

A message from Mr Hodgson

In the blink of an eye, the first half-term is almost over. Once again, we have packed an awful lot in to these seven weeks: Landmark Learning, Sports Days, Meet My Teacher, Stockton – Darlington Railway 200th anniversary, Space Week and National Poetry day to name a selection of the wonderful things we have organised. Next week, a reminder that Friday is a Professional Development Day and school will be closed.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's children rewarded with a 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were children who their class teacher felt had been trying really hard to learn their times tables. A big Bader 'well done' to these children.

$$3 \times 4 = 12 \quad 6 \times 8 = 48 \quad 11 \times 2 = 22$$

$$5 \times 5 = 25 \quad 2 \times 10 = 10$$

$$2 \times 6 = 12 \quad 3 \times 7 = 21 \quad 9 \times 4 = 36$$

$$12 \times 6 = 72 \quad 9 \times 9 = 81$$



Harvest

The harvest pile continues to grow!
Thank you for all these donations.
There is still time to contribute, if you would like. 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. **Wednesday 22nd October is the last day to donate please.**



Halloween Disco

Next 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.



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.

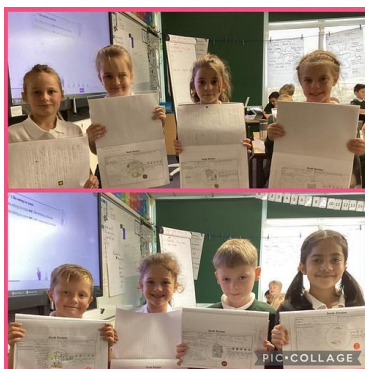
Our pumpkin patch has been very popular again this afternoon with our Nursery and Bader Twos children. #RRSArticle24



Year 1 continued to develop their ability to follow music using a musical instrument. #RRSArticle31



Year 3 have produced some lovely book reviews about our Stone Age book #RRSArticle28



Year 5 enjoyed a super DT lesson. We accurately measured and safely used a junior hacksaw #RRSArticle3



Reception practiced our straight lines. It was really tricky and took lots of concentration! #RRSArticle24



Year 2 created their own Rangoli patterns whilst learning how Hindus celebrate Diwali. #RRSArticle31



Year 4 have been busy scientists. We used thermometers and data loggers to accurately measure the temperature of warm and cold water. We then made water cycles in a bag. #RRSArticle29



Year 6 have been consolidating our work on rounding with a bingo-style rounding game. #RRSArticle31



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 2 No Discrimination. This week we have taken part in Show Racism the Red Card. An assembly was presented by the 2025 Ambassadors to Year 2 - Year 6. They shared the importance of treating everyone fairly and respecting each other. The children will be entering a competition to see who can design the best shoes or t-shirt that shares the 'no racism' value. These will be judged firstly by the Rights Respecting School Ambassadors and then Mr Hodgson will have the final say. Watch this space!

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!

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. **(This is during half term)**

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

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 Chri

Monday 15th December: Year 3 Carols

Tuesday 16th December: Year 4 Carols

Wednesday 17th December: Year 5 Carols

Thursday 18th December: Year 6 Carols



Attendance

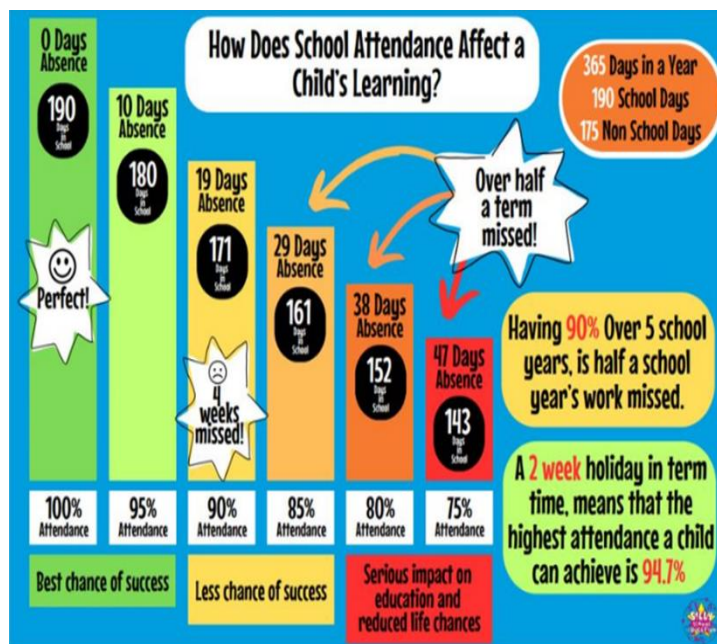
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 6th October 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	97.08%	1
Y1 Mrs Poulson	97.94%	1
Y2 Mrs Bowe	94.81%	5
Y3 Miss Weir	96.88%	1
Y4 Miss Robson	97.39%	3
Y4 Mr Trueman	98.7%	3
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	97.65%	0 
Y5 Mrs Jones	100% 	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	95.24%	0 
Y6 Mr Robinson	98.57%	3



Attendance Matters

The sixth full week back of this academic year saw our attendance at an impressive 97.32% from reception to Year 6 which is excellent. This builds on the previous weeks. Also 215 pupils had 100% attendance last week too (89.95% of pupils having full attendance). This is also impressive and fewer lates last week too.

The attendance team sent out 3 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 sixth attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Mrs Jones' 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!

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 is as follows: **Daisy Large, Jude McNeil, Eliza Leeson, Elliott Pettitt, Isaac Pinchin, Jacob Brack, Noah Hindby and Thomas Aberdeen.**



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. Bader Parliament will be selling these over the next few weeks.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson