Batchley First and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter

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Weekly Learning

It has been wonderful to see such a positive start to learning across the school this week. Our youngest children have embraced their Forest School sessions with excitement and curiosity, while Reception children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new topic, *All About Me*. Our Key Stage 1 children had a fantastic time on their first school trip to Mary Arden's Farm, gaining valuable first-hand experiences to support their learning. In Key Stage 2, children have been showcasing their creativity through poetry writing and performance. They have also been developing their scientific understanding by learning about vertebrates and invertebrates and classifying animals. In Maths, children have been partitioning numbers to 1,000 and applying their knowledge through reasoning and mastery activities. It has been a week filled with enthusiasm, achievement and memorable learning opportunities.

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KEEP READING!

Don't forget to keep reading every day it is so important

Five minutes a day of daily reading impacts positively in all areas of the curriculum.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss.

Stars of the Week

FSD	Judah and Milo	**KS1L**	Kiki and Grayson
FSC	Chloe and Harleigh	**KS2FB**	Freddie and Arlo
KS1B	Kyrie and Isobel	**KS2H**	Saskia and Forest
KS1J	Olly and Freyja	**KS2M**	Taj and Noah
Forest School	Harleigh (EYFS)	Olivia (KS1)	Leni (KS2)

Mrs Downes, Mr Reeves and all the staff are proud of your excellent attitude, effort and commitment. Congratulations!

Birthday Own Clothes Day

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on their birthday so that we can celebrate their special day together in school.

If a birthday falls on a weekend or during a school holiday, children may wear their own clothes on the Friday before or the Monday after.

Key Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 15th September – School Photographs
Friday 25th September – KS2 Trip
Friday 23rd October – School closes for half-term
Monday 2nd November –Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 3rd November – School opens for Autumn 2

The dates for 2026-2027 are on the school website.

Term Dates – Batchley First School

Attendance

At Batchley First and Nursery School, we know that every day in school is an opportunity for children to learn, grow and thrive. Regular attendance plays a vital role in helping children build confidence, develop friendships and make the very best progress possible. We therefore encourage all children to attend school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please contact the school office before **9:00am**. As part of our commitment to supporting attendance, we carefully monitor attendance each day and may contact families to discuss any concerns and work together to find solutions where needed.

Week ending 11.09.26

FSD	FSC	KS1B	KS1J
92%	99%	97%	100%
KS1L	**KS2FB**	**KS2H**	**KS2M**
97%	97%	92%	96%

A fantastic first full week back at school. It has been a pleasure to see so many of our children in school every day.

Congratulations to KS1-J for achieving 100% attendance, a wonderful achievement.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Golden Table

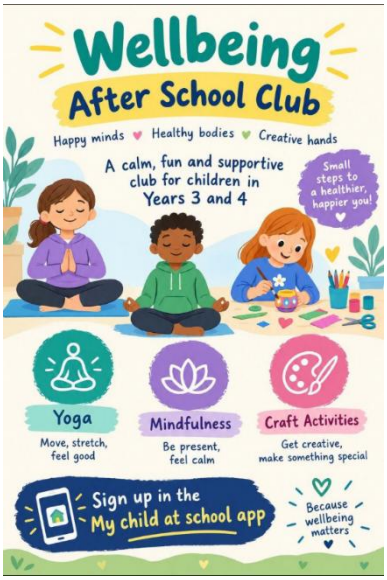
FSD - River
FSC- Summer
KS1B- Carter
KS1J- Olivia
KS1L – Jaxon
KS2FB- Ayaat
KS2H- Mae
KS2M- Lara

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 14th September.

After School Club

Please sign up if you would like to attend. Mrs Fitzer and Miss Maries would be delighted to see you there.



Birchensale Open Evening

We rounded off the week with an inspiring assembly from **Birchensale Middle School**, who shared some of the exciting opportunities available to our oldest children as they prepare for the next stage of their education. The assembly gave children a glimpse of the wide range of experiences, clubs and learning opportunities on offer at middle school. Families are also reminded that Birchensale's Open Evening will take place on

Thursday 1st October 2026,

providing an excellent opportunity to find out more about the school and meet staff and pupils.

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/