



Batchley First and Nursery School



Weekly Newsletter

16th May 2025

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Learning Opportunities at Batchley

It has been another exciting week of learning at Batchley First School. In Early Years, children were fully immersed in imaginative play, making pinecone pies in the mud kitchen and carefully sieving the mud to find just the right 'seasoning'—a fantastic example of creativity and sensory exploration.

Year 1 explored the school library, learning to choose books carefully and beginning their own reading journeys.

Year 2 ventured out on a local history trip to Forge Mill, deepening their understanding of Redditch's past.

Year 3 wowed in Maths, confidently using their paddle boards to demonstrate good learning and engage in peer discussion. In Year 4, we welcomed Kurly the poet, who led a fantastic poetry session and every child was engaged, inspired, and excited about performing the poem. We also enjoyed a special musical assembly, where children had the opportunity to experience live music and learn more about instruments and rhythm. A great

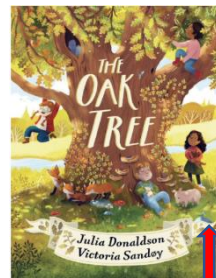


Summary

Learning Opportunities	Attendance
Keep Reading	Redditch Standard
Stars of the Week	Golden Table
Fit4Sport	FSM Vouchers
Key Dates	British Values
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KEEP READING!

Make sure you read every day to be included in our Reading Raffle.



Recommended Read of the week.



Stars of the Week

Chosen for good work or demonstrating kind hands, kind feet, kind words and respecting everyone and everything.

Nursery Plus	Toluwani and Cyran		
FSB	Halima and Ronnie	Year 2L	Freddie and Frank H
FSD	Aidan and Lainey-Mai	Year 3BW	Ollie and Uriah
Year 1J	Alfie S and Liliana	Year 3SF	Caleb and Aron
Year 1CF	Melissa and Taj	Year 4H	Max and Annyiah
Year 2M	Tilly and Chelsea	Year 4B	Macey and Dylan

Fit4Sport

Morning and Sports Clubs

Fit4Sport offer morning provision and after school clubs for our children.

Contact Mr Morris if you require a place on 07557946721 or email info@fit4sport.org.in

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

The dates for 2025-2026 are on the school website.

[Term Dates – Batchley First School](#)

23rd May 2025 – School closed –TED Day

2nd June 2025 – School opens after half term

20th June – Sports Day and Summer Fayre

Friday 18th July 2025 – School Closes for Summer

Monday 21st July 2025- School Closed-TED Day

At Batchley we are all VIPs – valued, inspired, Prepared, Safe

Attendance

Week ending 16.05.25

4H	4B	3BW	3SF	2L
89%	86%	93%	96%	98%
2M	1CF	1J	FSB	FSD
100%	98%	97%	93%	95%

A big congratulations to 2M who have achieved an incredible 100% attendance this week!

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Attendance is the key to success

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Redditch Standard

We Made the Local Paper.

We are delighted to share that the grand opening of our school library has been featured in this week's edition of the Redditch Standard. This special event marked a memorable moment for Batchley, with visits from local councillors, published authors, and the press, all here to celebrate the importance of reading in our school.

A huge thank you goes to Miss Louth and Mr Reeves for their hard work in organising the library launch. The day was truly special for our children and their families.



ing space where they could enjoy stories. "There is something truly magical about being drawn to a book on the shelf, holding it in your hands, turning its pages and becoming so caught up in its world that you simply don't want to stop reading. "That's the kind of joy we want our children to experience every single day." Coun Mathur said: "It was a real privilege to officially open the library. "The hard work of staff, governors and the wider school community has created something truly special. "This refurbishment is more than a room - it's a gateway to learning, opportunity and a lifelong love of stories. "Every child deserves to see themselves reflected in stories and this investment ensures Batchley pupils have that opportunity. "I'm confident this space will inspire generations of young readers for years to come." Coun Monica Stringfellow reads to pupils along with author Matt Hunt, Coun Sachin Mathur and author Sharon Hopwood in the new library at Batchley First School. Picture by Marcus Mingins 2025004MMR

BATCHLEY BOOKWORMS: A REDDITCH school is celebrating the opening of their new library after a full refurb. Coun Monica Stringfellow and Sachin Mathur, for Batchley and Brockshill, officially opened Batchley First School's new library last Wednesday with staff and pupils in attendance. Headteacher Sarah Downes said the school wanted to give children a calm inspir-

Copies of the newspaper can be found in local supermarkets.

Golden Table



FSB- Xander

FSD- Una

Year 1J- Gursham

Year 1CF- Lucas

Year 2M – Ruby

Year 2L- Jaxson C

Year 3BW- Elsie

Year 3SF- Artur

Year 4H- Jenson

Year 4B- Emily T



These children have been recognised for their good manners, politeness and ability to demonstrate the school rules. I am so looking forward to eating with the children at the golden table on **Monday 19th May 2025**

FSM Vouchers

Whitsun Holiday: £10

Use the link below to register

[Applying for Free School Meals | Applying for Free School Meals | Worcestershire County Council](#)

If you need any help with the process, please contact the school office. office@batchley.worcs.sch.uk

These will be available from Wednesday 21st May.

British Values

At Batchley, our school values – Valued, Inspired, Prepared and Safe (VIPs) – go hand in hand with the fundamental British Values. Embedding these values into daily school life helps our children grow into thoughtful, confident individuals who understand the importance of fairness, respect for others, and making responsible choices.

Every week we will highlight one of our VIPs values and links to a British Value. We will include a simple task that families to complete together.



Week 2	Inspired	Democracy	Vote as a family on a weekend activity—show children how choices are made together.
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Nursery and Reception Places

WE HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE IN NURSERY

Starting in September 2025

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old?

Please get in touch with us to see if we can help.

01527 62926
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RECEPTION PLACES AVAILABLE

SEPTEMBER 2025

WE HAVE LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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If you are reconsidering your school place offering for September, please get in touch with us.

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