



# Batchley First and Nursery School



## Weekly Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

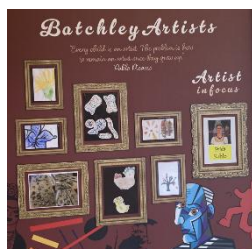
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### Learning Opportunities

We have had a wonderful first week back after the holiday, with lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place across the school. Attendance was strong at 96%, and it was lovely to see the children settling so quickly into their new phonics groups.

We were proud to welcome several visitors to school this week. All of our visitors recognised the significant improvements made to the learning environment, as well as the children's excellent behaviour and prompt engagement in learning.

We were also delighted to host councillor Chris Bloore, our Local MP, who was equally impressed by the school's environment, the children's behaviour, and their positive attitudes to learning. Our children spoke confidently and eloquently about their experiences at school, showcasing the pride they take in being part of our community.

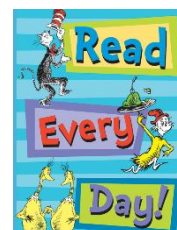


### Summary

Learning Opportunities	Attendance
Keep Reading	Odd Socks
Stars of the Week	Golden table
Slime Workshop	School Governor
Key Dates	School Applications
	Books and Biscuits

# KEEP READING!

### Read Every Day – It Makes a Big Difference!



### Stars of the Week

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

<b>Nursery Plus</b>	Eli and Callum	<b>Year 2J</b>	Rosie and Oliver
<b>FSD</b>	Renesmae and Kayden	<b>Year 2L</b>	Eva and Saffron
<b>FSC</b>	Noah and Daisy	<b>Year 3B</b>	Forest and Chase
<b>Year 1B</b>	Balraj and Una	<b>Year 4 CF</b>	Poppy and Lena
<b>Year 1M</b>	Isobel and Xander	<b>Year 4 H</b>	Caleb and Jenson-Jai

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

### Slime Making Workshop

We are excited to invite you to our Slime Making Workshop. We would love to see as many of you as possible join us for this hands-on experience. No prior slime-making skills needed.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Key Dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Odd Socks Day  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 Cinema Visit  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Books and Biscuits  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Cinema Visit  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – KS2 Cinema Visit


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

[Term Dates – Batchley First School](http://www.batchleyfirstschool.co.uk)

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## Attendance

Week ending 07.11.25

4H	4CF	3B	2J	2L
92%	98%	94%	96%	95%
1B	1M	FSC	FSD	
100%	94%	96%	93%	

**Congratulations to 1B who achieved a wonderful 100% attendance this week.**

We have a busy and exciting few weeks planned in school with trips to the cinema for years 1 and 2, Books and Biscuits and our Winterwonderland amongst others. We look forward to seeing all our children in school every day to take part in the exciting activities.

### Every Day Counts – Supporting Strong Attendance Together

Please help us by:

Prioritising school attendance and avoiding unnecessary absences. Talking to us early if your child is struggling to attend – we are here to help.

Celebrating your child's efforts to be in school every day.

**Together, we can make sure every child gets the most out of their education and builds strong foundations for the future.**

If your child has an illness and is unwell, please contact the school office to report this to us before 9am.

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## Odd Socks

Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November, marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week 2025.

Odd Socks Day is a fun and simple way for children to express themselves and celebrate what makes us all unique. To take part, children are invited to wear odd socks to school on the day. No need to buy anything new, just enjoy the opportunity to celebrate individuality in a colourful way.

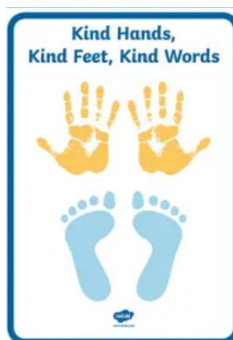


**Thank you for your support in helping us promote kindness, respect, and inclusion.**

## Golden Table



FSD- Lilith  
FSC- Lucie-Diane  
Year 1B- Charlie  
Year 1M- Jaxon  
Year 2J - Esmae  
Year 2L- Maisy-Rose  
Year 3B- James  
Year 4CF- Abdulrazaq  
Year 4H- Layla-Rose



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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

## School Applications 2026

Please don't forget to apply for your child's place at middle school and Reception. You must do this online by 15th January 2026. The facility is now open on

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## School Governor

We are looking for a passionate and committed individual to join our governing board and help shape the future of our school. They play a vital role in supporting leadership, setting strategic direction, and ensuring accountability and financial oversight. You do not need to be an expert in education, just bring your enthusiasm, willingness to learn, and a desire to make a difference. Training and support are provided, and governors come from all walks of life. If you are a parent who is interested in volunteering as a school governor, please contact the school office to express your interest.

[office@batchley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@batchley.worcs.sch.uk)

To learn more about the role and how to apply, visit the site below:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/about/become-a-governor-trustee/>

## Books and Biscuits at Batchley

We are excited to invite you to our Books and Biscuits event at Batchley on Thursday 13th November 2025, taking place in the afternoon. Come along to enjoy a cosy reading session with your child, share stories, and enjoy some biscuits. A lovely opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading together.

**Further details on Monday.**

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