

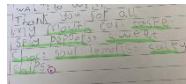


Learning Opportunities

Another week of great opportunities with lots of effort going into new learning. It was lovely to see Nursery Plus children enjoying the outdoor equipment. They looked so happy. I spotted Nursery who were incredibly enthusiastic and had lovely smiles on their faces as they were rehearsing for sports day.



Reception, have made so much progress and this week you could see that they were ready for new learning in Year 1. In Year 1 and Year 2 the children were very eager to tell me all about their writing challenges and how they have persevered with their handwriting.



In Year 3, the children continue to be excited about being an historian. They were explaining how they are looking forward to visiting Forge Mill and Bordesley Abbey.



In Year 4, the children have excelled in their swimming lessons. I watched the children and it is super to see them either attempting something new or strengthening their skills to become stronger swimmers. They set a very good example for the whole school with such a positive attitude and good behaviour. They are ready for middle school.

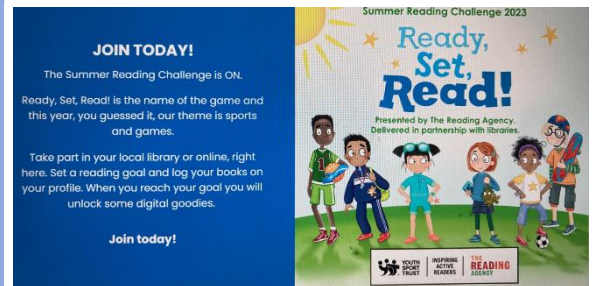
Well done to everyone involved in making learning exciting and available to all learners.

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KEEP READING!

Summer Reading Challenge



It's time for summer reading challenges!

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Star Learners

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

Butterflies	Ryan W and Kimberley	Geckos	Albert and Jasmine
Dragonflies	Freya and Ewan	Frogs	Jack and Alice
Ladybirds	James and Chelsea	Giraffes	Hannah and Madison-Lilly
Fireflies	Forest and Esmae	Elephants	Logan and Elsie
Crocodiles	Cayson and Safaa	Lions	Savannah and Lottie
Turtles	Freddie and Shanzay	Zebras	Eima & Oliver

Morning and Sports Clubs

This has been very successful in 2023. The children really enjoy the sports activities. There are spaces available in Fit4Sport-Morning Club for September 2023.



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

- 4th July – Year 3 Trip Forge Mill
- 5th & 7th July – Strike Days
- 10th July – Sports Day
- 12th & 13th July – Transition Days
- 21st July – School closes for the summer holidays
- 24th and 25th July – Staff TED days

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.



EVERY day counts
attendance matters



We will continue to work in partnership with our families to improve attendance.

We have received more holiday request forms than usual. We **do not** authorise holidays ('Department for Education guidance') and any holiday absence goes towards overall absence figures.

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Strike Days

The National Education Union (NEU) has announced two additional strike days in schools in England on 5th and 7th July. **School will be closed on these days to ALL children.**

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.

Meet the TEACHER

The children were able to meet their new teachers in class today. There will be two transition days on the 12th and 13th July for the children to work with their new teachers in their new classrooms.

Current Class 2022 -23	New Class September 2023- 24
Year 3 Elephants	Year 4 Lions with Mr Birtwhistle
Year 3 Giraffes	Year 4 Zebras with Mr Hobson
Year 2 Geckos	Year 3 Giraffes with Mrs Smit
Year 2 Frogs	Year 3 Elephants with Mrs Wilkes
Year 1 Turtles	Year 2 Geckos with Miss Louth
Year 1 Crocodiles	Year 2 Frogs with Miss Mountain
Reception Ladybirds	Year 1 Turtles with Mrs Foster
Reception Fireflies	Year 1 Crocodiles with Mr Johnson

Miss Douglas will be leaving Batchley to start a new journey in another school. We wish her well and thank her for all the years she has served at Batchley.

Mrs Wilkes is working part-time in Elephants and we are in the process of appointing a job share to work alongside her.

Golden Table

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



Ladybirds- Frankie
Fireflies – Jaxon T
Crocodiles- Freddie
Turtles- Peter
Frogs- Amy
Geckos – Kyron
Elephants – Charlie
Giraffes- Madison
Lions- Robert
Zebras- Rosieanne



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.

Code of Conduct

[Parent-Code-of-Conduct-Policy.pdf](https://batchleyfirstschool.co.uk)
(batchleyfirstschool.co.uk)

This week we have received complaints about the use of bad language at the school gates. We have also had a complaint of a parent driving across the pavement. Please think carefully about your actions around the school premises. **We thank all the families that are polite and courteous.**

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