



Batford Nursery School  
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### End of Half-term

It is lovely to see all the children back in nursery this half-term and we look forward to welcoming new children who are joining us after Easter. The children have once again been able to enjoy the garden with all their friends, it has been so rewarding for staff to see them all playing together and the weather finally turning and signs of spring arriving.

### Easter Covid Update

All members of the household where a child is accessing Early Years or Primary school education are eligible for free Lateral Flow Testing, this is to protect the wider community.

**Home tests** should not be carried out on children in nursery, infant or primary school. You can order or collect kits for adults by visiting [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests).

Staff are regularly completing lateral flow tests. In the event of a staff member testing positive for COVID 19 the school will contact you via email.

The school risk assessment is reviewed regularly please see the following link if you would like to view it on the website [www.batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus](http://www.batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus)

If your child tests positive during the Easter holidays please report it to the school via the dedicated email address [covid@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk](mailto:covid@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk) so that the school can respond appropriately.

We ask that all parents/carers continue to wear a mask on-site and adhere to social distance measures as per government guidelines to ensure the safety of our school community.

### Support for Families during Covid

For many families this is a very challenging time, especially when juggling work, home schooling and day to day life in lockdown.

Family Lives offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England and Wales. You can call them free on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

NSPCC - offers support and advice: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

NHS - Every mind matters gives top tips and support on mental health: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>



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### Themes & Events we have enjoyed this half-term

**Growing** - Some children have been planting beans, pepper seeds and cress and learning about the life cycle of seeds.

**Life Cycle of a Frog** - we have some frogspawn in the nursery. The children have been very interested in observing the changes in the life cycle of a frog. Some of the children have also been drawing pictures of frogspawn and tadpoles.

**People who help us** - Some children have been exploring this theme by puppets, story sacks, and role play. It was lovely to see the children engage in wonderful speech and learning by role play in our Batford Veterinary Surgery!



**World Book Day** - It was lovely to welcome the children into nursery in their pyjamas to enjoy bedtime stories for the day. The children enjoyed listening to a range of stories and focusing on a love of books and developing early reading skills. Staff enjoyed sharing some familiar stories and being introduced to some new stories too!

**Red Nose Day** - It was lovely to see the children come to nursery dressed in red and sporty clothes; we enjoyed playing sports, and telling jokes in group time. Thank you for all those who donated to the just giving page we raised an amazing £194.00.

**Easter Bonnet/Hat Activities** - The children enjoyed coming to school in a decorated Easter themed hat and engaged in Easter activities including cooking an Easter nest and going on an Easter egg hunt in the garden.



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### 2021 September Admissions & New Parents Virtual Tour

If you know someone whose child turns 3 by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 please let them know we still have a number of places. Please ask them to look at our Virtual Tour that is now on our website and contact [admissions@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk) or telephone 01582 713872 for further information and to complete an application.



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### Message from our Acting Chair of Governors

As we approach the end of term, I would like to update you on the work of the governing body.

With ongoing coronavirus restrictions, all governors have continued to work remotely to fulfil their core responsibilities. After finalising our strategic plan in October, we have steadily worked towards achieving the objectives set out in our Governor Development Plan and we continue to monitor the school's own Development Plan through governor visits and meetings.

In early February, the school's Hertfordshire Improvement Partner reviewed the school's curriculum and the adaptations that had been made for curriculum delivery in response to the pandemic. Governors were delighted with the subsequent report that stated the curriculum continued to be offered in a broad and balanced way despite constraints wrought by coronavirus.

I am incredibly proud of Sarah and the Batford team for their continued resilience, professionalism and positivity. This has ensured our children have accessed high quality provision and standards of care during these challenging times. The fact that the school has been able to remain fully open and operational since we returned in January is testament to the dedication and adaptability of the team.

I would like to close by thanking you all for your ongoing support and confidence in our school. I am hopeful that, before too long, we will be able to gather together at our school as one community.

In the meantime, I hope you and your families stay safe and enjoy the Easter break.

With best wishes

Rachel Angus





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### Reminders

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - Batford Nursery School & Day Care are closed for an Inset Day.
- W/C 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - Mid-term Consultations - For all children that started Batford Nursery School prior to January 2021, please book a consultation slot and complete the questionnaire sent to you via e-mail.
- Please ensure you name your child's coat and uniform.
- Each child needs their own set of named wellies left at school.
- Next term please ensure you provide your child with a named sun hat.

**Future Events** - We are hoping that if the situation stays as it is today we will start organising a number of events for the children next term....watch this space.

- May - Ark Farm Visit
- June - Individual Photographs
- June - Sponsored Circuit
- July - Leavers Celebrations

