

A message from Mr Hodgson

We have been experiencing a bit of an Indian summer this week again, with lots of sunshine throughout the day for everyone to enjoy. A couple of things to mention: unfortunately, this will not last, so after half term can you please ensure your children come to school prepared for this i.e. warm clothes and a coat.

The other thing - this year, we are looking carefully at play and lunchtimes with view to making these even better – watch this space as we want to add to the MUGA, fitness equipment, trim trail and outdoor classroom but children being outside in fresh air is vitally important thus, we are constantly trying to make outdoor play better.

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

Thursday 23rd October: Halloween Disco

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

Monday 10th November: Odd Socks Day

Friday 14th November: Children in Need

Thursday 20th November: Photographer in school: individuals and siblings

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

Thursday 27th November: Christmas Fayre

Monday 1st December: Christmas tree up in school

Tuesday 2nd December: Snappy Christmas

Tuesday 9th December: Christmas Panto

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

Monday 15th December: Year 3 Carols

Tuesday 16th December: Year 4 Carols

Wednesday 17th December: Year 5 Carols

Thursday 18th December: Year 6 Carols



Read for the Stars

We are well underway now 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.**



Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion again this year by supporting their Poppy Appeal. More details to follow.



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 24 Children have the right to the best health and well-being. Adults should support and encourage children by offering different opportunities to inspire and motivate them.

Footwear

We are proud of our school and our school motto of 'Aiming High'. The vast majority of our children follow the uniform policy which gives a real sense of belonging to our community. This is just a reminder that acceptable footwear is flat black shoes or black plain trainers please. Children will be expected to change into black plimsolls inside if they wear inappropriate footwear. Information about our uniform can be found on our school website www.bader.org.uk

We need to be mindful of our school uniform again, especially so early in the school term. Thank you for your support.

Plain black please



Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's children rewarded with a 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were children who their class teacher felt has been trying really hard to read at home.

Remember

October 31st will see the first children in school reach the 'sun' for this academic year.

Who will it be I wonder?



X



Our X followers are currently **2499** 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!

Harvest

We have started collecting for our annual festival of Harvest. We are asking for a small donation of food; tins and packets (biscuits etc.) are ideal, not fresh produce as this will perish. Donations will be bagged up and donated to worthwhile causes. Thank you for your support with this. Any donations however small will help. **We could do with a few more donations please.**



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.

Tickets are available via the school office or the Arbor parent app.



Contact details/Medication

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

Year 6: Secondary School

Most of our feeder secondary schools will be having their open evenings in the next few weeks. Please remember to complete the application form and return to the School Admissions team before the deadline of 31st October 2025. For Year 6 parents and carers it is really important that you meet this deadline. Please contact school if you need any support with this.

Super Spellers

We continue to push with spelling in school this year. The class Spelling Bee is a weekly class reward for the class with the best spellings scores and an individual reward of a 'Super Speller' certificate and a pencil are earned by any of our children who achieve full marks in their spelling tests consistently.

The first recipients of this academic year are as follows: **Lily Jackson, Alfie Wright, Ivy Jobson, Tiger Mulgrew, Amelia Forsyth, Maggie Leeson and Jake Pinchbeck.** (the first in school too!)



Dogs on Site

Dogs are lovely, caring and often friendly animals but unfortunately, not everyone is comfortable around them (including my own son) so please can I politely remind parents/carers that large dogs/small dogs, dogs on a lead, dogs being carried, **should not** be brought onto the school site. Thank you for respecting this request.



Attendance

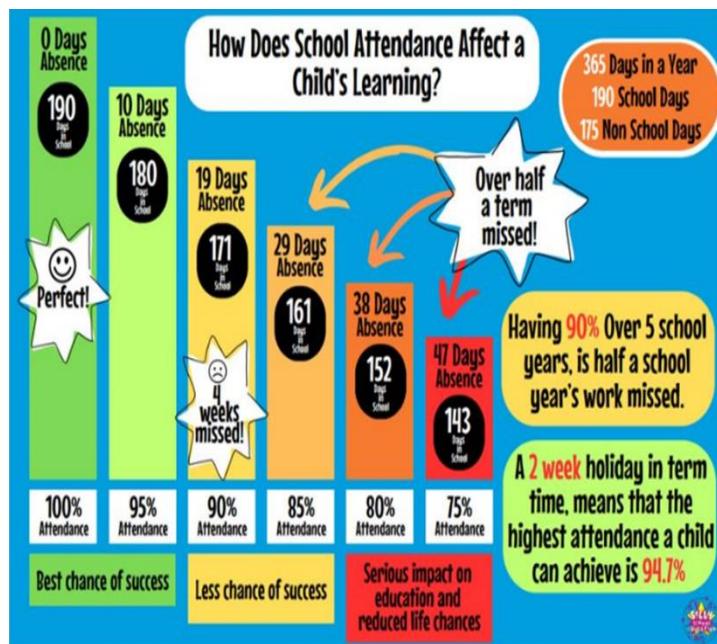
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 29th September 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	99.15% 	3
Y1 Mrs Poulson	95.59%	4
Y2 Mrs Bowe	94.74%	3
Y3 Miss Weir	94.69%	4
Y4 Miss Robson	92.61%	1
Y4 Mr Trueman	92.17%	1
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	97.65%	1
Y5 Mrs Jones	97.65%	1
Y6 Miss Bennett	94.29%	1
Y6 Mr Robinson	92.86%	1



Attendance Matters

The fourth full week back of this academic year saw our attendance at 96.24% from reception to Year 6 which is excellent. This builds on the previous weeks. Also 200 pupils had 100% attendance last week too (83.68% of pupils having full attendance).

The attendance team sent out 5 term time leave of absence letters.

Coming to school on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from Nursery onwards.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain reading and math skills.
- Build friendships.
- Build on good progress which leads to reaching age related expectations and above.

Time off school

Often children can get on with their day when they feel unwell.

Many can manage with sore throats, coughs and colds.

Once through the school doors, children can feel much better being busy with their friends, just getting on with the day.

If they do not feel any better or become worse, our First Aiders would recommend resting at home until they are well.

Mrs Jatwa is our attendance champion supported by Miss Owens. They are both available to discuss any issues/challenges that you are experiencing and that school may be able to help with.

The fifth attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Mrs Douthwaite and Miss Beckwith's class with 99.15% 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!



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 had a fantastic time exploring all of the areas and activities we have set out for Space Week. #RRSArticle24



Reception enjoyed investigating some space themed play provisions. #RRSArticle24



Year 1 enjoyed our Science experiment to launch our own rocket. #RRSArticle24



Year 2 celebrated Space Week by creating Rocket Mice. #RRSArticle24



Year 3 have been making their space rovers for Science Week. #RRSArticle28



Year 4 have been investigating freezing in Science. We tested different materials at room temperature and after freezing. #RRSArticle28



Year 5 have planned an experiment to test different materials that could be used to insulate and astronaut's glove #RRSArticle3



Year 6 loved finally getting to test their eggnaut emergency escape capsules! #RRSArticle28



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson