



Learning Opportunities

We have had a wonderful start back to the summer term with lots of great learning opportunities across the curriculum. We started the week with Bikeability and it was wonderful to see the achievements of some children in just one afternoon. Their perseverance and resilience was evident and they demonstrated how important it is to not give up. Well done to everyone. We welcomed new Nursery children to our setting. They are all settling into new routines and couldn't wait to show and tell me all about their new learning opportunities. There were lots of intrigued children telling me about spiders.



The children are also working hard as musicians. They are learning new songs to celebrate to Coronation of King Charles III. Miss Louth and Miss Mountain provided great leadership in the actions to go alongside these new songs.



Mrs Timbrell was also busy preparing the new school play leaders to support younger members of our Batchley community.

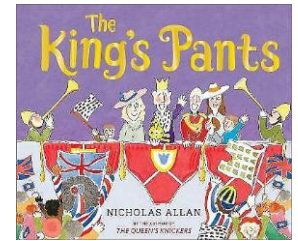


Finally, we had a visitor to school who commented that the 'polite and courteous children' made her feel very welcome. Tis is so lovely to hear and acknowledges how hard everyone is working to ensure that we have high expectations of behaviour and good manners at Batchley.

Summary

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Star Learners	Starting School
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KEEP READING!



Reading is Fundamental. In fact, it is one of the most important ingredients to becoming all that you can be. Reading develops your brain, provides a window into the world around you and helps you do better in all school subjects.

Star Learners

Chosen for good work or demonstrating the School Values of VIPS Learners

Butterflies	Nate and Kamsi	Geckos	Dylan and Willow
Dragonflies	Khaleesi and Lucas	Frogs	Taite B and Elsie
Ladybirds	Jackson and Lili	Giraffes	Lynette and Mia
Fireflies	Bobby and Fatimah	Elephants	Harley B and Kian
Crocodiles	Millie and Milo	Lions	Robert and Julia
Turtles	Ashleigh-May and Rico	Zebras	Miley M and Ralphy

Morning 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 Sports Clubs <https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/>



DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

Thursday 27th April – Strike Day – **School Open**
 Monday 1st May -May Day Bank Holiday- **School Closed**
 Tuesday 2nd May – Strike Day
 Monday 8th May Bank Holiday Coronation Ceremony-
School Closed
 Friday 26th May school closes for Whitsun Week

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.**



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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Easter Competition

Thank you for all the wonderful Easter creations we have received. Prizes will be awarded on Monday 24th April. We have a wonderful display in the school corridor and everyone has commented on them.



Starting School in September

If your child is due to Start school in September 2023 then you might find these events helpful.

Be School Smart!

Is your child due to start School in September?

Come along to one of our events and meet with a range of professionals who can provide advice and support in getting your little one ready for school.

Starting Well Partnership
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Say Hello to our friendly team!

Saturday 13th May 2023
10.30-12.00
Redditch Library

Saturday 20th May 2023
10.30-12.00
Bromsgrove Library



Golden Table

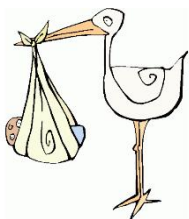
Well done to the children who were recognised for their good manners, politeness and ability to demonstrate the school rules.



Ladybirds- Jackson
Fireflies – Joshua
Crocodiles- Matilda
Turtles- Elizabeth
Frogs- Charlie Markham
Geckos – Logan
Elephants – Luke
Giraffes- Oscar
Lions- Elizabeth
Zebras- Sylwia



Your children are a credit to you and you should be very proud of them. It is a joy to share time with them at the golden table.



Congratulations

We have some great news to share with you.

Mrs Bennett and her husband welcomed a baby boy into the world during the Easter holiday. He is called Archie and we wish them all well in their family journey together.

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

Strike Action

27th April 2023

School will remain open on 27th April 2023.

The children in Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be in their school houses during the school day. It is important to understand that the continued action is nothing to do with Batchley First School, but is part of a national dispute between the union and the government. Throughout the strike staff have made it clear that they are reluctantly taking industrial action and that it is targeted against government policy.

We will send more information about the 2nd May early next week.