Batchley First and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter

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Weekly Learning

Early Years have been discussing seasonal changes. The children enjoyed a leaf hunt and painted pictures of pumpkins as part of their learning. They have also shared and explored a range of autumn-themed books, including *Pumpkin Soup* and *Oliver's Vegetables*. Alongside this, they have been consolidating their understanding of the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

In Key Stage 1, the children have been exploring sewing and learning how to use an overstitch. They showed great perseverance and creativity while developing this new skill. In Maths, they have been learning about subtraction, using practical resources and number facts to help them solve problems.

In Key Stage 2, the children made delicious bread rolls as part of their Design and Technology learning. They enjoyed developing their food preparation skills and learning more about the process of making bread.

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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.

Star Learner

FSD	River	**KS1L**	Denis
FSC	Bobby	**KS2FB**	James
KS1B	Hamza	**KS2H**	Ada
KS1J	Bella	**KS2M**	Freya
Forest School	Kai	**Bumblebees**	Finley

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

Monday 2nd November –Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November – School opens for Autumn 2

6th & 20th November – Non-uniform for Christmas Fayre donations

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

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 23.10.26

FSD	FSC	KS1B	KS1J
89%	88%	85%	91%
KS1L	**KS2FB**	**KS2H**	**KS2M**
89%	93%	92%	86%

Congratulations to **KS2-FB** who have achieved 96% attendance this half term. In recognition of the continued effort they have made to achieve this, they will be enjoying a reward after half-term.

We look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Cuppa and Cake

Join us on Tuesday 10th November from 2.15pm-3.15pm for our Parent Drop-In Afternoon. Come along for a chat, enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake. Meet other parents and carers in a relaxed and friendly setting. We look forward to welcoming you.

Happy Holidays

Have a fantastic half-term everyone. Enjoy some well-deserved time with family and friends, stay safe and make the most of the break.

We can't wait to see you all again on

Tuesday 3rd November 2026.

Spooky Sports

We had a spooky finish to the half-term with Fit4Sport leading some fantastic spooky sports sessions. The children thoroughly enjoyed these energetic 10-minute challenges, which showed that you can be extremely active and have lots of fun in just a short amount of time.

A huge thank you to Mr Morris and his team for making this possible and helping us end the half-term on such a positive, active note. The children had a wonderful time and embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and smiles

Forest School

We have had some wonderful moments in Forest School this half-term. It is having a significant impact on children's resilience and wellbeing across the school. Our Nursery children benefit from Forest School every day, while older children have enjoyed helping to build a pizza oven, sharing freshly made pizzas, and this week, warming up with hot chocolate around the site. Forest School has become a fabulous addition to school life, and we would like to thank Mrs Smit for organising these memorable experiences for the children.

At Batchley we are all VIPS – Valued, Inspired, Prepared, Safe