



Weekly Learning

In Early Years, the children have been exploring the theme of families and homes. They have enjoyed drawing family portraits and carefully selecting materials to create a variety of homes, demonstrating great creativity and imagination. We have loved seeing their ideas come to life.

In Key Stage 1, children have been learning about the Great Fire of London. They have enjoyed finding out how the fire started, how it spread so quickly, and discussing how life in 1666 was very different from life today.

Our Key Stage 2 children finished the week with an exciting visit to the Forestry Show. They had the opportunity to learn about trees, forests, and how wood is used in everyday life, as well as discovering the wide range of careers available within the forestry industry. The children were a credit to Batchley and represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.



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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	Rory and Romeo	KS1L	Joshua and Tyler
FSC	Bobby and Harleigh	KS2FB	Tiana J and Julia M
KS1B	Halima and Stacey	KS2H	Inaaya and Reggie
KS1J	Olivia and Kayden	KS2M	Esmee and Summer
Forest School	EYFS – Vinnie	KS1 – Daisy	KS2 - Leni

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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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](#)

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 25.09.26

FSD	FSC	KS1B	KS1J
94%	95%	96%	100%
KS1L	KS2FB	KS2H	KS2M
93%	97%	92%	96%

It is wonderful to see over half of our classes achieving 95% or above attendance again this week- thank you for your continuing support with our drive to improve attendance. **KS1-J have achieved 100% attendance for the second time since returning to school at the beginning of September. Well done!**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Batchley Elections 2026

This week, we were delighted to announce the results of the annual Batchley Elections. Living in a democracy is an important concept for children to understand, and taking part in our school elections helps them learn about fairness, representation, and the importance of having a voice.

Through the election process, children experienced first-hand how voting works and learned that every vote matters. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement from children across the school as they considered the candidates and cast their votes. The election results were shared during assembly this week, where Mr Reeves announced the successful candidates. We would like to congratulate everyone who took part and thank all of the children for demonstrating respect, responsibility, and an understanding of democratic values. These experiences help prepare our children to become active and responsible citizens in the future.



Fire Drill Success

On Monday, our fire alarm was triggered unexpectedly, giving everyone a chance to put our emergency procedures into practice. The children were fantastic, leaving the building quickly and calmly while checks were carried out. A special well done to our youngest learners in Forest School, who made their way swiftly to the field assembly point. We are incredibly proud of how responsibly everyone responded.



Golden Table



FSD - Cassius
FSC - Nate
KS1B- Saharah
KS1J- Keo
KS1L – Charlie T
KS2FB- Inez T
KS2H- Olivia
KS2M- Oliver



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 28th 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/>

At Batchley we are all VIPS - valued, Inspired, Prepared, Safe