



Batchley First and Nursery School



Weekly Newsletter

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Learning Opportunities

We have enjoyed a wonderful week of learning across the school. The children began the week with great enthusiasm and excitement, engaging fully in a wide range of activities.



Early Years experienced a busy and creative week, taking part in themed activities including making Easter hats, decorating eggs, creating cards, and even making cornflake cakes. Their enthusiasm and imagination shone through in everything they produced.



Year 1 had an excellent visit to the farm, where they represented the school beautifully. The teachers were extremely proud of their behaviour, curiosity, and engagement throughout the trip.



In Forest School, Mrs Smit welcomed parents, where they enjoyed exploring the environment together and sharing some hot chocolate. It was a lovely opportunity to see parents engaging in outdoor learning.

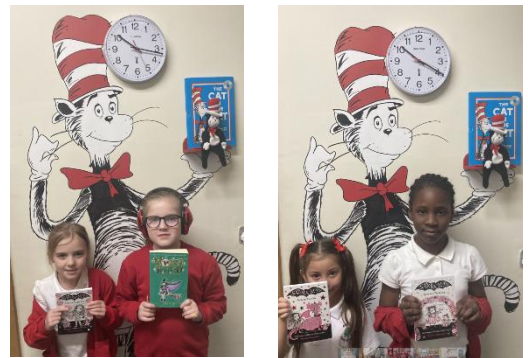
Well done to all the children and staff for making this such a positive and memorable week.

Summary

Learning Opportunities	Attendance
Keep Reading	Monster Mayhem
Stars of the Week	Rock Steady
Fit4Sport	Holiday Voucher
Key Dates	Easter Message

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

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

Nursery Plus	Harrison		Year 2J	Oscar
FSD	Isla-Rose		Year 2L	Eva
FSC	Stacey		Year 3L	Inaaya
Year 1B	Brodie		Year 4 CF	Fatima
Year 1M	Charlie		Year 4 H	Chioma

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 info@fit4sport.org.in
Sports Clubs <https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/>

Key Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 13th April – Start of the Summer Term 2026
 Tuesday 14th April – Year 4 Transition work with Birchensale
 Tuesday 21st April – Year 1 Space Day in school
 Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed
The holiday dates for 2025-2026 are on the school website.


[Term Dates – Batchley First School](https://www.batchleyfirstschool.co.uk)

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Attendance

Week ending 31.01.26

4H	4CF	3L	2J	2L
98%	84%	96%	94%	94%
1B	1M	FSC	FSD	
91%	95%	94%	96%	



Congratulations to 4H, a fantastic 98% attendance this week. 4H have also achieved the highest attendance for this half term and will be receiving a reward of their choice after the Easter Holiday. Congratulations to 3L who have achieved the highest attendance for Spring term. They will also be able to enjoy a reward after the Easter break.

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.

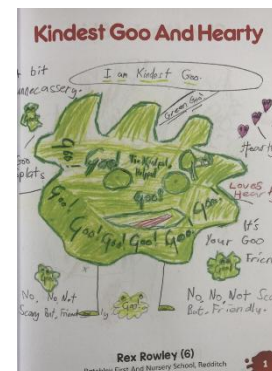
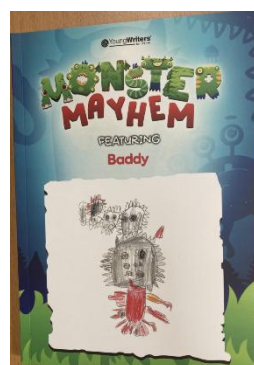
Celebrating your child's efforts to be in school every day.

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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Monster Mayhem

We are incredibly proud to share that Monster Mayhem, sponsored by Young Writers, has published a brand-new book. Several of our children have had their articles featured in it. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to their creativity, hard work, and growing confidence as young writers. A huge well done to all the children involved. Having their work published is something to celebrate, and we hope it inspires even more budding authors across the school.



Rock Steady Bands

This week also saw performances from our Rock Steady bands, who entertained both children and families. We are fortunate to have so many talented young musicians, and it was wonderful to see their growing confidence on stage. As an added bonus, some staff members also performed, providing great role models and demonstrating that everyone can learn new skills.



Easter Message

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very Happy Easter. We hope you enjoy a restful break and valuable time together.

We extend our sincere thanks for your continued support throughout the spring term. Your attendance at school events and your contributions to our fundraising efforts are greatly appreciated.

We are pleased to share that today's fundraising activities raised £157. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

- Sophia Jones
- Albert Wright
- Mrs Holmes
- Vienna Wood
- Rico Thomas



Well done to all, and thank you once again for your generosity and support.

Holiday Voucher Update

Holiday vouchers for children eligible for **Free School Meals** have now been distributed. Each voucher issued this term was to the value of **£15**.

We would like to make families aware that **this will be the final time** that holiday vouchers are provided. Moving forward, families will be encouraged to access **free places through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**. These programmes offer a wide range of activities, enrichment opportunities, and meals during the school holidays. Further information about how to access HAF provision will be shared with families as it becomes available.

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

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