



# Batchley First and Nursery School



## Weekly Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### Learning Opportunities

Forest school has been a huge success. Mrs Smit has worked hard to ensure that the children are all learning new skills. The photographs clearly evidence the children's engagement.



### Summary

Learning Opportunities	100% Attendance
Keep Reading	Competition
Star of the Half-Term	SPAR Batchley
Clubs	Fred Needs a Friend
Key dates	Top Dojo Points
	Thank you

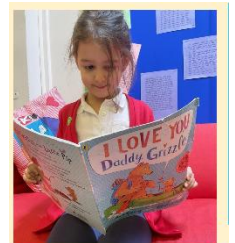
# KEEP READING!

### Batchley Book Club

Another great book review.

I'd like to recommend my favourite book from home, I Love You Daddy Grizzle.

I love this book because it's about a little cub who forgets what the day is called. His daddy gives him clues to help him. It is a very funny book with nice pictures. I think it is a book people of any age could enjoy!



Batchley Book Club



Scan this QR code to listen to / read along with the book.

### Star Learner for the Half-term

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



Dragonflies	Aidan	Geckos	Shanzay
Ladybirds	Rosie	Frogs	Neve
Fireflies	Inez	Giraffes	Eddie
Crocodiles	Aria-Rose	Elephants	Emily
Turtles	James	Lions	Mercy
		Zebras	Amber



### Morning and Sports Clubs

This continues to be 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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – School closes for half-term  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – school opens  
 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023- Year 4 School Trip  
 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Year 2 School Trip  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023– School closes  
 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – school opens

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## 100% Attendance

### The 100% Club



**EVERY**day counts  
attendance matters



Well done to all of the **109 pupils** who have achieved **100%** attendance this half-term. Every child with **100%** will be entered into a raffle with a chance of winning a UK holiday in October half-term 2024.

Please remember that if your child is not in school that you must contact the school office on the first day of absence and every day thereafter. Any absence that we do not have a reason for will be marked as unauthorised. Thank you for your support in this matter. Have a happy and safe half-term break. Mrs Firth- Attendance Officer.



### Week ending 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

<b>Zebras</b>	<b>Lions</b>	<b>Elephants</b>	<b>Giraffes</b>	<b>Frogs</b>
92%	89%	94%	92%	91%
<b>Geckos</b>	<b>Turtles</b>	<b>Crocodiles</b>	<b>Ladybirds</b>	<b>Fireflies</b>
94%	94%	98%	91%	91%

Well done Crocodiles!  
I am sure that we can all achieve **98%**

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## Christmas Competition

**PIONEER PEOPLE**

We're asking your children to help us to create our 2023 Christmas card. This will be our official Christmas card which will be sent out to our schools, nurseries and candidates.

**Prizes include:**  
A Kindle for the winning entrant and a £100 voucher for your school.

To enter, simply design your entry using the template provided.

All entries will be collected by Pioneer People on November 24th 2023. The winner will be announced on November 27th 2023.

**PIONEER PEOPLE**  
Christmas Card Competition 2023

Complete your Christmas card design in the box below and you could win a Kindle and £100 voucher for your school!  
(Think of what has been on some of the Christmas cards you have received)  
Remember, bright colours!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fred Needs a Friend

Batchley First and Nursery School  
Fred Needs a Friend

**School Development Plan 1.4**

- Have a sharp focus on ensuring that those at early stages of reading gain phonics knowledge-teaching phonics systematically to ensure confident, secure and fluent readers
- develop learners' confidence and enjoyment of reading with them reading widely and often

Fred the Frog puppet plays an important role in our Read Write Inc lessons. We call this Fred Talk. For example, Fred would say m-a-t we would say mat. Fred talk helps children read unfamiliar words by pronouncing each sound in the word one at a time.

Mrs Downes found a great book called "Snow White and the Seven Daz Frogs". There are seven frogs in the story and they are all super characters. It gave her an idea that our school Fred might be lonely and need a friend.

Design a friend for Fred. Use the characters and images from the story to help you. Then name your frog. Our older children may choose to write a description about Fred's friend.

You may also like to try and find some books to read about frogs. This would make Fred really happy.

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I am looking forward to seeing the designs and descriptions.

## Top Dojo Champs



<b>Nursery</b>	Jaxon
<b>Fireflies</b>	Sophia
<b>Ladybirds</b>	Jacob H
<b>Crocodiles</b>	Ruby & Joshua
<b>Turtles</b>	Triston
<b>Geckos</b>	Molly
<b>Frogs</b>	Lena
<b>Giraffes</b>	Asher
<b>Elephants</b>	Callen
<b>Lions</b>	Imogen
<b>Zebras</b>	Oliwia



## SPAR Batchley

Huge thank you to SPA who donated pumpkins to every class. I know the children have had fun carving them.

Enjoy Halloween!  
Please keep safe over the holiday period.

You could try relaxing with a festive read.



## Thank you

A massive thank you to everyone for their support this term. The children have settled well in their new classrooms and had lots of opportunities for new learning. We look forward to seeing you on the **6<sup>th</sup> of November** ready for the next stage of their learning journey.

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