

### Learning Opportunities

We were delighted to share our work with visitors and showcase the fantastic learning taking place across the school. In Early Years, children were fully immersed in developing their knowledge of Antarctica, penguins and contrasting environments. Through exploration and discussion, they learned to identify features of their local area and compare these with polar landscapes.

Year 1 had a fabulous introduction to cricket, led by experienced cricket providers. The children loved every moment and showed brilliant teamwork and coordination. Our Year 2 children were busy being mathematicians, working with and exploring 2D shapes. They investigated properties, sorted shapes and used mathematical language with growing confidence. Year 3 enjoyed an exciting Roman enrichment workshop, bursting with hands-on activities and historical discovery. The photographs truly capture their engagement and enthusiasm throughout the day. Meanwhile, Year 4 continued their journey as geographers, studying longitude and latitude and building their understanding of how we locate places on Earth.

Another week full of meaningful learning, happy children and proud staff.



### Summary

Learning Opportunities	Attendance
Keep Reading	Local Initiatives
Stars of the Week	Golden Table
Fit4Sport	HCB Solicitors
Key Dates	Mental Health
	FSM Vouchers
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# KEEP READING!

Read Every Day – It Makes a Big Difference!



Reading is the foundation of all learning; once a child can read, they can learn anything.

### Star Learner this

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

<b>Nursery Plus</b>	Maela, Zeeana, Hunter and Charles.	<b>Year 2J</b>	Rosie and Jacob
<b>FSD</b>	Conrad and Grace	<b>Year 2L</b>	Mae and Aayat
<b>FSC</b>	Noah and Stacey	<b>Year 3B</b>	Whole Class
<b>Year 1B</b>	Clementine and Ella-Mai	<b>Year 4 CF</b>	Uriah and Evelyn
<b>Year 1M</b>	Ronnie and Ava	<b>Year 4 H</b>	Jenson and Jake

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026- Safer Internet Day

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – School closes for half-term**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 –Year 2 Think Tank

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – World Book Day

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

[Term Dates – Batchley First School](#)

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### 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/>



## Attendance

Week ending 31.01.26

4H	4CF	3B	2J	2L
98%	92%	98%	96%	89%
1B	1M	FSC	FSD	<b>ATTENDANCE MATTERS</b>
95%	91%	90%	96%	

Congratulations to 4H and 3B for achieving 98% attendance this week. Five of our classes achieved attendance of 95% or more this week, well done!

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

**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.**

0152762926 [office@batchley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@batchley.worcs.sch.uk)

## Supporting Local Initiatives

We remain committed to supporting local initiatives that strengthen our community, celebrate collaboration, and create meaningful opportunities for our children and families.



## Thank you HCB Solicitors



Thank you to HCB Solicitors for your support; we are delighted to be using YogaBugs, which will be a great addition to our school.

**Batchley First and Nursery School**

All of us at Batchley First and Nursery School would like to express our heartfelt thanks to HCB Solicitors for their generous sponsorship, enabling our children and staff to access YogaBugs Virtual.

This support means so much to our school community. The YogaBugs programme will offer our pupils valuable opportunities to develop mindfulness, emotional resilience, and positive mental wellbeing, helping them feel calmer, more confident, and better equipped to navigate their day-to-day challenges.

For many of our children, having access to these tools will make a truly lasting difference. We believe YogaBugs Virtual will become an important part of how we nurture wellbeing across the school, enriching not only their learning experiences but also their overall happiness and personal growth.

We are deeply grateful to HCB Solicitors for recognising the importance of children's mental health and for investing in a resource that will support and uplift our pupils for years to come.

Thank you for helping us create a caring, supportive environment where every child can flourish.

## Golden Table



FSC- Rylee  
FSD- Kayden  
Year 1B- Halima  
Year 1M- Max  
Year 2J – Oscar  
Year 2L- Zach  
Year 3B- Chelsea  
Year 4CF- Molly W  
Year 4H- Chioma



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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

## FSM Vouchers

These will be available for the half-term holiday and are worth **£15 per child**. Please use this link as it enables you to register.

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

## Mental Health Week

www.camhs.nhs.uk/west Provided by Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

**Children's Mental Health Week**  
9th – 15th February 2026  
**'THIS IS MY PLACE'**

This is My Place means feeling like you belong.  
You might feel you belong:

- At home
- At school
- With friends
- In a team

When you feel like you belong, you feel:

- Happy
- Safe
- Ready to learn and play

Belonging helps your mind grow strong

When you feel you belong, you can:

- Be yourself
- Make friends
- Feel brave and confident
- Feel less worried or lonely
- Believe in yourself
- Be kind and help others

The Five Ways to Wellbeing

- Connect – spend time with people you care about
- Be Active – move your body
- Take Notice – look around and notice your feelings
- Keep Learning – try something new
- Give – help others and be kind

Looking After Your Feelings  
You don't have to do all of these – just try one!

- Calm breathing in for 4, out for 6
- Listen to music that makes you feel good
- Draw or write your feelings
- Take a screen break
- Notice nature: what can you see or hear?
- Keep a routine: knowing what's next helps
- Move your body: run, dance, stretch, or play
- Talk to someone when something feels wrong

**You Are Not Alone**  
If big worries don't go away, talk to:

- A teacher
- A parent or carer
- A trusted grown-up

Asking for help is a strong thing to do

## OFSTED Visit

Thank you for your support and kind words during the inspection; once the report is available, we will share it with you.

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