



# Batchley First and Nursery School



## Weekly Newsletter

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### Learning Opportunities

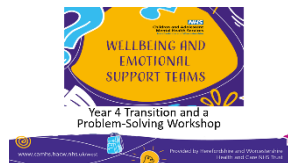
Early Years have been making the most of the sunshine this week, taking their learning outdoors and exploring the world around them. Children have been immersed in the story *Oliver's Vegetables*, which has sparked lots of rich conversation about where our food comes from, how vegetables grow, and why eating healthy foods is important. Outdoor exploration has helped bring the story to life and encouraged curiosity, talk, and imaginative play.



Year 4 had an exciting visit from The History Man for their Anglo-Saxon day. It was an engaging, hands-on session that helped deepen the children's understanding of Anglo-Saxon life, beliefs, and daily routines. The children really enjoyed the experience and loved stepping back in time.



Year 4 also took part in a transition workshop led by WEST, helping them prepare for the move to middle school. The workshop supported children to reflect, ask questions, and build confidence as they look ahead to the next stage of their learning journey.

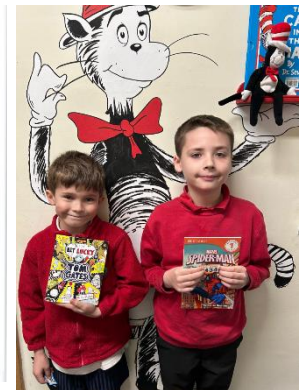
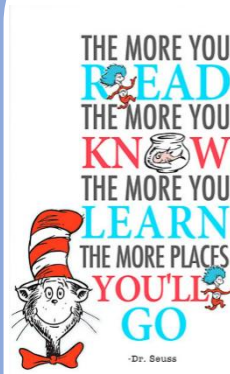


### Summary

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Keep Reading	FSM Holiday Clubs
Stars of the Week	Golden Table
Fit4Sport	Men and Dads
Key Dates	Information Poster
	Easter Raffle

# 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 Learners

At Batchley, you are a star learner because you always try your best, support others and show a real love of learning

<b>Nursery Plus</b>	Lara and Zeeana	<b>Year 2J</b>	Sophia and Ada
<b>FSD</b>	Suaiba and Elsie-Mae	<b>Year 2L</b>	Gracie and Aayat
<b>FSC</b>	Bella and Summer-Rose	<b>Year 3L</b>	Ruby and Jaxson C
<b>Year 1B</b>	Ayda and Muhammad	<b>Year 4 CF</b>	Eliza and Peter
<b>Year 1M</b>	Ava and Ronnie	<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

Thursday 26th March 2026- Year 1 visit to Little Owl Farm  
 Friday 27th March 2026 – Easter Raffle  
 Friday 27th March 2026- Finish for Easter Holiday  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Return to school  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026- Year 1 Space Day  
**The holiday dates for 2025-2026 are on the school website.**  
[Term Dates – Batchley First 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 [info@fit4sport.org.in](mailto:info@fit4sport.org.in)  
Sports Clubs <https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/>



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## Attendance

Week ending 31.01.26

4H	4CF	3L	2J	2L
97%	85%	94%	89%	93%
1B	1M	FSC	FSD	
90%	96%	90%	94%	

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

**Congratulations to 4H, a fantastic 97% attendance this week!**

With only 1 week left, we hope to make it our highest attendance week this school year and look forward to your support in achieving our goal.

Please see MCAS communication that has been sent out regarding attendance.

**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.**

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## FSM Holiday Clubs

Families who receive benefits-related Free School Meals can apply for each child to use up to **4 free credits** at any of the providers listed.

[Browse & Book Places Here](#)

The places are funded by the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme from the DfE.

To find out more about the programme, visit: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HAF>

Full link to booking

site: <https://eequ.org/worcestershirehaf>

You can also visit Facebook page for

information: <https://www.facebook.com/HAFWorcestershire/>

## Men and Dads

Open to all men - whether you are a dad with children or looking for fresh air and good company.

Sanders Park, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP (Meet at Bandstand) 10am - 11am

Arrow Valley Park, Redditch, B98 0LJ (Meet at Café) 12pm - 1pm

1st Sunday of the month

Contact Paul 07873 859684

**Just For Dads**  
Across Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE  
FAMILY HUBS

## Golden Table



FSC- Sukhbani  
FSD- Saharah  
Year 1B- Brodie  
Year 1M- Ama  
Year 2J – Rosie  
Year 2L- Leanne  
Year 3B- Madhav  
Year 4CF- Fatima  
Year 4H- Aron



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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

## Easter Raffle on Friday 27th March

We are excited to share that school will be holding an Easter Raffle on Friday 27th March. Raffle tickets will be on sale from 8:45–9:30am in school. Tickets are £1 per strip or 5 strips for £4, and only cash can be accepted. We have three fantastic prizes to be won. We hope you will join in and help support our school community.



## Information Poster

UK Health Security Agency

### MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

Meningitis now

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

#### MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, dizziness
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

#### SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

**EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.**

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