

## A message from Mr Hodgson

Another busy week in school and guess what? They will only get busier (and more exciting) in the next few weeks! Cold weather catches us out these days and it certainly did this week (proper November weather i.e. freezing cold) but we're not used to the wintry weather in the run up to winter! Please can I ask that you wrap up your children with warm clothing. As Wainwright (the man of many walks) once said "There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing."

## Dates for your diaries

**Autumn Term:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Half term dates:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

**Professional Development Days** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November:** Christmas Fayre

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Christmas tree up in school

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Snappy Christmas

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Panto

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Christmas writing workshop

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** EY/KS1 Nativity 09.30am – 10.30am

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** EY/KS1 Nativity 2.15pm

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and Christmas dinner

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 3 Carols

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 4 Carols

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 5 Carols

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 6 Carols



## Bronze Award

As part of our behaviour policy, children earn Bader value points for showing our values of: **Being Happy, Aiming High, Determination, Excellence and Respect**. These are collected individually until a 100 Bader Value points are earned. The child concerned is then awarded their bronze award. This week, our first bronze awards were given in school for this academic year. A big well done to: **Alfie Wright, Elsie Hutchinson, Desirae Davies, Freddie Hutchinson, Connor Stockbridge, Jay Costello, Alfie Jack Crossley, Emilia Foster, Noah Ransom, Serenity Colmer, Jack Beveridge, Jake Pinchbeck, Thomas Cooke and Willow Blackburn.**



## SEN Coffee Morning

On December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11am, we are pleased to hold our first coffee morning for parents of children with SEND.

Our SENDCO, Mrs Douthwaite plus other members of staff will be in attendance to share common experiences and further build our school community.

We look forward to seeing you there.




## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner in school is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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
	<p><b>Article 6</b> Life, Survival and Development</p> <p>This week we have been thinking about how to stay safe when around and crossing roads, as it is Road Safety Week. Children have been learning about how to cross the road safely following on from our workshops a few weeks ago about how to drive safely.</p>

## X



Our X followers are currently **2490** 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!

## Read for the Stars

They keep on coming – the next group of regular readers, reaching the sun for the 1<sup>st</sup> time this academic year are: **Ezra Farndale, Chloe Brack, Imani Deen, Alexis Hawken, Elkie Parkinson, Sofia Pinchin, Aston-Sterling Benson and Oliver Bytheway.**

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).

## Professional Development Day

We will be taking a Professional Development Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December so school will now be closed on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December. We ask for a donation of £1, Bader Parliament will organise this event with more details to follow later.

## Hot Chocolate with the Head

For being the first children to receive a Bronze award this academic year, their reward was a sumptuous, hot chocolate on this freezing cold, Friday – a big Bader well done to them!



### 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.

**It all happens next Thursday!**

Thank you for your donations today and so far.



### Children in Need

We are still counting the Children in Need pennies but will let you know how much was raised next week.



### 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 recipients were as follows: **Daylen Waite and Riley Clayton.**



### 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 3 Christmas carols 2.45pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 4 Christmas carols 2.45pm

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## Attendance

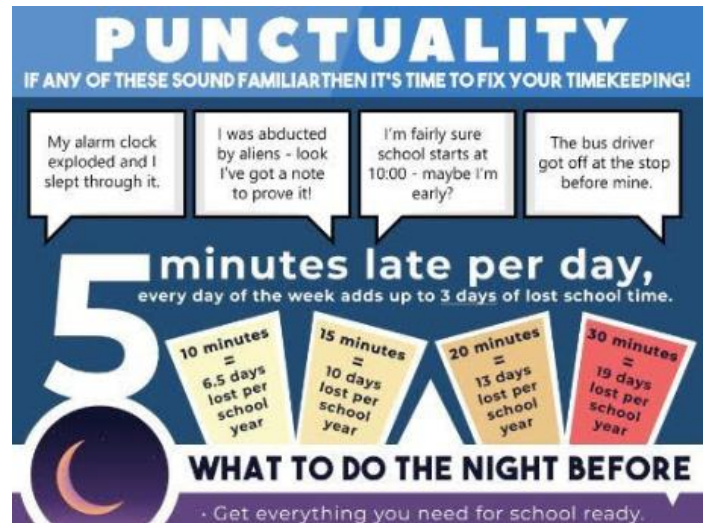
### Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	97.83% 	3
Y1 Mrs Poulson	92.35%	2
Y2 Mrs Bowe	87.41%	4
Y3 Miss Weir	97.5%	3
Y4 Miss Robson	93.91%	6
Y4 Mr Trueman	97.39%	7
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	90%	3
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	96.47%	4
Y6 Miss Bennett	89.05%	2
Y6 Mr Robinson	94.76%	7



### Attendance Matters

The second week of the new half term saw our attendance dip to 93.7% from reception to Year 6. We did have 194 pupils with 100% attendance in that last week though (81.1% of pupils having full attendance) which is excellent. Punctuality was not so good though with 41 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. **See punctuality poster above.**

The attendance team sent out 2 attendance letters and 1 attendance support plan. **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 tenth 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 97.83% 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 are enjoying making marks on the chalkboards with water. #RRSArticle28**



**Reception had a great time in our music session. #RRSArticle2**



**Year 1 have been learning the rules of the road as part of road safety week. #RRSArticle3**



**Year 2 have been working like super scientists by observing seeds very closely and then sorting and grouping them using their own criteria. #RRSArticle6**



**Year 3 have been classifying what is a light source and which isn't. #RRSArticle28**



**Year 4 are exploring Hindu deities focusing on using our key vocabulary in RE #RRSArticle14**



**Year 5 had a great day at Segedunum Roman Fort.**



**Year 6 – In computing today, the children made their own 3D name badges using Tinkercad! #RRSArticle17**



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson