

A message from Mr Hodgson

We have had a lovely week in school this week with lots happening (as usual). We have had Anti-Bullying week, Odd Socks day, Remembrance Day and Children in Need today. Please see the 'Children in Need' and 'Curriculum' section of this newsletter.

Read for the Stars

They keep on coming – the next group of regular readers, reaching the sun for the 1st time this academic year are: **Ivy Raynor, George Poles, Fearne Palin, Islah-Rose Poles, Cian O'Shea, Freddie Hutchinson, Joseph Chambers, James Chen Hao Yang, Tommy Cox, Noah Hindby, Thomas Aberdeen, Jacob Brack, Eliza Leeson, Elliott Pettitt, Freddie Allen, Ronan Todd and Dominic Atkins.**

Well done to all of these boys and girls!

All 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).



School Photographs

School photographs will be taken for all individual children and families on the Thursday 20th November.

Families with babies or older children are invited to come to school for 8:00am til 8:30am on the Thursday to have their family pictures taken. This will be on a first come first served basis and entrance should be through the school's main entrance.

School will ensure that children who have siblings in the school will have their pictures taken both individually and together. There will be no need to come in early to do this.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform for their photograph. Proofs will be sent home the same day with order forms to purchase the photos.

Head Teachers Award

Head Teachers Awards given to: **Imogen Burrell, George Poles, Paisley McKnight and Harry Brown** for their work on Remembrance Sunday.

They were fine role models and ambassadors for our school.



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 is Anti bullying week. We are thinking about how to treat each other respectfully and celebrating each other's differences. The children will also be thinking about how to stay safe online.

X



Our X followers are currently **2494** 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!

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner in school is on Friday 12th December. Children who normally have packed lunch on this day and would like a school dinner then, can do so. Please contact the school office to organise this.

Dates for your diaries

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd September to Thursday 18th December.

Half term dates: Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026

Professional Development Days Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026

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

Tuesday 9th December: KS1 Christmas writing workshop

Wednesday 10th December: EY/KS1 Nativity 09.30am – 10.30am

Thursday 11th December: EY/KS1 Nativity 2.15pm

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



Professional Development Day

We will be taking a Professional Development Day on Friday 19th December so school will now be closed on Thursday 18th December at the end of the school day.

Christmas Jumper



One of the charity events we will be supporting this year is 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 12th December. We ask for a donation of £1, Bader Parliament will organise this event with more details to follow later.

Friends of Bader Christmas Raffle

Friends of Bader will be holding a Christmas Raffle this term as part of our fund raising activities.

We will be making up and raffling coloured hampers for each year group and we would be grateful for any donations in your child's year group colour. This could be anything from, non-perishable food items, toiletries, sweets/chocolate, gift sets or small toys.

Raffle tickets will be sold and drawn in each year group tickets cost 20p each.

Year group colours:

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| • Nursery | Orange |
| • Reception | Yellow |
| • Y1 | Green or silver |
| • Y2 | Red or Gold |
| • Y3 | purple or silver |
| • Y4 | Blue or silver |
| • Y5 | Pink |
| • Y6 | Black or white |



Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre preparations are now underway. We hope that you are able to join us/donate towards this traditional event.



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 latest recipient were as follows: **Lenny Bryan**.



Christmas Performances

This year, Early Years and KS1 will be performing a nativity and in KS2, there will be year group Christmas songs and carols performed in the courtyard (similar to last year).

The dates are as follows:

Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performance Wednesday 10th December 9.30am and Thursday 11th December 2.15pm

Monday 15th December: Year 3 Christmas carols 2.45pm

Tuesday 16th December: Year 4 Christmas carols 2.45pm

Wednesday 17th December: Year 5 Christmas carols 2.45pm

Thursday 18th December: Year 6 Christmas carols 2.45pm



Attendance

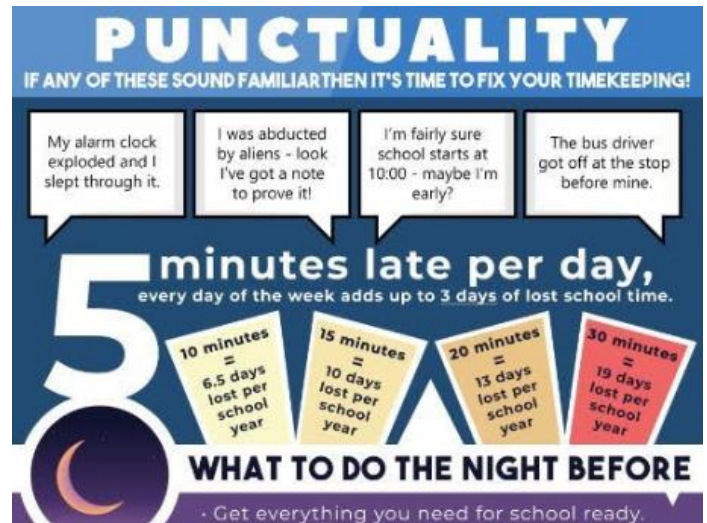
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 3rd November 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	97.92%	3
Y1 Mrs Poulson	94.41%	1
Y2 Mrs Bowe	90.37%	4
Y3 Miss Weir	98.13% 🏆	1
Y4 Miss Robson	95.65%	3
Y4 Mr Trueman	93.04%	4
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	92.94%	1
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	98.04%	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	89.52%	2
Y6 Mr Robinson	97.14%	6



Attendance Matters

The first week of the new half term saw our attendance dip to 94.73% from reception to Year 6. We did have 198 pupils with 100% attendance in that last week though (82.84% of pupils having full attendance) which is excellent. Punctuality was better also with 27 lates being recorded across school. Please remember, school operates a 'soft start' i.e. open from 8.40am before the bell at 8.55am which really provides lots of time to arrive in school punctually. The attendance team sent out 2 term time leave of absence letters and 48 PA letters before half term. **P.A. means persistent absence when a child's attendance falls below 90%**

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 ninth attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Miss Weir's class with 98.13% 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!



Children in Need

Today, we donned our spots as we had an afternoon carousel of activities to mark 'Children in Need Day'. The culmination of the day was trying to fill the Pudsey's with copper coin donations and we succeeded! (Thank you for these donations).



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 learning about anti bullying week. We have shared stories about being kind to each other, painted odd socks and talked about how we are different. #RRSArticle8



Reception have been learning about what bullying is and how to prevent it. We are spreading kindness in and giving our heart to someone who has shown us kindness! #RRSArticle2



Year 1 children have been thinking about what it means to be a good friend as part of anti-bullying week. #RRSArticle3



Year 2 have been learning about cyber bullying and have looked at different online scenarios and decided whether these would be considered kind or unkind. #RRSArticle2



Year 3 have been designing their own odd socks for anti-bullying week. #RRSArticle2

Year 4 have been writing anti-bullying acrostic poems to raise awareness for Anti Bullying Week #RRSArticle2



Year 5 have started writing an anti-bullying week poem that includes motivational messages and advice. #RRSArticle2



Year 6 were lucky enough to take part in an anti-bullying workshop this afternoon and learnt about the importance of being an upstander rather than a bystander! #RRSArticle29



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson