

A message from Mr Hodgson

A lovely reflective week in school after the hectic first week back, including an OFSTED inspection! Even the cold, fairly miserable weather hasn't dampened everyone going about their business: children learning, teacher's teaching and supporting staff supporting the learning. A super, positive week! Roll on now, lighter mornings and evenings and the outlook will be even brighter!

Dates for your diaries

Professional Development Days Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026 (half term begins)

Monday 2nd March 2026- Thursday 2nd April 2026 (Easter break begins)

Uniform

The children have returned looking smart and ready for learning. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy, especially around appropriate footwear (black shoes or plain black trainers).

Read for the Stars

More books being given out this week to successful children reaching the sun first time this academic year. Well done to **Bruce Brown, George Stewart, Arthur Robinson, Piper Carney, Youssef Ali, Dalton Walker, Scarlett Williams, Silvie Stevenson, Rae Thompson, Sophie Arnett, Kendall Durham, Caleb Liddle, Terence Lawson, Louie Stott, Lula Bryan and Amber Ahmed.**

All we ask is 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. Children 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).



X



Our X followers are currently **2464** 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!



Watch this space we have exciting news about a change to our social media account soon.

Class Newsletters

Class newsletters for Autumn term will soon be posted on your child's class dojo. Please look out for these for specific year group information you need to be aware of for this term.



Safeguarding Team


All staff and visitors have a responsibility to help identify children and young people who are at risk of significant harm and in need of protection. We promote a culture of vigilance, if you identify a Child Protection/Safeguarding concern in respect of a child, you must report it to a member of the 'Safeguarding team' via the main office as soon as possible:

Safeguarding Team

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| | Mr Hodgson, Head Teacher or | |
| Mrs Jatwa | Mrs Douthwaite | Miss Weir |
| Deputy Head & | Designated Safeguard | Designated Safeguard |
| Designated | Lead | Lead |
| Safeguard Lead | | |

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 |
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| | <p>Article 29 Aims of Education</p> <p>Every child has a right to education, and adults should make sure they have the support they need to learn, Reading can spark curiosity and offer children new ways to explore their learning and the world around them.</p> |

Hot Chocolate

The first children chosen for 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were children chosen by their teacher, for returning to school wonderfully, and ready for learning (a difficult choice as it could have been the whole school!)



100% Attendance

On Tuesday in assembly, we celebrated lots of children who had not one single day's absence from school in Autumn term – a magnificent achievement.

A brilliant Bader well done to the following children: **Thomas Aberdeen, Afiya Ahmed, Amber Ahmed, Jacob Arnett, Sophie Arnett, Daisy-Mai Barfoot, Lachlan Barfoot, Jack Beveridge, Jacob Brack, Harry Brown, Imogen Brown, Phoebe Brown, Oliver Bytheway, Gracie Chambers, Joseph Chambers, Archie Davis, Jacob Dobson, Ezra Farndale, Teddy Farndale, Millie Foxton, Bodhi Graham, Eden Graham, Ffion Hawksley, Isaac Hindby, Noah Hindby, Myah Hood, Freddie Hutchinson, Henry Jackson, Ivy Jobson, Eliza Leeson, Maggie Leeson, Layla Rose Marghani, Frankie Maw, Leo McCoy, Fynn McNeil, Jude McNeil, CJ Milburn, Logan Mills Bennett, Hazel Millward, Jackson Moseley, Marshall Moseley, Ivy North, Cian O'Shea, Fearne Palin, Penny Pearson, Jake Pinchbeck, Sofia Pinchin, Islah-Rose Poles, Nainika Renjith, Grayson Robson, Marni Sewell, Nevada Shaw, Rae Thompson, Isla Titley and Oscar-George Turnbull.**



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 5th January 2026

| Class | % Attendance | Lates |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith | 96.25% | 5 |
| Y1 Mrs Poulson | 97.65% | 1 |
| Y2 Mrs Bowe | 92.22% | 4 |
| Y3 Miss Weir | 95.15% | 7 |
| Y4 Miss Robson | 93.48% | 2 |
| Y4 Mr Trueman | 97.39% | 6 |
| Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa | 98.82%  | 2 |
| Y5 Mrs Mudgway | 92.94% | 0  |
| Y6 Miss Bennett | 92.86% | 2 |
| Y6 Mr Robinson | 97.62% | 6 |



Attendance Matters

The first week of the new term saw our attendance improve to almost 95.46% from reception to Year 6 which is positive start to 2026. We also had 205 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (85.4% of pupils having full attendance) which is also very positive.

Currently, we have 45 children in persistent absence which is 18.75% of the school population.

The attendance team sent out 1 term time leave of absence letter.

Punctuality was better but we still had 35 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.

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 twelfth attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Miss Horrigan's and Mrs Jatwa's class with 98.82% 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.

The rain did not stop Nursery developing their gross motor skills in the outdoor area. #RRSArticle29



Year 1 have been learning about programming in computing. They watched a beebot follow a set of commands and tried to identify which commands it had been given. #RRSArticle29



Reception children had fun learning how to make gingerbread men. #RRSArticle28



Year 2 have been refining their football skills by learning to control the ball with their feet. #RRSArticle31



Year 3 are doing very well in their recorder lesson, they moved on from learning note B to note A. #RRSArticle31

Year 4 have had their introduction to Samba drumming #RRSArticle31



Year 5 have been designing a tent to help an explorer in the Arctic survive the freezing conditions #RRSArticle6



Year 6 enjoyed setting up a model of how the heart pumps blood around the body in Science. #RRSArticle29



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson