

# **Batchley First and Nursery School**

# Weekly Newsletter

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#### Learning Opportunities

It has been a very creative and inspiring week across the school. Our youngest learners have been experimenting with markmaking in ice, exploring textures and patterns. This activity encouraged curiosity and fine motor skills while sparking conversations about the properties of ice and water. Meanwhile, our eldest learners demonstrated their artistic talents by painting intricate plant designs. Their work showcased patience, precision, and a deep appreciation for the natural world.















Early Years have also been busy learning about different occupations and the people who help us every day. From firefighters and doctors to vets, the children explored these important roles through building both knowledge and empathy.









Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the local cinema. We are proud to share that, once again, our children were praised for their excellent behaviour.

It is wonderful to see creativity, curiosity, and community spirit thriving in every corner of our school.

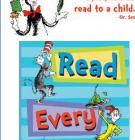
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Read Every Day – It Makes a Big Difference!

You're never





#### Stars of the Week

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

Nursery Plus	Maela and Callum	Year 2J	Ada and Alfie
FSD	Jordan and Arlo Year 2L		Aurora and Maisy-Rose
FSC	Rhys and Stacey	Year 3B	Freddie and Ken
Year 1B	Ali and Muhammad	Year 4 CF	Selena and Razaq
Year 1M	Theodore and Isobel	Year 4 H	Artur and Aidan

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



# 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 <a href="mailto:info@fit4sport.org.in">info@fit4sport.org.in</a> Sports Clubs <a href="https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/">https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/</a>



## Key Dates

Tuesday 25th November- KS2 Cinema Visit
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Own clothes – donations to the Fayre
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Winter Wonderland Fayre
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years Christmas Play
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

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

Term Dates - Batchley First School

#### Attendance

Week ending 10.10.25

4H	4CF	3B	<b>2</b> J	2L
95%	91%	80%	98%	84%
1B	1M	FSC	FSD	
90%	90%	86%	92%	

Attendance has dropped and we will aim to improve on this next week.

Each week 2 children from each key stage will be chosen to receive a <u>Dip In the Box</u> for achieving 100% attendance.

Our pupils this week are: Mollie 4H, James 3B, Melissa 2L, Peter 1B, Stacey FSC and Elsie-Mae FSD.

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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#### 1M's Attendance Reward

To reward their commitment, the children enjoyed a special treat with s'mores in Forest School. It was a wonderful way to combine outdoor learning with a sweet celebration

Thank you to everyone for supporting great attendance as it really does make a difference.







## Safe and Respectful Environment

We want to ensure that our school remains a safe and welcoming place for all children and families. Recently, there have been reports of strong smells associated with cannabis near the school office entrance during drop-off times. Please remember that the use of illegal substances on or near school grounds is not permitted. This is to protect the wellbeing of all children and maintain a positive environment.

If you have any concerns or need support, please speak confidentially to a member of staff. Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe space for everyone.

#### Thank You

We are so grateful for the incredible generosity and support from our school community. We would like to say a special thank you to:

**Saskia's family**, whose father kindly painted our playground chalkboards. A fantastic improvement for outdoor play.

**Willow's family**, for their generous gift of a sensory spinning chair for our sensory room. This has been a big hit with our children and is already making a positive difference.

**All parents** who have donated bottles for our upcoming Winter Wonderland Fayre.

Your kindness means so much to us and to the children.

### Flying High with British Values

As part of our ongoing work on British Values—
particularly **democracy** and **tolerance**—our
School Council recently voted for their favourite
design for a Batchley Flag. The winning design has
now been turned into a real flag.

We are proud to share that this flag is flying high in our Batchley Forest School, a symbol of our community spirit and the children's voice in action. It's a wonderful reminder of how democracy works in everyday school life and how we celebrate the values that unite us.









#### Golden Table



FSD- Kayden FSC- Joshua Year 1B- Tyler Year 1M- Morrigan

Year 2J - Ewan Year 2L- Aayat

Year 3B- Jaxon T Year 4CF- Ollie

Year 4H- Elsie



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