



# The Bader Bugle



Autumn Term 15

X: @BaderPrimary

18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## ***A message from Mr Hodgson***

A fantastic, fabulous, final festive (full) week in school we have had this week, culminating in a visit to St Mark's church this morning. How quickly the end of term has come around probably because of the packed curriculum we offer, especially these last few weeks as you people who read this newsletter will testify. Here is the last offering of 2025:

## **After School Clubs**

Just a reminder that the after school clubs start back up again week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and will run until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Details of these will be sent out first week back.

## **Dates for your diaries**

**School reopens for 2026 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (half term begins)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 (Easter break begins)

## **St Marks Church**

A big thank you to Father Tom Bates-Bourne of St Mark's for allowing us to attend church this morning for our annual Christmas Service. Year 2 children (appearing in school's nativity) made an 'extra' appearance today, where the singing from all who attended was superb and made me extremely proud.





# St Marks Church






## Christmas Carols

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 performed for parents and carers this week, in the hall and courtyard.



## 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 3</b> Best interests of the child.</p> <p>At this time of the year, it is important that children have a lovely time with family and friends.</p> <p>We hope everyone has a peaceful and restful holiday and the children are ready to return in January to continue their exciting learning.</p>

X



Our X followers are currently **2472** 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!

## Our School Rules

Obviously, the festive season in school is one of excitement and fun (and rightly so). One or two children, unfortunately, let themselves down with their behaviour in December so we would appreciate your support in reminding them of our three simple rules:

**Ready** (for learning)

**Respectful** (to one another, to staff and to property)

**Safe** (making sure we play safe etc).



### Read for the Stars

We end the school year by saying a BIG WELL DONE to: **Isaac Dolan, Rocco Green, Eli McCoy, Frankie Maw, Ella Wilkinson, Riley Clayton and Emily Simpson.**

Well done to all of these boys and girls!

Reading every day is part of our home school agreement and home learning. Please read with your child or encourage them to read aloud to you or to find a quiet place and lose themselves in a really good book.

Christmas time would be a great time to share a story with your children. School this week, purchased and delivered today (express from Santa), a book for every pupil in school and a bookmark.



### Christmas Raffle

We raised an incredible **£379.10 (more than last year)** from our coloured hampers this year (more than last year!) Thank you for your donations and for buying the tickets!

#### Winners:

**Nursery – Sophia Fitzsimons**

**Reception – Arty Allison**

**Year 1 – Willow-Rae Lockwood**

**Year 2 – Chloe Smyth**

**Year 3 – Elkie Parkinson**

**Year 4 – Gracie Dollard**

**Year 5 – Fynn McNeil**

**Year 6 – Afiya Ahmed**



### Uniform

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](http://www.bader.org.uk)

We need to be mindful of our school uniform again, from January, please.

### 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: **Tiger Mulgrew and Bodhi Graham.**



### Attendance Advent

Well done to our lucky winners from the prize draw: **Oscar- George Turnbull, Krystle Hagan, Eliza Leeson, CJ Milburn and Noah Ransom.**

These children were drawn from over 150 children who were in school every single day in December.

A Big Bader well done to them!






## Attendance

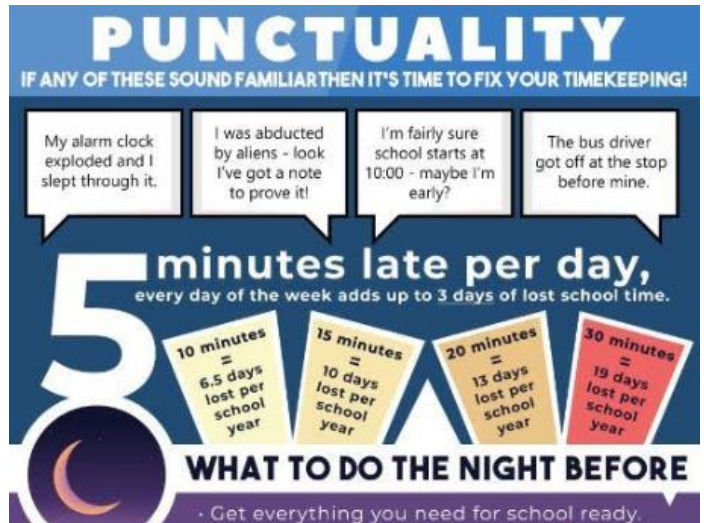
### Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	92.08%	10
Y1 Mrs Poulson	96.47%	2
Y2 Mrs Bowe	96.3%	8
Y3 Miss Weir	93.03%	6
Y4 Miss Robson	92.17%	3
Y4 Mr Trueman	97.83%	6
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	100% 	1
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	94.71%	3
Y6 Miss Bennett	96.19%	5
Y6 Mr Robinson	98.1%	5



### Attendance Matters

The sixth week of the new half term saw our attendance improve to 95.5% from reception to Year 6 which is very positive after a turbulent few weeks. We had 205 pupils with 100% attendance in that last week though (85.4% of pupils having full attendance) which is also very positive.

**Punctuality is still poor though with 49 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.** Missing the start of the school day means children struggle to catch up and is not conducive to a positive learning environment.

The attendance team sent out 9 initial letters of concern.

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 eleventh attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa's 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 had a wonderful time at The Playground. #RRSArticle28**



**Reception enjoyed using Numicon shapes to create Christmas presents #RRSArticle28**



**Year 1 enjoyed making their puppets as part of their DT project. They followed the design criteria to create puppets with a Christmas theme. #RRSArticle31**



**Year 2 have been creating their own playground structures in their DT lesson this afternoon. #RRSArticle31**



**Year 3 are completing an animation in our computing lesson. #RRSArticle28**

**Year 4 are busy using their designs to create their Christmas light decorations #RRSArticle29**



**Year 5 had a creative morning making Roman Shields alongside their parent/carers for their final flourish. #RRSArticle28**



**Year 6 headed to the DT room and completed the final stages of our DT project. #RRSArticle28**



We now look forward to a positive, prosperous new year in 2026. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you again for your support, from Mr Hodgson and all staff. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK TODAY THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER UNTIL MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026.**