



Learning Opportunities

This week we celebrated 'No Pens Day' and the children had the opportunity to work without writing. They used the time wisely to rehearse their poetry skills. Mr Reeves has been encouraging a love of poetry in his assemblies.



Please do not feed the **ostriches** sandwiches

In Year 4 the children enjoyed the story 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. They were eager to tell me all about it and how they are using the Book Creator to write their own book reviews. Meanwhile, Pudding Lane continues to expand down the corridor. It really has been wonderful to see them working as historians and sharing their knowledge of the Great Fire of London and the Year of 1666.



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KEEP READING!

Batchley Book Club

This week we have a class recommendation from Turtles.



Hello. We are Turtles and our current favourite book is called **Marvin Wanted More** and it is written by **Joseph Theobald**.

This book is really good because it is really funny, especially when Marvin eats the planet!

Marvin is a really greedy sheep who gets bigger and bigger!

We can lend it to you, if you want to read it too.

Follow this QR code to hear and follow the story.



Batchley Book Club



Star Learners

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

Butterflies	Spencer and Ayaat	Geckos	Noah & Peter
Dragonflies	Iqbal and Nadia	Frogs	Safaa & Ivo
Ladybirds	Robbyn-Rae and Jacob	Giraffes	Carson & Jasmine
Fireflies	Rex and Zachary	Elephants	Charlie M & Sophie
Crocodiles	Aria-Rose & Esmee	Lions	Ezmai & Jacob
Turtles	Jackson & James	Zebras	Oliver & Sumaiya

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

- 7th December 2023- Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th December 2023- Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 22nd December 2023- School closes
- Monday 8th January 2024- TED Day - school closed
- Tuesday 9th January 2024 - school opens
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024 - Half-term

Attendance



EVERYday counts
attendance matters



As we are approaching the winter and colder weather, you may be wondering when it is appropriate to send your child into school if they are feeling under the weather.

Please see the link below for the latest guidelines from the NHS. Here you will find all the latest information on when it is appropriate to send your child to school and when to keep them at home.

Please remember if your child is absent that you **MUST** call the school office every day they are off or the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Week ending 24th November 2023

Zebra	Lions	Elephants	Giraffes	Frogs
91%	96%	91%	94%	93%
Geckos	Turtles	Crocodiles	Ladybirds	Fireflies
91%	93%	88%	83%	94%

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Christmas Holiday Club at Batchley

Parking

We have been asked to share this letter with you from both the District Council and West Mercia Police.



Dear Parents/Guardians
November 2023

PARKING AT SCHOOLS WITHIN BROMSGROVE DISTRICT AND WEST MERCIA POLICE
This is a joint letter from Bromsgrove District Council, South Worcestershire Council and West Mercia Police, regarding of school parking. We fully appreciate that many parents need to transport their children to school, with traffic road markings such as double yellow lines, 'No Right Turn', etc., and to avoid obstructing vehicle access points which are private properties.

While many parents and guardians are subject to the rules of the road and parking safely, there are a small number who unfortunately do not. This parking causes an unnecessary risk of harm to their way to and from school, and causing access issues to residents living in close proximity to the schools.

There are a number of important points that we would like to bring to your attention:

- Where at all possible, parents/guardians are asked to walk their children to and from school. This not only helps with traffic congestion but promotes active travel, improves mental health and fitness. However, we fully appreciate that many parents need to transport their children to school by car for a number of reasons. If you do need to drive to school, please 'park and walk'. Leave your car 5-10 minutes' walk away from the school and walk the rest of the journey. This will help to ease congestion close to the school where children and parents will be coming.
- If you are driving, you have a responsibility to 'help and think' about whether you are parking in a safe and considerate manner. If you do not, you could be endangering a child's life. Co-operation and consideration for others is key. It is not about competition for the best parking space. It is about the safety of your children, not everyone else in the area.
- Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) are implemented in areas by the Highway Authority after careful consideration and consultation with many relevant partner agencies. In general, their implementation is not only to assist with the flow of traffic, but primarily to ensure that highway users can be achieved, for all road users. Please remember, children's safety should always be at the forefront of any decision regarding the school. If you have any concerns, please contact the Highway Authority or the Highway Authority's website for more information. It is ultimately to improve the safety of the roads for everyone who uses them.

4. Do you know? One in five cars on the road during the morning rush hour is transporting children to school. Please ensure you allow sufficient time to find a space. If you must use a vehicle, 'park this space' or 'leave my vehicle here today', use BRTI road access for ignoring the rules of the road and putting other road users in danger.

5. Please ensure your vehicle is not blocking any access into a public property when you park. This can be classified as an obstruction of the Highway. Many of us have experienced being blocked in some form or another and understand how frustrating this can be.

Civil Enforcement Officers and Police Officers will continue to attend schools during drop-off and pick-up times where possible, and will enforce parking and driving offences as necessary, to ensure that the safety of children during these times remains paramount. Please remember advice to any restrictions in place around your school to avoid the possibility of any Penalty Charge Notices being issued.

Please also take the time to contact your own particular school, to see if they have considered the introduction of 'walking buses' or can provide advice on other available alternatives to driving, which are applicable to this particular site.

Your assistance in these matters will be greatly appreciated.

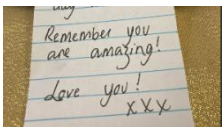
Yours faithfully
Paul Waterhouse
Traffic Management Advisor
West Mercia Police



Golden Table

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

- Ladybirds- Leon
- Fireflies – Mae
- Crocodiles- Fatimah
- Turtles- Arlo
- Frogs- Neve
- Geckos – Rico
- Elephants – Amirah
- Giraffes- Nylah
- Lions- Kian
- Zebra- Madison



As I shared lunch with the children a note fell out of a child's lunch box. It was from a parent telling them to have an amazing day. What a great opportunity to engage with your child.

I look forward to having lunch with the children on Monday 4th December 2023.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the consultations. It was lovely to see you all and what a great opportunity to look at the children's books. The survey was very positive.
96% said they were happy at school
100% said they were safe at school
94% said they felt they were learning well at school

Raffle

Thank you for your support. We have received lots of donations and we look forward to the raffle.

Cold Weather

We have had notification that the weekend will be very cold with an AMBER Warning. Please keep warm and wrap up!

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