



newsletter

23.3.25

Head of school's comment:

This week, Batley Parish finished the week with comic relief in which there was plenty of joke telling and red clothing - thank you for your donations across the day which will support both local and national charities. There have been a number of improvements to the provision of science and the majority of year groups have been completing summative assessments.

Important Dates:

31.3.25 Training Day

2.4.25 Eid afternoon

2.4.25 and 3.4.25 Parents Evening

22-23rd April Year 5 Residential

12.5.25 Year 6 SATs

2.6.25 Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check

16.6.25 Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
2pm

17.6.25 Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
2pm

20.6.25 Year 3 and 4 Sports Day
2pm

22.7.25 School closes

Mathematics fluency:

Each child from Years 1 - 6 practice weekly fluency tasks as part of their maths curriculum. In order to develop their fluency, children would benefit from daily opportunities to improve their maths fluency. This can be achieved through interactive games, counting, songs, or practice tests. Please see your child's class teacher for further information and how to best support your child's learning.

Attendance

Reception 92.54%

Year 1 93.21%

Year 2 97.31%

Year 3 99.33%

Year 4 97.83%

Year 5 90.36%

Year 6 87.39%

Well done to this week's winners:
Year 3 with highest attendance and
most improved attendance.



The school's local church: All Saints Church of Batley, is developing a number of opportunities for the local community to engage with. There is a church gardening club and a choir that children can participate in. Furthermore, the Sunday school welcomes families to join in with a range of activities and will be advertising future events soon - look out for further details in the coming weeks!

Class News: After school clubs continue to develop. The week finished with two examples: rugby club provided an opportunity for the children to learn how to pass a rugby ball and score a try! Gardening club (below) provided further opportunities to plant seeds and then create their own grass head - I wonder whose grass head will have the best haircut! Nursery had a special visitor this week as police officers explained what an important role they play in society. Design technology skills have been evident in Year 2 this week as the children continued to develop their ferris wheel. In Year 3 they too have been using design skills to create a mock-up of their seasonal tart (below) - I can't wait for the real thing! Year 3 have also been observing the scientist of the week explain and demonstrate how to make quicksand.



Dojo prizes remain a weekly incentive for many classes whether it is Mrs Iqbal circulating new Dojo prizes each Friday on the mobile Dojo shop or classes (such as Year 6 below) reaching their class Dojo target and choosing an activity.

Comic relief ended our week with a variety of joke telling during our assembly and some classes, such as Nursery below, completing funny activities - can you be funny for money?



Curriculum News: Attendance has a direct influence on your child's attainment and ability to thrive at school. Consequently, our attendance team will be continuing to meet with a number of families who have a child that has attendance below 90% (Persistently absent) or close to 90% attendance. Below are some statements that outline how many days will make your child persistently absent:

Half term 1: 3 1/2 days off school (September to October half term)

Half term 1-2: 7 days off school (September to Christmas holidays)

Half term 1-3: 10 days off school (September to February half term)

Half term 1-4: 12 1/2 days off school (September to Easter holidays)

Half term 1-5: 15 1/2 days off school (September to May half term)

Half term 1-6: 19 days off school (September to July)

English writing: Writing can be a very difficult skill to master with so many components required to write effectively. Many of the younger children at Batley Parish have been developing their oral skills before attempting writing.

As an example, on the right you can see a picture Year 1 ordering a set of instructions before orally saying these to their partner as they focus on the use of imperative verbs.



If you are interested in becoming a lunchtime volunteer then please see our office staff.

A reminder that on the 2nd April there will be an opportunity for an Eid party. All children will be able to wear non-uniform including any Eid clothes, children will be able to access an Eid activity as well as sharing their Eid experiences and having an Eid themed school meal.

There are a number of items that would further benefit and support school. If you have any of the following please inform our office:

- Unwanted playtime equipment in good condition
- Old shirts / aprons to be used for art sessions

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.