

A message from Mr Hodgson

Next week, it will be out with the old (November) and in with the new (December), the 1st on Monday

– where has the time gone again, I ask?

Monday will be the day when we decorate our Christmas tree. Our tree this year will be the Bader Values Tree with each year group representing each of our values with a Christmas decoration i.e. happiness = Father Christmas, Angels = aiming high. The full list is here:

Happiness – Snowmen, Father Christmas

Aiming high – Angels

Determination – Rudolph (Reindeer)

Excellence – Stars, Bells

Respect – Christmas trees, Doves

We have an exciting and particularly busy schedule of events happening – we certainly hope you can join us, as and when, to share the festivities. Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas fayre last night- a festive time was had by all!



Extreme Hairstyles

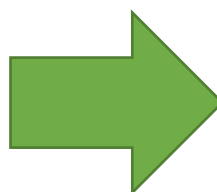
The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children and are not in keeping with the ethos of the school. This includes patterns shaved into the hair, excessive use of hair products and false hair. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Head Teacher. Any hair long enough to be tied back should be.

There have been one or two occasions recently, when a hairstyle is borderline 'extreme'. If I deem this to be the case, the child in question, unfortunately, will be sent home. Please consider this before allowing hairstyles that may fall into this category. Thank you for your support. The home school agreement acknowledges this too.

Christmas Cards

Our big red letter box this year is a brand new offering from the North Pole (courtesy of our site supervisor Mr Murphy). It is now in the school hall with children being able to post their Christmas cards from Monday. (Please make sure the child's name and class are on the envelope).

Look at this



Pen Licence

For children who have beautifully formed, joined handwriting, their reward is a 'Pen Licence'. This allows them to use a pen for all writing in school. Also, they are presented with a certificate in assembly, are given a pen licence card to carry with them and are given a special place in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board. This week's lucky pupils to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are: **Annie Suckling**.



SEN Coffee Morning

On December 5th 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 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 Friday 19th December, Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026

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



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>Article 6 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 **2486** 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 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.

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.

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: **Finley Lewis, Arty Allison, Leon Hamilton, Elliott Pollock, Gracie Dollard, Grayson Robson, Cody Burnham, Gabby Mount, Jude Westwood, Jacob Manning and Teddy Farndale.**

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).

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

As advised this morning on class dojo, we raised funds to the tune of **£1032.35** and we would like to thank you for your support. All monies raised will go towards making the lovely little 'extras' happen in school over the year.

Thank you

Children in Need

Apologies for the delay in informing you of the final amount raised for Children in Need..... the coin counters have been on strike!!! We are pleased to say that we raised the wonderful sum of £216.11. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile 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 recipients were as follows: **Daisy Large, Elkie Parkinson, Aylin Sohail and Ethan Lindo Gibson.**



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



Christmas Raffle

Christmas Raffle Winners:

1st prize Elf hamper – Peyton Screene

2nd Prize Chocolates and a bottle of Southern Comfort – Willow Lockwood

3rd Prize Toiletries gift hamper – Mylo Payne

4th Prize Elf gift set – Sophie Titley

5th Prize Bottle of wine and Sanctuary Spa set – Cian O'Shea

6th Prize Harry Potter train and sweets – Peyton Screene

7th Prize Mug gift set – Dalton Walker

8th Prize Bottle of Prosecco Rose – Callum Wilberforce

9th Prize Gordons Gin Gift set – Leon Hamilton

10th Prize Jigsaw and biscuits – Elliott Pollock



Name the Polar Bear

Frosty – Joseph Chambers



Attendance Advent

It's the most wonderful time of the year and we're spreading extra festive cheer with our **Attendance Advent** throughout December!

Every child who achieves **100% attendance this month** will be entered into

our **Christmas prize draw**, with winners being drawn on the **last day of term!** ✨

And that's not all... 🎁

Children who have maintained **100% attendance for the whole term** will receive

an extra entry into the draw 🌟

Thank you for helping us keep spirits bright by supporting excellent attendance this festive season!




Attendance

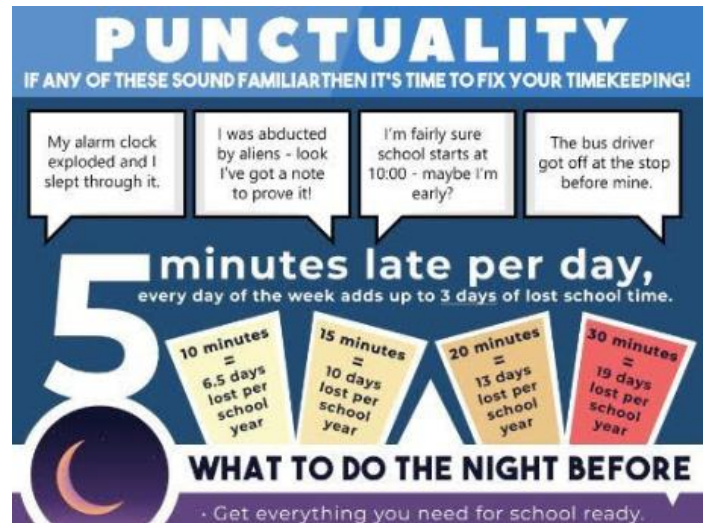
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 17th November 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	90.87%	8
Y1 Mrs Poulson	89.71%	2
Y2 Mrs Bowe	80.67%	2
Y3 Miss Weir	97.5% 	1
Y4 Miss Robson	93.04%	2
Y4 Mr Trueman	91.3%	11
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	94.71%	3
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	88.24%	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	80.1%	4
Y6 Mr Robinson	92.86%	6



Attendance Matters

The third week of the new half term saw our attendance fall again to 90.02% from reception to Year 6. We had 173 pupils with 100% attendance in that last week though (72.38% of pupils having full attendance) which is good. Punctuality was still not 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 1 term time leave of absence letter. **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 Miss Weir's class with 97.5% 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, Bader Post Office is open for business. #RRSArticle28



Reception had a great time at Hardwick park #RRSArticle3



Year 1 had a wonderful time at Hardwick park #RRSArticle3



Year 2 have been learning about the importance of love and created a 'heart hug' to give to someone they loved. #RRSArticle6



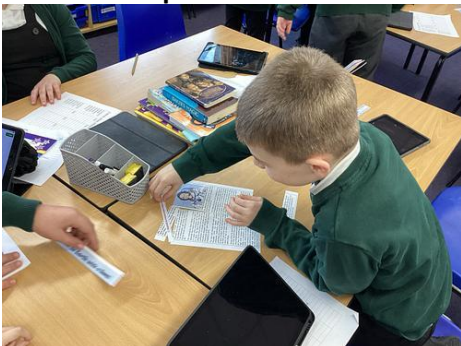
Year 3 had a lovely morning for their final flourish #RRSArticle3



Year 4 have been exploring electrical components in Science. #RRSArticle29



Year 5 have been busy identifying genre features of a news report by piecing together an article into the correct places. #RRSArticle29



Year 6 had a wonderful History lesson, they had to complete a scavenger hunt in the classroom for key events from the Victorian era. #RRSArticle17



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson