



# NEWSLETTER

01.12.24

## Head of school's comment:

Last week, at Batley Parish we had a videographer visit, a range of year groups completing summative tests and No Pens Day. This week, we start with our Christmas Tree service, school council later in the week visiting our local church to decorate a tree and Reception children continuing their balance bike education. We continue to access summative tests in most year groups and practise for Nativity performances.

## Maths Parent Drop In:

On Thursday December 12th parents and carers are invited to come into school to take part and support their child in a maths session. You can enter via your child's classroom door, signing in, from 8:55-9:45am. There will be a variety of challenges to attempt and it will be a chance to familiarise yourself in your child's expected calculations.

## IMPORTANT DATES

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING 2.12.24

SCHOOL DISCO 10.12.24

CHRISTMAS DINNER 11.12.24

MATHS PARENT DROP IN 12.12.24

KS1 NATIVITY 18.12.24

EARLY YEARS NATIVITY 19.12.24

TRAINING DAY 6.1.25

YEAR 6 SWIMMING STARTS 11.2.25

TRAINING DAY 31.3.25

PARENTS EVENING 2.4.25 AND 3.4.25

YEAR MULTIPLICATION TIMESTABLE  
CHECK 21.4.25

YEAR 6 SATS 12.5.25

## Attendance

Reception 85.45%

Year 1 91.33%

Year 2 95.38%

Year 3 89.67%

Year 4 94.98%

Year 5 91.38%

Year 6 92.50%

Well done to this week's winners:

Year 2 highest attendance.

Reception have most improved  
attendance.



## Friends of Batley Parish (FOBs): School Disco

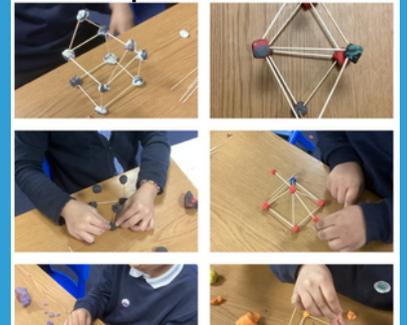
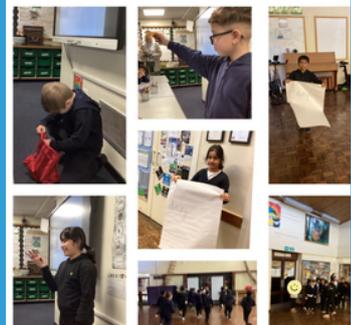
If you wish to support the school during whole school events then you may want to join our PTA team. One such event coming soon is our school disco on **Tuesday 10th December 3:45-4:30pm for KS1 and 4:45-5:45pm for KS2**. You can purchase tickets, for £2 each, from our school office from this Monday. During the event, there will also be a tuck shop available.

### Class News

Reception have been exploring the different textures involved with the cold weather. Our Nursery children mixed, chopped and stirred the porridge as they took inspiration from their story: Goldilocks and Three Bears, to warm themselves up by making and then trying porridge. All children enjoyed completing a range of practical activities as part of No Pens Day; this is a day designed to promote communication and interaction meaning that no writing equipment was allowed! As an example, Year 2 (below) are demonstrating a range of activities that they learnt from shape investigation to researching and labelling planets.



Year 1 have been using drama to act out the emotions of Stick Man as part of their English lessons. Attendance is very important and as such we have a range of rewards for good attendance. Year 2 (below) are enjoying some choosing time as part of their attendance award last week. This week we are also starting our academy attendance award as detailed below. Year 3, a part of their science lessons, have been investigating food groups. Year 4 have been exploring different structures made using toothpicks!



## Curriculum News:

Our PTA have supported the development of our KS2 outdoor playing area in which the first stage was graveling part of the grassed area. This will allow children to access this area for some alternative playground activities.



Our school council members will get the opportunity to decorate a Christmas Tree at our local All Saints Church on Wednesday December 4th.



Mrs Rajah has very kindly knitted some woolly jumpers for our 'Fred' phonics characters which serve as a reminder to wrap up, ensuring your child, has a suitable coat and accessories as the weather starts to get colder.

In conjunction with our bike ability work with Reception children it is important to ensure safety for all age groups when riding a bike. One such book to demonstrate the importance of wearing a helmet is 'Oliver's First Bike Helmet'.



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who helped to raise money for the school by signing up for the Asda rewards scheme allowing the school to raise over £200.

Recently, communication was provided to parents and carers about how to support your child's My Happy Mind learning by accessing some parental resources; we hope you enjoy learning about some of the techniques! Teachers, are also starting to choose two Happy Mind Heroes from each class who will carry out and promote the values of My Happy Mind across the year - they will receive a badge if nominated.

Remember, if your child has a particular talent outside of school that has resulted in a sporting or academic achievement they would like to share then please inform your child's class teacher as this can be shared during our celebration assembly each Friday.