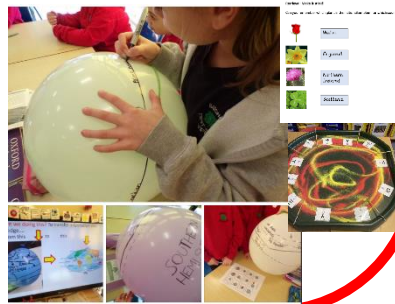




### Learning Opportunities

Another very productive week in school. We had a visitor in school observing active learning around school. She was very impressed with the opportunities the children had and how it was helping them to remember more in lessons. The Nursery children were having an introduction to Chinese culture in readiness for celebrating the Chinese New Year. The Reception children were exploring numbers and were very confident when writing some simple calculations. Year 1 were identifying both wild and garden plants. The children in Year 2 were writing sentences about Mrs Twit and the worm spaghetti she made for her husband. The children in Year 3 were exploring food chains and learning what each living thing eats. The children in Year 4 were working as geographers and learning to describe the position of place in the world.



### Summary

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# KEEP READING!

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

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

Write to be understood, speak to be heard, READ TO GROW.



### Stars of the Week

Chosen for good work or demonstrating the School Values of VIPS

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|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Butterflies</b> | Ethan and Eli      | <b>Geckos</b>    | Evenlynn and Reuben     |
| <b>Dragonflies</b> | Harvey and Leni    | <b>Frogs</b>     | Samuel and Aiza         |
| <b>Ladybirds</b>   | Carlsson and Arlo  | <b>Giraffes</b>  | Scarlett L and Madison  |
| <b>Fireflies</b>   | Jaxon C and Franki | <b>Elephants</b> | Maksymillian and Amelia |
| <b>Crocodiles</b>  | Ivo and Matilda    | <b>Lions</b>     | Keelan and Frankie      |
| <b>Turtles</b>     | Nayan and Shanzay  | <b>Zebras</b>    | Caleb & Ethan           |

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

### Morning Club and Sports Clubs

These has been very successful and the children are really enjoying the morning and sports activities. There are spaces available in Fit4Sport- Morning Club. Please contact Mr Morris if you require a place on 07557946721 or email [info@fit4sport.org.in](mailto:info@fit4sport.org.in) Sports Clubs <https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/>



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Key Dates

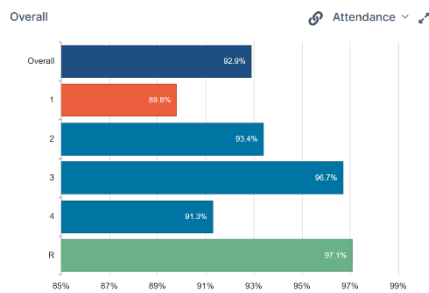
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February School closes for half-term
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February School opens
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March School closes for Easter break
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April School opens for Summer term
- Key Stage 1 SATs for Year 2 children May 2023
- Year 1 Phonics Screening week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## 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.**

**The weekly attendance for the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 is at 92.9%. Still room for improvement.**



**Well done to Reception they achieved 97.1% for the week**

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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## OFSTED Parent View



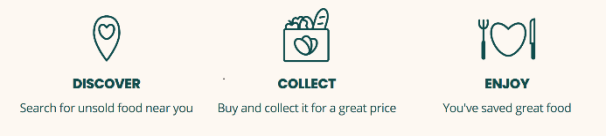
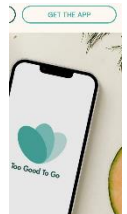
Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school. The questionnaire can be completed at any time.

[Give your views | Ofsted Parent View](#)

## Too Good to Go

Globally, more than 1/3 of food is wasted - and that's bad news for our planet. Food waste is responsible for 10% of greenhouse gases, and we use a landmass the size of China to produce food we end up throwing away.

At Too Good To Go, they are determined to help fix the problem. Their anti-food waste app lets you rescue delicious, unsold food from businesses to save it from going to waste.



[click here](#)

## Batchley Online Profile

This is where you will find us...

New school website:

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

Prospectus:

<https://sway.office.com/Euml8QB6zAHdKGGD?ref=Link>

Facebook: @Batchleyfirstschool

Twitter: @Batchley1st



## Parent Governor

School is looking for a parent governor. If you are interested in the role use the link below to register your interest.

[Click here](#)

## School Update

Following announcements from the National Education Union (NEU) that members intend to strike on published dates in February and March for a total of four days, we wanted to write and outline our current position as a school. The dates that would impact us within the West Midlands are: 1st February, 1st March, 15th and 16th March 2023.

The strike action affects teachers who are members of the NEU. We understand why the strike action has been called and support colleagues in their quest for improved funding to ensure better pay and improved recruitment and retention of teachers. We do not know how many of our teachers will be striking on the set days but we are aiming to remain open.

Of course, situations can change and, once we know more about the impact of the strike action planned for Wednesday February 1st and future dates, we will update you.

We understand it can take time to arrange childcare, so wanted to give you advance notice. We will keep you updated as we know more.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Downes

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