Batchley First and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter

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Weekly Learning

It has been another fantastic week of learning across school. In Early Years have been busy learning all about pets and vets, discovering how vets help us to care for our animals and keep them healthy. The children have also been developing their pencil control, practising straight and curved lines.

In Key Stage 1 children have stepped back in time to learn about the Great Fire of London. They listened carefully to the story and sequenced the key events, helping them to understand what happened and why.

In Key Stage 2 have had a delicious hands-on learning experience, making their own pizzas before cooking them in our new clay oven. What an exciting way to bring learning to life.

Another week full of children being Valued, Inspired, Prepared and Safe.

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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.

If you haven't started using Pageticker yet to log your child's home reading, please check your emails for login details or speak to class teachers.

Stars of the Week

FSD	Uchendu and Riley	**KS1L**	Denny and Frankie
FSC	Ali and Dominik	**KS2FB**	Esmae and Aayat
KS1B	Millie and Xander	**KS2H**	Reggie and Sophia
KS1J	Ama and Bella	**KS2M**	Chase and Noah
Forest School	EYFS – Shyanne	KS1 – Kayden	KS2 - Ruby

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

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

Friday 23rd October – School closes for half-term
Monday 2nd November –Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 3rd November – School opens for Autumn 2
Friday 4th December – Christmas Fayre
Thursday 17th December – School closes for Christmas
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.

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 16.10.26

FSD	FSC	KS1B	KS1J
91%	94%	96%	90%
KS1L	**KS2FB**	**KS2H**	**KS2M**
94%	96%	94%	98%

Congratulations to KS2-M for achieving 98% this week.

'Punctuality is the first step towards success'

To ensure your child has the best possible start to each day, please make sure they are in school and ready to learn by 08.45am. Our gates are open from 08.35am every morning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Happy Harvest

This week, we celebrated Harvest with a special assembly, where the children reflected on being thankful for the food we have, the world around us and all the people who help to provide our food. We also thought about the importance of sharing and caring for those who may not have as much as we do.

To make Harvest extra special for our children and community, we raffled four Harvest hampers, one for Early Years, KS1, KS2 and our staff. Every Early Years child also received a pumpkin, while our KS1 and KS2 children enjoyed a toffee apple.

A huge thank you to our fantastic office staff for making it all happen, and a special thank you to Mrs Smit for carving so many pumpkins. What a lovely week of sharing, kindness and community spirit.

Golden Table

FSD - Arlo
FSC- Harleigh
KS1B- Wiktor
KS1J- Fatima
KS1L – Ayaan
KS2FB- James
KS2H- Ada
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 19th October.

Cuppa and Cake

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