



Autumn Term 2025 Welcome

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year and it has been such a joy to welcome all of the children back into school this week. Even with the rainy mornings, their smiling faces at the gate at 8:35am have brightened our days. They lined up beautifully with their teachers and headed straight into their learning with enthusiasm and confidence.

The children looked so smart in their school uniforms and it was delightful to walk around the school and see them engaged and happy. It made me feel incredibly proud to be at Batchley.

A very special welcome goes out to our new Reception and Nursery starters. You have settled into school routines so quickly and with such positivity. I know your teachers are already very proud of you.

We also welcome our new parents. We are so pleased to have you join our school family. We look forward to working together to support your children as they grow, learn, and thrive.



A fantastic autumn term awaits, whatever the weather brings our way.

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KEEP READING!

Don't forget to keep reading every day it is so important

Five minutes a day of daily reading impacts positively in all areas of the curriculum.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss.

Stars of the Week

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

Year 1B	Una and Clementine	Year 3B	Inaaya and Aubrey
Year 1M	Remy and Jaxon	Year 4 CF	Ashleigh-May and Marwan
Year 2J	Charlotte and Jacob	Year 4H	Layla-Rose and Jenson
Year 2L	Aayat and Freya		

Mrs Downes, Mr Reeves and all the staff are very proud of the good attitude and effort demonstrated in school.

Safeguarding

Batchley is committed to safeguarding all of our pupils. We take child protection and safeguarding very seriously. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Brough. The deputy safeguarding lead is Mrs Downes. If you do have any safeguarding concerns, please do inform Mrs Brough. Justine Fitzer is the Home /School Family Support Worker and she can be contacted on 07809330825.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

Friday 12th September – Year 3 Trip
Monday 22nd September – School Photographs
Friday 24th October – School closes for half-term
Monday 3rd November – School opens for Autumn 2

The dates for 2025-2026 are on the school website.
[Term Dates – Batchley First School](#)

Attendance

We are absolutely delighted to share that in just the first three days of term, **Batchley has achieved an incredible 98% attendance!**

This is a wonderful start and a reflection of the commitment from our families to support their children's learning,

We expect children to be in school every day, unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend. Being in school every day ensures children don't miss out on key learning opportunities, helping them to keep up with their peers and make the progress they are truly capable of.

School starts at 8:45am, and the gates open at **8:35am**. Please make sure your child arrives on time, ready to learn. The Government expects all schools to reach at least **95% attendance**, and we are proud to be starting above that benchmark.

Each week, we will report the attendance figures for each class, and our Attendance Lead, **Mrs Firth**, will be working closely with families to help maintain and improve attendance across the school.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please contact the school office **before 9am** to let us know. We will be monitoring attendance carefully each day and may follow up with phone calls or meetings to work in partnership with families to support regular attendance.

Let us keep up the fantastic momentum—**every day counts!**

Free School Meals

It is really important that if you think you are entitled to FSM that you use the link below and apply now.

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

Then look for this message.

Complete a new free school meal application

Make a new claim for free school meals >

Please do this as the school and your child will be entitled to other benefits.

Reception and Year 4 Middle School Applications 2026

Please don't forget to apply for your child's place at middle school. You must do this online by **15th January 2026**. The facility is now open on www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. You will need an email address and access to the internet. If you do need assistance, then you can contact the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 822700.



Golden Table

- Year 1B- Muhammed
- Year 1M-Wiktor
- Year 2J -Rex
- Year 2L-Theo
- Year 3B- Tristan
- Year 4CF-Kai
- Year 4H- Ayesha



Well done to the children who 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 8th September**.

School Lunches

Aspen continues to provide delicious and nutritious school lunches for our children. We encourage all pupils to give them a try as they offer a great variety and are designed to support healthy eating.

A reminder to parents of children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2: your child is entitled to free school meals, so please do make the most of this opportunity. Every meal taken helps support our school and ensures continued funding for this valuable provision.

To help us plan and reduce food waste, we kindly ask that you log on (MyChildAtSchool) and choose your child's lunches in advance. Thank you for your support. [School Lunches – Batchley First School](#)



24-Hour Swim Success We are incredibly proud to share that members of our school staff took part in a 24-hour swim challenge to raise funds for swimming lessons for disabled children. Thanks to their dedication and the generosity of supporters, our school team raised an amazing **£2,200**, contributing to a phenomenal **£95,000 total** raised across all teams. This incredible effort will fund **6,333 swimming lessons**, giving children with disabilities the opportunity to learn to swim, build confidence, and enjoy the water safely. A huge well done to the staff involved.



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