

### A message from Mr Hodgson

We are now well into the Christmas festivities in school, a very busy but lovely week with tree decorating, Snappy Christmas, EYFS cosy reading, to list just a few things that have happened this week. We look forward to the rest of December in school.

### Oh Christmas Tree!

♪ It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ♪ .....

This year, we have the Bader value tree #happiness, aiming high, determination, excellence & respect. We have 🧑‍🎄, 🧑‍🎄, reindeer, ❄️, ⭐️, 🔔, 🦋



### 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

**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




### 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 14</b> Freedom of thought and Religion</p> <p>This week the Princess will hold her annual choir service to celebrate kindness and people working together. We all have the right to believe and think what we want but it is also important that we are kind and thoughtful to each other too!</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' next 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.

### 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.

### 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!



### 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: **Joshua McKnight, Blu Williams, Freya Thompson, Olive Smith, Nainika Renjith, James Hart, Phoebe Brown, Jackson Moseley and Marshall Moseley.** 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   |



### 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: **Archie Johnson and Lily Jackson.**



### 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 (next week)

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

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

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 5 Christmas carols 2.45pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 6 Christmas carols 2.45pm (the last week)





## Attendance

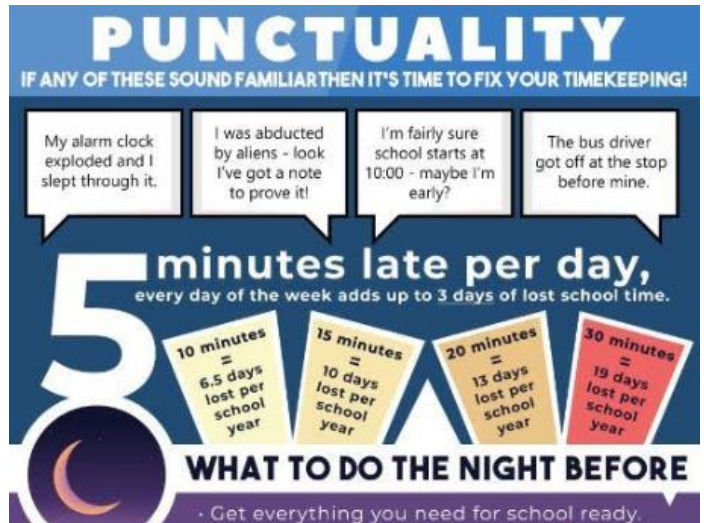
### Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	78.45%	4
Y1 Mrs Poulson	94.12%	3
Y2 Mrs Bowe	95.19%	7
Y3 Miss Weir	89.02%	5
Y4 Miss Robson	91.3%	5
Y4 Mr Trueman	83.91%	5
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	98.24% 🏆	0 🏆
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	92.35%	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	93.33%	1
Y6 Mr Robinson	98.1%	2



### Attendance Matters

The fourth week of the new half term saw our attendance fall again to 91.21% from reception to Year 6. This is of course, germ season but after such a fabulous start to our academic year, it is still disappointing. We had 194 pupils (missed the germs) with 100% attendance in that last week though (80.8% of pupils having full attendance) which is positive.

Punctuality is still poor though with 34 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 term time leave of absence letter and 58 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 tenth attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa's class with 98.24% 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 have been developing their fine motor skills in the Christmas enhanced water provision #RRSArticle28**



**Reception have been learning about the number 7! We worked so hard on our fine motor and counting skills #RRSArticle28**



**Year 1 have been observing materials closely to identify their properties. #RRSArticle29**



**Year 2 have planted bean seeds a couple of weeks ago and are enjoying keeping a plant diary to observe its growth #RRSArticle6**



**Year 3 have been exploring what happens to shadows if the light sources move #RRSArticle28**

**Year 4 and Bader Choir have had a fantastic day at Snappy Christmas with Tees Valley Music. #RRSArticle31**



**A group of Year 5's went on the first Conyers Experience Day. They had a great time studying humanities. #RRSArticle28**



**Year 6 had a wonderful R.E lesson today, thinking about the question 'why do some people believe that God does not exist?' and debating using humanist ideas #RRSArticle14**



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson