunities	Attendance
Keep Reading	Free School Meals
Stars of the Week	Widgit in School
Morning Club	Remembrance
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KEEP READING!

Don't forget to keep reading every day.

We are encouraging everyone to read more regularly. We welcome your support with reading as 5 minutes a day of daily reading impacts positively in all areas of the curriculum.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss

Stars of the Week

Chosen for good work or demonstrating the School Values of VIPS

		Geckos	Eddie and Jenson
Dragonflies	Kirhys Johns and Rex	Frogs	Kaiden-Jay and Daniel
Ladybirds	Freddie and Inaaya	Giraffes	Ahmad and Jack B
Fireflies	Jaxon and saskia	Elephants	Zack G and Lewis
Crocodiles	Jenson and Mollie	Lions	Filip and Robert
Turtles	Caleb and Hidayah	Zebras	Frank & Miley

Mrs Downes, Mr Reeves and all the staff are very proud of you all and your learning this week.

Morning Club

This has been very successful and The children are really enjoying the morning Activities. There are spaces available. Fit4Sport- Morning Club. Please contact Mr Morris if you require a place on 07557946721 or email info@fit4sport.org.in



DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

Thursday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 16th December 2022– School closes See the website for more details.

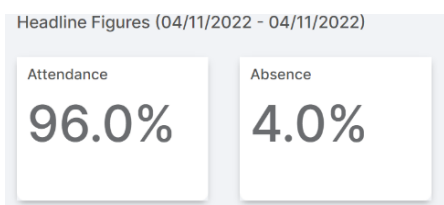
The dates for 2022-2023 are on the school website.

Attendance

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Attendance in school is directly linked to improved learning outcomes. It is vital that the children are in school so they don't miss out on key learning opportunities and start to fall behind their peers or not make as much progress as they are capable of.

The Government expects all schools to reach **at least 95% attendance.**

Friday 3rd November 2022 attendance was at 96%



Well done to Zebras, Geckos and Ladybirds with 100% on Friday

If your child has an illness and is unwell, please contact the school office to report this to us before 9am. We will be monitoring attendance very carefully each day. We will be making follow up telephone calls, house visits and arranging meetings in order to work in partnership with our families to improve attendance.

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Remembrance Day

This is celebrated on November 11th at 11am. Traditionally marked by a moment of silence, laying of wreaths, military parades and more, it is a chance to honour, remember and say thank you. It is important that we teach children the significance of this day, so they understand why we must never forget. School will hold two minutes silence on Friday at 11am in Key Stage 2. Early Years and Key stage 1 will applaud to recognise peace.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/15492752>

Poppies will be delivered to school on Monday and details have been sent via Parent Pay.

Updates

Fireworks, flames and sparklers galore, Bonfire Night is a spectacle that kicks off winter with a bang. But it also presents some dangers. Follow our tips so you will always Remember, Remember the 5th of November for all the right reasons.

[Click here for tips on keeping safe](#)

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe. Mrs Downes

At Batchley we are all VIPS – valued, Inspired, Progressing, Secure

Free School Meals

It is really important that if you think you are entitled to FSM and you have **not previously signed up** for them that you use the link below and apply now.

[Applying for Free School Meals | Applying for Free School Meals | Worcestershire County Council](#)

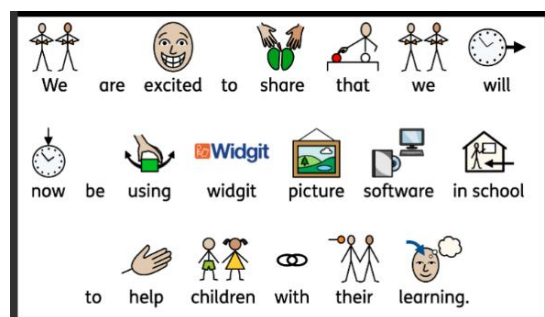
Then look for this message.

Complete a new free school meal application

Make a new claim for free school meals >

Please do this even if your child receives universal free school meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as the school and your child will be entitled to other benefits.

Widgit in School



We will be using Widgit in school to support children with a wide range of skills and to develop their independence in lessons. We hope you like it as much as we do.



Sports Clubs

Don't forget to book for the sports clubs. They are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

All bookings must be made and paid for online using the following link:

<https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk>