

A message from Mr Hodgson

In the blink of an eye, unbelievably, we have had the first (longest) half term. 8 weeks of exciting experiences and lots of learning taking place. The children have worked extremely hard and applied themselves brilliantly in upholding our Bader values (being happy, aiming high, showing determination, excellence and respect).

We are already looking forward to the next half term which begins on Monday 3rd November.

Harvest

Thank you once again for all of your harvest donations, these have been bagged up and collected by Thornaby Food bank. This week, we held our annual whole school harvest assembly and the following day invited Year 4 parents/carers in (as these children with Miss Robson had led this special assembly).



Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's children rewarded with a 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were children in Mrs Jones class who had 100% attendance recently and no lates.

A big Bader 'well done' to these children, a marvellous achievement.



Halloween Discos

Thank you for your support with these. All monies made in these events goes towards the children in school with Christmas treats etc. Last night, we raised **£546.50** which will go towards subsidising our Christmas panto and other Christmas events. An absolute brilliant amount!

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!

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)**

Goodbye but not farewell

Today, was Mrs Jones last day working at our lovely school. A really big thank you to her for 13 years sterling service to the Bader Community and your children. Good luck, Mrs Jones!

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 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 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



Anti-Social Behaviour

We have had a few uninvited youths in school recently (at the weekend) and during the school week. Yesterday, thanks to the quick actions of a parent, an attempted scooter theft was thwarted. Thank you Mrs Nolan!

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion again this year by supporting their Poppy Appeal. Bader Parliament will be selling these after half term.



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 during half term (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.**

Special Educational Needs

Mrs Douthwaite, one of school's Assistant Heads, is also our school SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) Here is a message from her:

Hello,
My role is to coordinate SEN support in school. I ensure we have high expectations for our children. I work alongside class teachers and external agencies to make sure the best possible provision is in place. I am available to support parents/carers with questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me via Dojo or phone. I will do my best to help.



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.

Attendance

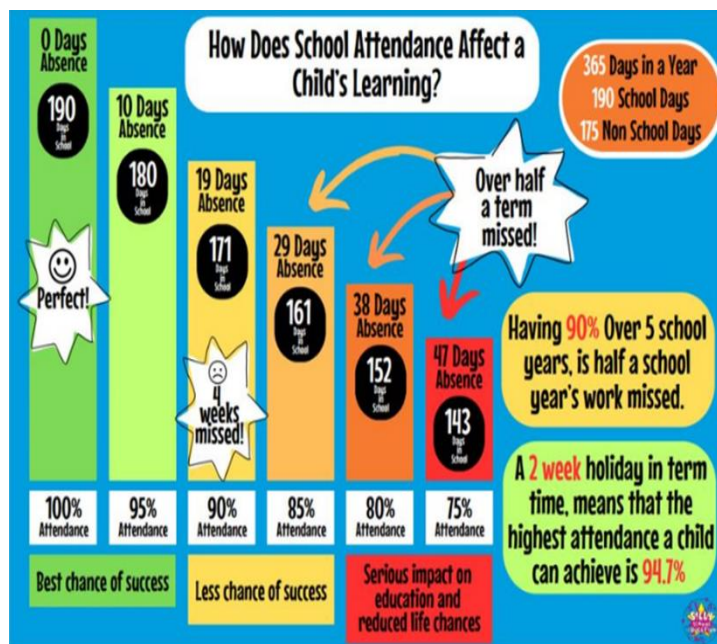
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 13th October 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	82.17%	1
Y1 Mrs Poulson	96.18%	3
Y2 Mrs Bowe	92.96%	2
Y3 Miss Weir	96.25%	5
Y4 Miss Robson	96.96%	1
Y4 Mr Trueman	88.26%	4
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	97.06%	2
Y5 Mrs Jones	97.65% 🏆	0 🏆
Y6 Miss Bennett	93.33%	0 🏆
Y6 Mr Robinson	96.19%	3



Attendance Matters

The seventh full week back of this academic year saw our attendance drop to 93.7% from reception to Year 6. We did have 196 pupils with 100% attendance last week though (82% of pupils having full attendance). This is impressive and few lates too.

The attendance team sent out 5 term time leave of absence letters and 1 attendance support plan.

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 seventh 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!



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 children were thrilled with our visit from the firefighters at Thornaby Fire Station. #RRSArticle24



Reception talked about size and made comparisons between objects. We have ordered pumpkins by their size. #RRSArticle24



Year 1 have been looking for signs of autumn. They went on a walk to see what they could find and closely observed changes in the leaves on the deciduous trees. #RRSArticle24



Year 2 performed a simple test to find out the best material to build a house for the three little pigs. #RRSArticle24



Year 3 have been matching unit fractions to pictorial representations. #RRSArticle28

Year 4 are developing their oracy by reading an unseen text based on our RE topic out loud with their partner. #RRSArticle31



Year 5 completed a Road Safety workshop, where they learnt how to be a Backseat Boss in order to promote drivers to follow safe behaviours #RRSArticle6



Year 6 put their knowledge in light to the test, using the concept of light travelling in straight lines to make and test their own periscopes #RRSArticle17



Thank you for your support again. Enjoy the half term and Halloween!

Mr Hodgson

