



Batchley First and Nursery School



Weekly Newsletter

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Weekly Learning

Mathematical learning has been buzzing across the school this week. In Forest School the children have been learning through exploration and discovery. They have been locating ten creatures and crystals hidden around the forest area, matching colours and practising their counting skills.



In EYFS, children have been comparing objects and using mathematical vocabulary such as "compare" and "same". through hands-on activities, they have been exploring similarities and differences between groups of objects and beginning to explain their mathematical thinking.



In Key Stage 1, children have been strengthening their understanding of number patterns and how numbers change. Through practical activities and discussion, they have been developing confidence in explaining their reasoning. In Key Stage 2, children have been extending their understanding of place value by working with numbers beyond 1,000. They have been representing and partitioning numbers in different ways and exploring the value of each digit within a number. It has been wonderful to see children across the school demonstrating curiosity, resilience and enthusiasm in their mathematical learning.



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KEEP READING!

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

Well done to all of the children who have been logging their reading on PageTracker. Please continue to read regularly and remember to log your reading so that we can celebrate your progress.



Stars of the Week

FSD	Genevieve and Evily	KS1L	Charlie T and Jordan
FSC	Shyanne and Maya	KS2FB	Archie S and Melissa
KS1B	Julian and Carter	KS2H	Frankie and Alfie H
KS1J	Iqbal and Amarissa	KS2M	Maisy-Rose and Alfie
Forest School	EYFS – Kai	KS1 – Finley	KS2 - Aria-Rose

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/>



DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

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
Friday 4th December – Winter Fayre
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 18.09.26

FSD	FSC	KS1B	KS1J
90%	97%	98%	94%
KS1L	KS2FB	KS2H	KS2M
99%	97%	89%	98%

It is wonderful to see over half of our classes achieve over 95% attendance this week- giving our young people the best chance to reach their full potential.

An extra congratulations to KS1-L for reaching a fantastic 99% attendance.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Making Good Choices Every Day

At Batchley, we believe that children learn best when they feel safe, valued and ready to learn. We use a few simple rules that help everyone make positive choices and create a happy school community.

One of our most important reminders is to use **kind hands and kind feet**. This means keeping our hands and feet to ourselves, helping others, and showing care and respect to everyone around us. We also encourage children to use **kind words**, listen carefully and take responsibility for their actions.

These simple rules are easy to remember and can be practised at home too. By working together, we can help children develop the confidence, self-control and kindness that will support them both in school and beyond.

Toddler to Teenager

This is a free online parenting course designed for parents, carers and grandparents of children aged **6 months to 19+ years**. The course provides practical, bite-sized learning to help adults build positive relationships, understand child development, support emotional wellbeing and respond confidently to everyday parenting challenges.



Topics include:

- Understanding child and brain development
- Recognising and responding to feelings
- Reading behaviour and identifying unmet needs
- Communication and connection
- Sleep, self-regulation and anger
- Positive parenting approaches
- Building strong, secure relationships

The flexible online format allows parents to learn at their own pace and includes videos, practical strategies and reflective activities.

This is the link to the course:

[Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager - Togetherness](#)

There is also a newsletter to download:

[Togetherness newsletter.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Golden Table



FSD - Bailey
FSC - Laila
KS1B - Stacey
KS1J - Rylee
KS1L - Isla-Rose
KS2FB - Tristan
KS2H - Jeniel
KS2M - Taj



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 21st September.

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