



Batchley First and Nursery School



Weekly Newsletter

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A Wonderful Start to the New School Year

It has been fantastic to welcome our children back to Batchley for the start of a new school year. The children have returned ready to learn, settling quickly into their new classes and routines. It has been lovely to see them looking so smart in their uniforms and approaching the year ahead with confidence, curiosity and positivity. As I have visited classrooms throughout the week, I have been incredibly proud to see children engaged in their learning and enjoying being back with their friends and teachers. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Reception children, who joined us for their first assembly this week. You have made a brilliant start, settling into school life so confidently and embracing new experiences with enthusiasm. Your teachers are already extremely proud of everything you have achieved.



We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all families who are new to Batchley. We are delighted that you have joined our school community and look forward to working in partnership with you to help your children grow, flourish and achieve their very best.

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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

KS1B	Elsie-Mae and Wiktor	KS2FB	Rex and Aurora
KS1J	Daisy and Oliver T	KS2H	Ruby and Ada
KS1L	Quorra and Abdullah	KS2M	Willow and Eidhen
Forest School KS1	Renesmae	Forest School KS2	Logan

Mrs Downes, Mr Reeves and all the staff would like to congratulate you and recognise the excellent attitude, effort and commitment you have consistently demonstrated in school. We are very proud of you.

Safeguarding

Batchley is committed to safeguarding all of our pupils. We take child protection and safeguarding very seriously. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Downes. The deputy safeguarding leads are Mrs Fitzer, Mr Reeves and Mrs Hall. Justine Fitzer is also the Home /School Family Support Worker and she can be contacted on 07809330825.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

Tuesday 8th September – KS1 Trip
Tuesday 15th September – School Photographs
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](#)

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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.

The school day begins with the gates opening at **8:35am**, giving children plenty of time to arrive calmly, settle in and be ready for a successful day of learning at **8:45 am**.

Each week, we will share attendance figures for every class and celebrate those achieving particularly strong attendance. Our Attendance Lead, Mrs Firth, will continue to work closely with families, offering support and guidance to help every child benefit from being in school as often as possible.

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 04.09.26

FSC	FSB	KS1B	KS1J
100%	100%	86%	96%
KS1L	KS2FB	KS2H	KS2M
93%	98%	89%	96%

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Free School Meals

It is really important that if you think you are entitled to FSM that you use the link below and apply now. The criteria has changed.

Please take some time to check.

[Applying for Free School Meals | Applying for Free School Meals | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Then look for this message.

[Complete a new free school meal application](#)

[Make a new claim for free school meals](#) >

Please do this as the school and your child will be entitled to other benefits.

Reception and Year 4 Middle School Applications 2027

Please don't forget to apply for your child's place at middle school. You must do this online by **15th January 2027**. The facility is now open on www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. You will need an email address and access to the internet. If you do need assistance, then you can contact the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 822700.

Crisis and Resilience Fund

Golden Table



KS1B- Isobel
KS1J- Keo
KS1L – Ancella
KS2FB- Tristan
KS2H- Sophia
KS2M- Alfie S



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 7th September.



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/>

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