



# Batchley First and Nursery School



## Weekly Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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### Learning Opportunities

Great opportunities for learning in Nursery this week. They were reading and exploring the book called 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. The children were very keen to tell me about all the caterpillar and how it changes into a butterfly.



The children in Year 1 visited the cinema. All staff commented on their good behaviour as they waked to their local cinema in Redditch.

Great end to the school week. All classes participated in a time challenge to celebrate both Science Week and Red Nose Day.



### Summary

Learning Opportunities	Attendance
Batchley Book Club	Young Writers
Star Learners	Community Police
Clubs	Golden Table
Key dates	Thank You

# KEEP READING!

### Batchley Book Club



My favourite book is 'Petey' by Paul Shipton. It is a book set in the future! It is about adults using too much technology and ignoring their kids!

You would like this if you like books that make you think.

We have a copy in our school library.

#### Batchley Book Club

**Raffle Ticket Winners.** Every raffle ticket winner gets to choose a book from the shelf to take



### Star Learners

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

<b>Butterflies</b>	Maddison and Oliver	<b>Frogs</b>	Aron and Uriah
<b>Dragonflies</b>	Gaja and Iqbal	<b>Geckos</b>	Yujie and Frankie
<b>Fireflies</b>	Alicja and Aurora	<b>Giraffes</b>	Ashar and Nylah
<b>Ladybirds</b>	Sky and Eva	<b>Elephants</b>	Neveah and Devapriya
<b>Crocodiles</b>	Jaxon T and Skyler	<b>Lions</b>	Brooke and Maksymillian
<b>Turtles</b>	Misty and Tristan	<b>Zebras</b>	Summer and Robin

### Morning and Sports Clubs

Fit4Sport continue to support school by providing a morning before school club. There are spaces available in Fit4Sport-Morning Club.



Please contact Mr Morris if you require a place on 07557946721 or email [info@fit4sport.org](mailto:info@fit4sport.org).in Sports Clubs <https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/>

### DATES TO REMEMBER

### Key Dates

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Break up for Easter  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Year 2 MAD Museum and Butterfly Farm  
6<sup>th</sup> May – May Day – school closed

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## Attendance



**EVERY** day counts  
attendance matters

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

Attendance week ending 15.03.24

Zebras	Lions	Elephants	Giraffes	Frogs
96%	91%	96%	94%	95%
Geckos	Turtles	Crocodiles	Ladybirds	Fireflies
93%	94%	96%	90%	91%

A tie between **Zebras**, **Elephants** and **Crocodiles** this week-96% attendance. Well done to you!

A big thank you to all the parents who are continuing to support us by ensuring your child is in school every day.

On the last day of term there is a chance for a child from each class with the highest attendance to win an Easter egg.

Don't forget that every child who achieves 100% in a half-term will get their name put in the draw to win the 4 night break in October half term!

## 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- Sofia  
Fireflies – Freya  
Crocodiles- Mohammed  
Turtles- Ella  
Frogs- Layla  
Geckos – Harley  
Elephants – Freya  
Giraffes- Kyron  
Lions- Charlie  
Zebras- Amelia



I look forward to having lunch with the children on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

## Young Writers Competition

Write, Write? Right!!

WORCESTERSHIRE  
**Litfest & FRINGE**



LitFest • Black Pear Press • Worcester Arts Council • Worcester Green Party and Worcester Lib Dems announce the: **Young Writers competition 2024**



This year's Young Writers Competition is **NOW OPEN - wonderful prizes to be won!**

- **Closing Date: Tuesday 30th APRIL 2024**
- **The theme will be: "Clues"**
- **Word limit is a maximum of 300 words**
- **One entry per young writer**
- **FREE to enter**
- **For rules and entry info please visit: [litfestworcs.org](http://litfestworcs.org)**

The prizes for each age group are as follows:  
1st prize: £30 book vouchers  
2nd prize: £20 book vouchers  
3rd prize: £10 book vouchers  
Plus trophies and personalised certificates

PLUS: the opportunity to have YOUR work published in the Black Pear Press YW Anthology later in the year!

**FREE ENTRY!**  
Open to all 7 to 17 year olds.

**Closing date: 30th APRIL 2024**

Please submit all entries as Word Documents via email to our Young Writers judging panel at: [wif.youngwriter@gmail.com](mailto:wif.youngwriter@gmail.com)  
Reference: YW competition 2024

The fourteenth Worcestershire Literary Festival - Sunday 9th until Saturday 15th June - 2024

Age Groups (in *current* school years)

**JUNIOR: School Years 3-6**

**INTERMEDIATE: School Years 7-9**

**SENIOR: School Years 10-12**

All entries will be judged anonymously by our judges. The judges have been selected for their experience in literature, journalism and related experience and will include directors from LitFest and the anthology publishers Black Pear Press.

The finalists will be invited to read their entries and receive their prizes at our LIVE launch event on Sunday 9th June.



[litfestworcs.org](http://litfestworcs.org) • [blackpear.net](http://blackpear.net)

## Community Police



Batchley provided a positive space and an opportunity to promote positive engagement with our local community police. They delivered a talk to our young people about the job they do in the local community and how rewarding it can be. The children really enjoyed the experience.

Thank you to Harley B who suggested this.



**Thank You**



Huge thank you to Mrs Charlotte Day who pruned our fruit trees. This was done to help them grow and produce fruit. We would appreciate it if you would prevent your children from swinging on the trees.

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