



# Batchley First and Nursery School



## Weekly Newsletter

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### Learning Opportunities

This week Early Years, explored the role of the police and learned how they help us. They used their brilliant cutting and sticking skills to make their own police cars. They have also been practising turn-taking and have achieved so much since joining us in September.



Year 1 wrote and performed their very own story for the first time. They demonstrated creativity and confidence. In computing, the children had lots of fun creating digital pictures and adding speech to bring their ideas to life.



Year 2 have been diving into the fascinating world of symmetry and shape patterns. The children worked hard to create six-sided shapes with a line of symmetry, using their problem-solving skills to ensure both sides matched perfectly. They designed symmetrical houses, paying close attention to details so that everything mirrored across the central line. Year 3 and Year 4 made us so proud when they visited the cinema. They walked beautifully to the venue and watched the film with great respect.



We also hosted an amazing slime workshop, which was a big success and very well attended. A fantastic week of learning.

### Summary

Learning Opportunities	Attendance
Keep Reading	Attendance Matters
Stars of the Week	Golden table
Fit4Sport	School Improvement
Key Dates	FSM
	Winter Wonderland

**KEEP READING!**

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



**A book voucher for our favourite in each year group.**



Draw your favourite book character with a Christmas theme and win a voucher to spend at the book fair.

### 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>	Maela and Callum	<b>Year 2J</b>	Harvey and Leni
<b>FSD</b>	Rosie-Leigh and Konrad	<b>Year 2L</b>	Mae and Gurshan
<b>FSC</b>	Kyrie and Carlton	<b>Year 3B</b>	Olivia and Noah
<b>Year 1B</b>	Brodie and Tyler	<b>Year 4 CF</b>	Ollie and Eliza
<b>Year 1M</b>	Ava and Ronnie	<b>Year 4 H</b>	Shania and Oliver

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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

### Key Dates

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Breakfast 8:15am  
 5<sup>th</sup> December – Winter Wonderland Fayre 4:00pm-6:00pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> December – Rock Steady Concert  
 16<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years Christmas Play  
 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper  
**The holiday dates for 2025-2026 are on the school website.**  
[Term Dates – Batchley First School](https://www.batchleyfirstschool.co.uk)



### 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](mailto:info@fit4sport.org.in)  
 Sports Clubs <https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/>

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## Attendance

Week ending 10.10.25

4H	4CF	3B	2J	2L
96%	90%	93%	98%	94%
1B	1M	FSC	FSD	
91%	92%	91%	98%	

Each week 2 children from each key stage will be chosen to receive a [Dip In the Box](#) for achieving 100% attendance.

**Our pupils this week are:** George 4CF, Chelsea 3B, Morrigan 1M, Leni 2J, Jordan FSD and Joshua FSC.

### 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 IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE EVERY MORNING ON 01527 62926, THANK YOU**

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## Why Attendance Matters

Attendance matters because being in school every day helps children learn and do well.

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### Attendance in a Nutshell

**Why Attendance Matters**  
Good attendance = better learning, progress, and wellbeing. Missing school means missing lessons, friendships, and opportunities.

**Key Expectations**

- Target: 96% or above
- Every Day Counts: 1 day off = 5 lessons missed
- Punctuality: Arrive on time, ready to learn

**Impact of Absence**

- 90% attendance = 19 days missed (almost 4 weeks of learning)
- 80% attendance = 38 days missed (almost 8 weeks!)

**What We Support**

- Early contact for absences
- Work with families to remove barriers
- Positive rewards for great attendance

**What Parents Can Do**

- Book appointments outside school hours
- Keep routines consistent
- Communicate with school promptly

**Our Goal**  
Every child Valued, Inspired, Prepared, Safe – and in school every day.

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## Golden Table



**FSD-** Isla-Rose  
**FSC-** Millie  
**Year 1B-** Clementine  
**Year 1M-** Ama  
**Year 2J -** Tommy-Jaxn  
**Year 2L-** Gracie  
**Year 3B-** Esmee  
**Year 4CF-** Marwan  
**Year 4H-** Aidan



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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

## School Improvement

We are pleased to share that new fencing and surfacing has been installed around the exercise equipment and the Forest School area. This improvement will help keep children safe while exercising by providing protection from football games nearby. It also slightly extends the Forest School space and creates a more defined entrance, making the area even more inviting for outdoor learning and play.



## Winter Wonderland

We are excited to invite you to our Winter Wonderland on Friday, 5th December, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Come and enjoy a magical evening filled with delicious hot dogs and hot chocolate, creative fun decorating baubles, and games like *Pluck the Turkey* and *Name the Bear and Princess*.

There will also be a Scholastic Book Fair and a fantastic raffle with tickets available on the night. Santa slots have already been booked via MCAS. We can't wait to see you all for a great evening in our festive forest.



## Christmas FSM Vouchers

These will be available for the Christmas holiday and are worth £30 per child.

Please use this link as it enables you to register.

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

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