



### Learning Opportunities

We have enjoyed another super week in school. Our Early Years children have been exploring numbers 1–20 and have begun adding two groups together. They have especially enjoyed the *Monkey Puzzle* story and matching animals to their babies.



Across the school, we welcomed two visitors this week. One visitor spent time looking at maths across the school with Miss Mountain and was extremely impressed with the work she saw. Our second visitor spent the day in school with Miss Louth, sharing phonics lessons across the school. We also welcomed community visitors to the building, including representatives from the police, housing and school nursing teams. They were all wowed by the school environment and commented on the children’s exceptionally polite behaviour and positive attitude to learning. It is a real delight to see the children enjoying their learning so much.

### Summary

|                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Learning Opportunities | Attendance                 |
| Keep Reading           | School Places              |
| Stars of the Week      | Golden Table               |
| Fit4Sport              | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May |
| Key Dates              | Pupil Premium Celebration  |

# KEEP READING!

### Read Every Day – It Makes a Big Difference



Daily reading matters – thank you for supporting this at home

### Star Learners

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

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|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Nursery Plus</b> | Harrison and Theo     | <b>Year 2J</b>   | Jeniell and Tommy-Jaxn |
| <b>FSD</b>          | Lainey-Mai and Jordan | <b>Year 2L</b>   | Esme-May and Skyy      |
| <b>FSC</b>          | Hamza and Emily-Mae   | <b>Year 3L</b>   | James and Freddie      |
| <b>Year 1B</b>      | Halima and Tyler      | <b>Year 4 CF</b> | Paisley and Dania      |
| <b>Year 1M</b>      | Remy and Ama          | <b>Year 4 H</b>  | Shania and Milo        |

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School Closed  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of David Attenborough  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – EYFS Butterfly Farm Visit  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 Botanical Gardens Visit  
**The holiday dates for 2026-2027 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/>

## Attendance

Week ending 01.05.26

|     |     |     |     |                           |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|
| 4H  | 4CF | 3L  | 2J  | 2L                        |
| 98% | 83% | 97% | 95% | 96%                       |
| 1B  | 1M  | FSC | FSD | <b>ATTENDANCE MATTERS</b> |
| 96% | 98% | 91% | 91% |                           |

Congratulations to 4H and 1M, a fantastic 98% attendance this week!

Enjoy your long weekend and we look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on Tuesday 5th May.

**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.

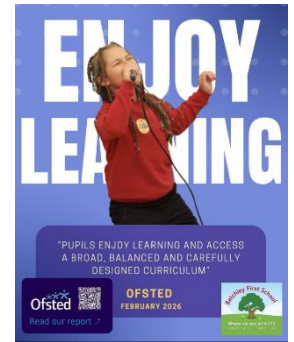
Celebrating your child's efforts to be in school every day.

**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)

## School Places Available

We currently have a small number of places available across several year groups. If you know of any families who are moving into the area and looking for a school, please do let them know and encourage them to contact the school office for further information.



## Friday 8th May

We will be celebrating a very special occasion. It is Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday!

To mark the day, we are inviting all children to come into school dressed in one of the following ways:



as an animal  
as an explorer  
wearing their favourite animal colour  
or with a homemade animal face mask, using materials you already have at home

Please don't feel under any pressure to spend money. Simple and creative ideas are absolutely perfect. We are looking forward to a fun and inspiring day celebrating nature, wildlife and curiosity about the world.

## Golden Table



FSC- Stacey  
FSD- Freyja  
Year 1B- Fawzan  
Year 1M- Wiktor  
Year 2J – Rosie  
Year 2L- Saffron  
Year 3L-Ilham  
Year 4CF- Bailey  
Year 4H- Ivo



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

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Celebrating 25 Years at Batchley

We would like to thank Mrs Bradley as she celebrates an incredible 25 years working at our school. We are grateful for her long-standing commitment and the contribution she continues to make to our school community.



## Pupil Premium Funding

**APPLYING FOR PUPIL PREMIUM HELPS US AND YOU**

Check you are eligible or apply- click here:

**You Free, healthy meals**

Free meals for children in key stage 2 as well as key stage 1 and EYFS.

**You Free HAF clubs during holidays**

Holiday Activities and Food FREE. Free holiday clubs and food provision throughout Redditch this half-term and summer.

**You Cheaper or free activities**

Many activities like bikeability, some school trips and Rock Steady music lessons are funded or discounted.

Pupil Premium is extra government money which is paid to schools to support pupils in reaching their potential.

**WE CAN ONLY APPLY FOR THIS FUNDING IF PARENTS CLAIM FOR THE FUNDING THEY ARE ENTITLED TO.**

You are eligible if you receive one of the following:

- Income support
- Jobseeker's allowance
- Employment support allowance
- Asylum seeker support
- Child tax credit
- State pension credit

Contact the office staff if you need help applying or have questions: [office@batchley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@batchley.worcs.sch.uk)

Use this link to register for Free School Meals.  
[Free school meals | Worcestershire County Council](#)

At Batchley we are all VIPS – valued, inspired, Prepared, Safe