



The Bader Bugle



Autumn Term 5

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3rd October 2025

A message from Mr Hodgson

A very busy five weeks in school with last week being no different, especially last Friday when school joined together to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the world's first passenger railway: the Stockton – Darlington Railway. See overleaf for a brief flavour of the day.

It will get even busier after half term. After our successful 'meet the teacher' event, we will be inviting you into school for the other parent partnership events (final flourishes) etc. in the coming week. Individual class teachers will be in touch with this information. Exciting times!

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

Friday 17th October: Red Nose Day

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 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.**



SDR200

What a brilliant day in school last Friday. We started the day off with an assembly from our History leader, Mr Trueman, then finished it off with another assembly from Year 5. The 'in between' part was then children immersing themselves in a variety of learning activities all about the Stockton and Darlington Railway. School also gave everyone a very special bookmark to commemorate the occasion and (as you have seen on class dojo) have added the 200th anniversary to our Bader timeline as it is such an historic and important local event.



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.
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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.



Hot Chocolate with the Head

As part of our continued drive to improve children's spellings in school, these children were chosen for their determination to learn their weekly words. Spellings are given (age appropriate) on a Friday then and tested the next Friday. Children should practice these every night, along with reading their reading book and learning their times tables. This is all we ask of our home learning. If a teacher feels your child should be doing better, they may well be asked to do a spelling re-test in some circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support here. A big Bader well done to these children!



X



Our X followers are currently **2498** 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.



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.

Bikes and Scooters

A polite reminder: scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground, they need to be pushed until off site please. We have had a number of complaints and near accidents this week.

Thank you for your consideration and co-operation.



Attendance

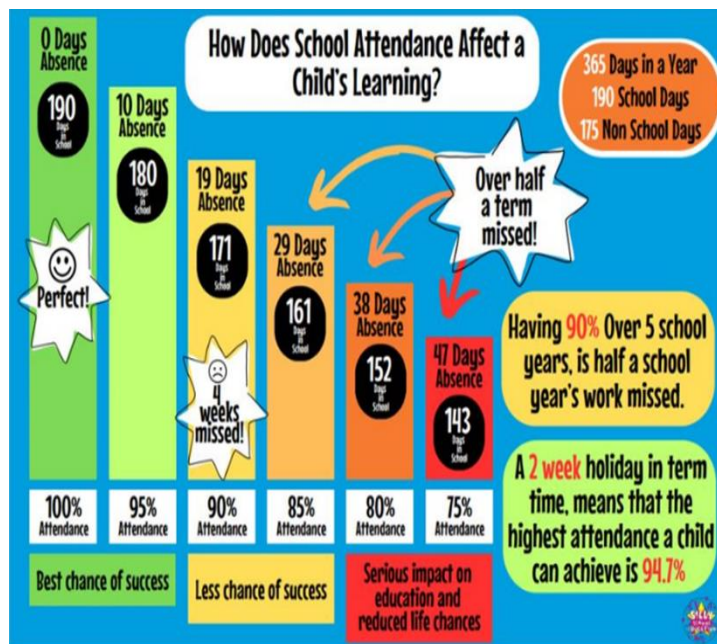
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 22nd September 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	98.23% 	1
Y1 Mrs Poulson	96.18%	2
Y2 Mrs Bowe	95.77%	6
Y3 Miss Weir	97.5%	2
Y4 Miss Robson	95.22%	2
Y4 Mr Trueman	96.52%	8
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	96.47%	1
Y5 Mrs Jones	93.53%	1
Y6 Miss Bennett	93.33%	4
Y6 Mr Robinson	91.43%	7



Attendance Matters

The third full week back of this academic year saw our attendance at 96.5% from reception to Year 6 which is excellent. This builds on the previous weeks. 204 pupils had 100% attendance last week too (86% 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 fourth 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 98.23% 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.



Year 1 learned and recited the poem, cats sleep anywhere by Eleanor Farjeon for National Poetry Day #RRSArticle31



Year 3 have enjoyed reading a poem called 'The Swing' for National Poetry Day. #RRSArticle31

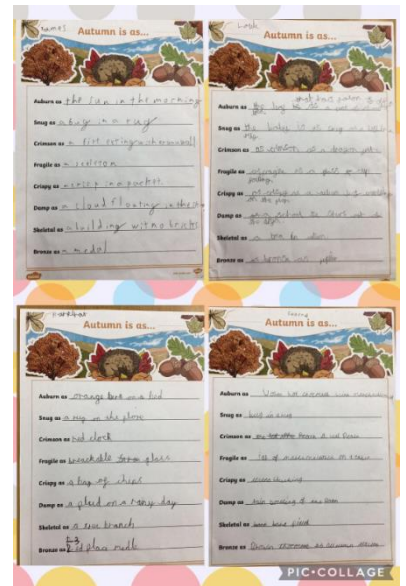


Year 5 have written some astounding poems inspired by 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. #RRSArticle31



National Poetry Day Thursday 2nd October

Year 4 have been writing and performing poetry today in celebration of national poetry day. #RRSArticle31



Year 6 had a wonderful afternoon reading 'The River' by Valerie Bloom and writing and performing our own nature poetry in Bloom's Style! #RRSArticle31



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson