

A message from Mr Hodgson

We have lots of exciting things planned as ever, including trips and visits (which began this week with the Year 5 trip to the railway museum in Darlington), opportunities to invite you into school (which again has already started with reception parents/carers being invited into school to talk about how to support their child with reading at home) and our after school sports clubs (which again are in full swing this week). Class newsletters should now be posted to your class dojo so you can see for yourself what your children will be learning about in Autumn term.

Best at Bader

Last week, as a school, I asked the staff to focus on the value of 'aiming high'. The first recipients of this award in each year group were as follows:

Reception: Tommy Leonard

Year 1: Jacob Brack

Year 2: Ezra Farndale

Year 3: Darcie Cox

Year 4: Alexa Pye and Cole Callen

Year 5: Imani Deen and Imogen Burrell

Year 6: Aaliyah Robinson and Lottie Brown

Well done to them and for their efforts.

Contact details/Medication

If there are any changes to your child's details (medical/contact details etc.), please inform school as soon as possible.

Read for the Stars

We are now underway again with our reading at home initiative and we ask that children read a minimum of 4 times a week in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 5 times a week in Key Stage 2 (up to the maximum of seven times a week). We would love children to read more than 1 book/chapter a night at home but they will only have 1 stamp a day recorded in their reading rocket card. They work their way through the planets until they reach the sun and then as a reward for their enjoyment of books (and their work), they will receive a certificate and book of their choice in assembly (and their star on our display). **We have calculated that on October 31st if a child reads everyday, they will have reached the sun on the blue (1st) rocket and obviously get to choose a book from the machine or the book case in my office.**



Come meet my teacher

On Wednesday 24th September, we are inviting you to come into school to meet your child's class teacher. We will also be hosting a Macmillan coffee afternoon from 3.30pm until 5.30 pm.

This will be an opportunity to pop into class, meet your child's teacher, see how well they have settled in and then have a tea/coffee in the hall, raising funds for this worthwhile charity.

As part of our continued drive with reading, we will also be selling a range of quality books for only £1 each.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



Uniform Policy

Parents are asked not to allow their children to wear earrings, rings, bangles, necklaces etc. in school as they constitute a safety risk. Where earrings have to be worn, children should wear studs. All jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming by the children themselves. Elastoplasts cannot be used to cover earrings. Unfortunately, if earrings are unable to be removed because of the timeframe involved i.e. they will close up, children will not be able to participate in P.E. unless clear, flat 'spacer earrings' replace studded ones.

Dates for your diaries

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd September to Friday 19th December.

Half Term Break: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October.

Professional Development Days Friday 24th October 2025, Monday 1st June 2026, Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026

Monday 13th October: Flu Immunisations

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November: Anti-Bullying week

Monday 10th November: Odd Socks Day

Friday 14th November: Children in Need

Friday 21st November: Non uniform day/ bring a bottle/ chocolate

Thursday 27th November: Christmas Fayre

Monday 1st December: Christmas tree up in school


Friday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and Christmas dinner

Breakfast Club

The cost of breakfast club is to be paid via the school app 'Arbor'. Please note that from this academic year, **ALL** children must be booked into breakfast club with 48 hours notice, for staffing ratio reasons. No cash is able to be accepted either and unfortunately if children are not booked in, we cannot admit them. Please contact the office if you have any problems.

Rights Respecting School

As a gold accredited, Rights Respecting School, we look at an Article every 2 weeks. For the next two weeks:

	Right of the fortnight
	Article 12 Respect for children's views Article 15 Setting up groups.

Halloween Disco

Thursday 23rd October

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 4:15-5:15pm Parents/carers must stay with children

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 5:30-6:30pm parents/carers drop children off

Tickets are £3 which includes a drink and a hot dog



X



Our X followers are currently **2497** which is amazing. **Don't miss out!** You can catch up on all the exciting learning that has been captured on X in the last week (@BaderPrimary). For postings of the latest news and events going on in school, please follow us on X. Also, check out our school website: <http://www.bader.org.uk/> Check out today's photographs too!






Attendance

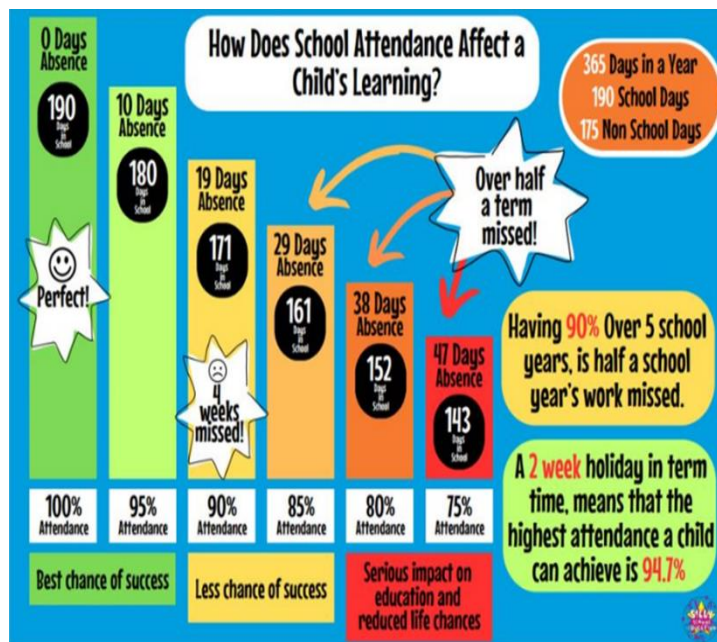
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

The importance of being punctual and coming to school can never be underestimated, in terms of contributing massively to children's learning. We have started slowly with attendance and cannot stress how important it is that children are in school.

Attendance goal: 96%

Week commencing 1st September 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	98.86%	1
Y1 Mrs Poulson	96.32%	3
Y2 Mrs Bowe	94.23%	0 
Y3 Miss Weir	99.19%	1
Y4 Miss Robson	100%	1
Y4 Mr Trueman	98.91%	4
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	100% 	0 
Y5 Mrs Jones	98.53%	0 
Y6 Miss Bennett	92.86%	0 
Y6 Mr Robinson	97.62%	2



Attendance Matters



We now have Miss Owens on board at Bader as our new attendance P.S.A along with Mrs Jatwa, our attendance champion, they are looking forward to supporting you again with any issues/challenges that we might be able to help you with.

The first week back, and we got off to an excellent start with a weekly attendance of 97.6%, only 12 lates and an impressive 222 children being in school every day – 100%, which is 94% of school!

The first attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week were Miss Horrigan and Mrs Jatwa's class with 100% attendance for the week. 10 minutes extra playtime is coming their way and the bear is at home in their classroom for the whole week – a big Bader well done to them!

(Miss Robson's class also had 100% but unfortunately they 1 recorded late mark which was the decider).



Hot Chocolate with the Head

The very first 'hot chocolate with the Head' this academic year saw a group of children selected for their efforts at being in school every day. A big well done to them!



Curriculum

We continue to teach as ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum as possible in all subjects. Here is a selection of Twitter posts this week: You will notice that we have included the Rights Respecting School Articles too.

Nursery have been exploring the outdoor sand area this morning

#RRSArticle31



Year 1 were hooked in our History toy topic. They shared their toys from home and discussed similarities and differences. #RRSArticle31



Year 3 started our Science topic about plants. They took photos and then completed some sketches of them in class. #RRSArticle31



Year 5 have had an amazing day at Hoptown to kick start our learning about the Stockton & Darlington Railway for its 200th anniversary! #RRSArticle8



Reception – In squiggle today we practiced the wiggle move! We used whiteboards and pens to practice writing up and down wiggles! #RRSArticle31



Year 2 enjoyed making diva door hangers prior to learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali in our RE lesson. #RRSArticle30



Year 4 have been hooked into their new descriptive writing genre by describing various familiar characters and people using adjectives #RRSArticle29



Year 6 enjoyed a lovely music lesson, learning a new song called 'do what you want to'. #RRSArticle28



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson