



Learning Opportunities

This week we welcomed the Local Authority for a safeguarding visit. Our children shone once again, clearly explaining how they keep themselves safe and the importance of telling a trusted adult if something feels wrong. Their understanding shows that the safeguarding culture is embedded across the school.

During the week they have also showcased a wide range of skills. They have demonstrated excellent organisational skills while collecting lunch bands for their classmates.

Some Year 4 children have been rehearsing to create a school band they have shown lots of enthusiasm and teamwork.

At the Golden Table, children shared thoughtful views about the importance of Forest School and how it helps them to learn and about enjoying the outdoors.

The Grinch then paid a surprise visit and tried to disrupt learning. Our amazing children, including our youngest learners, explained why learning is so important and why no one should stop it. It has been wonderful to experience these moments with our children and see their confidence flourish.



Summary

Learning Opportunities	Attendance
Keep Reading	Mrs Brough
Stars of the Week	Slabs and Flagpole
Thank You	Festive Breakfast
Key Dates	FSM
	Festive Hamper

KEEP READING!

Read Every Day – It Makes a Big Difference!

At the Book Club the children share their love of reading and the reasons behind their favourite book choice. Their enthusiasm is a wonderful reminder of the joy that reading brings to us all.



Batchley Book Club



Hello.
Our favourite book is *The Troll* by Julia Donaldson.
It is funny and it has cool pictures.
Our favourite part is where he tries to catch the goats.
It is in the library if you want to read it too.



Stars of the Week

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

Nursery Plus	Eli and Theo	Year 2J	Rex and Esmae
FSD	Edel and Lainey	Year 2L	Alfie H and Liliana
FSC	Emily and Sukhbani	Year 3B	James and Willow
Year 1B	Peter and Ayda	Year 4 CF	Hidayah and Molly
Year 1M	Ancella and Xander	Year 4 H	Elsie and Aron

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



Thank You for Joining Our Winter Wonderland

A massive thank you to everyone who braved the rain to attend our **Winter Wonderland** event.

Despite the weather, it was fantastic to see so many families coming together to celebrate and support our school community. We know many of you are excited about the raffle results and we will be announcing all winners on Monday, so keep an eye out for updates.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

[Term Dates – Batchley First School](#)

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Attendance

Week ending 5.12.25

4H	4CF	3B	2J	2L
95%	84%	96%	98%	92%
1B	1M	FSC	FSD	
91%	93%	91%	90%	

Attendance Advent Challenge!

Every child that is in school every day between December 1st and December 17th will get that chance to win a Breakfast with Santa. 20 children will be chosen at random to eat breakfast with Santa on Thursday 18th December.

Everyday 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.



Attendance Advent Challenge

Suite is looking for children who come to school every day between Monday December 1st and Wednesday 17th December to get into the breakfast with Santa. 20 children, who have attended school every day during the above period, will be chosen at random to have breakfast with a special breakfast. Breakfast will be served on the 18th. The 20 chosen children will join Santa on the morning of Thursday 18th December. (Swimming jumpsuits encouraged!)

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.

0152767976 office@batchley.worcs.sch.uk

Mrs Brough is Retiring

After **25 years** of dedicated service to Batchley First and Nursery School, **Mrs. Brough** has announced her retirement at the end of December.

We will deeply miss her warmth, expertise, and devotion to the children of Batchley. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Brough every happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

Please be assured that safeguarding and family support remain our highest priority. As we prepare for Mrs Brough's retirement.

Mrs Downes, Mr Reeves, and Mrs Fitzer will work closely together to ensure continuity and maintain the strong systems already in place.

Slabs and Flagpole

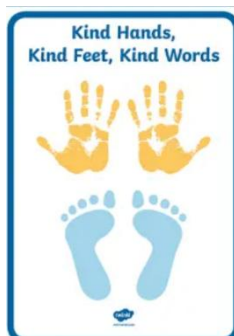
We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Fraser and Paul from Copcut Golf Centre for generously donating slabs to our Forest School. We also thank Richard from Envirocare for kindly donating and installing a flagpole. Their contributions have further enhanced the outdoor learning environment for all of our children.



Golden Table



FSD- Keo
FSC- Bella
Year 1B- Declan
Year 1M- Iqbal
Year 2J - Oliver
Year 2L- Freya
Year 3B- Ken
Year 4CF- Fatima
Year 4H- Shania



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 December 2025

Festive Breakfast Success

Over two wonderful days, we welcomed more than 50 children to enjoy a festive breakfast at Batchley. The children tucked into a delicious spread of toast, pastries, pancakes along with plenty of refreshing fruit juice. It was lovely to see so many happy faces enjoying themselves and sharing the festive spirit together.

Thank you to parents and staff who supported this event and helped make it such a success.



Festive Food Hamper

We are delighted to share that Amamchukwu was the lucky winner of our free prize draw. Every child in school was entered to receive a chance to win the festive food hamper. We hope Ama and their family enjoy this special treat.

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.

[Free school meals | Worcestershire County Council](#)

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