



# Batchley First and Nursery School



## Weekly Newsletter

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### Weekly Learning

As part of Healthy Eating Week, our Early Years children have been learning all about the body and how to keep themselves healthy.

The vegetable shop in our role-play area has been incredibly popular, providing lots of opportunities for imaginative play and promoting rich language and communication skills.

The children have enjoyed discussing different vegetables, making healthy choices, and exploring how food helps our bodies grow strong.

In Key Stage 1, the children have been exploring waves through art. Using a variety of media and mark-making techniques, they created their own wave-inspired artwork.

The children demonstrated great creativity as they experimented with colour, texture and pattern to produce some fabulous pieces.

Key Stage 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their learning about the Anglo-Saxons.

They have been discovering how the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain and what daily life was like in their villages. The children have shown great curiosity as they explored the homes, jobs, traditions and challenges of life during this fascinating period of history.



### Summary

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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           | Arlo and Sirajuddin | KS1L          | Noah and Declan     |
| FSC           | William and Dominik | KS2FB         | Tilly and Leni      |
| KS1B          | Hamza and Una       | KS2H          | Lucas and Ava-Grace |
| KS1J          | Skyla and Ronnie    | KS2M          | Rosie and Esmae     |
| Forest School | EYFS – Aislynn      | KS1 - Saharah | KS2 - Summer        |

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 23<sup>rd</sup> October – School closes for half-term  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November –Teacher Training Day  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – School opens for Autumn 2  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 02.10.26**

| FSD  | FSC   | KS1B | KS1J |
|------|-------|------|------|
| 96%  | 98%   | 96%  | 95%  |
| KS1L | KS2FB | KS2H | KS2M |
| 98%  | 96%   | 91%  | 93%  |

This week, 6 out of our 8 classes achieved attendance of 95% or above, which is a fantastic achievement. Special congratulations go to our two highest-attending classes, both of which achieved an impressive **98% attendance**, including one of our Reception classes.

Thank you for your continued support.

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## Golden Table



**FSD** - Aislynn

**FSC** - Ali

**KS1B** - Gaja

**KS1J** - Bella

**KS1L** - Tyler

**KS2FB** - Aayat

**KS2H** - Kaylah

**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 5<sup>th</sup> October.**

## Pizza Oven Project

Mr Lloyd launched the week with a whole-school assembly to introduce our exciting Forest School pizza oven project. The children were fascinated to learn about how the oven will be built and the important role they will play throughout the process. Every class had the opportunity to take part in this unique hands-on experience, helping to create a lasting resource for our school community. On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> October we will be using the pizza oven for the very first time by making pizzas.



We thank everyone for their support with this project and especially Mrs Smit who has helped to organise it.

## 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Wear something **yellow** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and bring a **50p** donation to support World Mental Health Day. Mental health is important because it impacts how we think, feel and cope with everyday life. Let's help raise awareness and show our support for good mental wellbeing for all.



## 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](mailto:info@fit4sport.org.in)  
Sports Clubs <https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/>

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