

Spring Term 3

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A message from Mr Hodgson

A lovely week in school, with clubs in full flow, visitors starting to be booked in and school's launch of their new Instagram page to continue to celebrate the wonderful learning that happens in our school.

Read for the Stars

This week saw the first children to reach the 'sun' for the SECOND time in our read for the stars home reading initiative. Well done to: **Thomas Aberdeen, Elliott Pettitt, Bodhi Graham, Noah Hindby, Gracie Chambers, Eden Graham, Macey Abbey-Saunders and Jacob Brack.**

And a further well done to: **Jake Pinchbeck, Maggie Leeson, Lachlan Barfoot, Daisy-Mai Baarfoot and Desirae Davies.**
(Who were hot on their heels!)



Children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Neve Durham and Paisley McKnight.**
(Keep up the reading!)

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.

Instagram



We are excited to share that we will now be sharing the fantastic and exciting activities that our children get up to on our brand new Instagram account. Please give our page a follow if you would like to see more and support our school! #RRS #Article13

Follow this link to our account:

https://www.instagram.com/baderprimaryschool?igsh=YXJpa2dreWMzNjBr&utm_source=qr

Or search @baderprimaryschool on Instagram

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)

Super Spellers

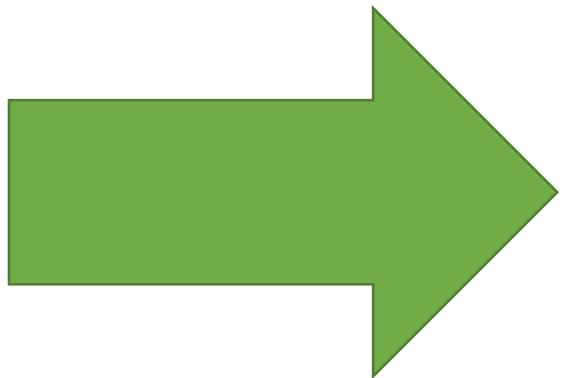
We continue to push with spelling in school this year. The class Spelling Bee is a weekly class reward for the class with the best spellings scores and an individual reward of a 'Super Speller' certificate and a pencil are earned by any of our children who achieve full marks in their spelling tests consistently.

The latest recipients are as follows: **Sofia Pinchin.**



Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year, this year, is Tuesday 17th February. The festival itself lasts 16 days and 2026 is the Year of the Horse. To celebrate this in school, cook is cooking up a special menu.



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

On Tuesday 17th February we will be having a special Chinese New Year lunch!

MENU

Chinese chicken curry
Tempura fish goujons
Salt & pepper chips, rice, stir fried vegetables & noodles
Plus spring rolls & prawn crackers
Selection of puddings

If your child normally has packed lunch but would like a special lunch, please contact the school office.

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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.



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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|  | Article 12 Respect for children's views. Children have the right to speak out on matters that affect them and are encouraged to be active citizens. Society should take children's concerns for nature and others seriously and value their ideas. |

Mid Year Learning Reviews

These are currently being finalised and a letter will be sent out soon. It is really important that you attend on one of these two days in order to find out how your child is finding the learning in their particular year group. Attitudes to learning, behaviour, home learning, reading at home etc are all discussed in these 1:1 consultations and here we will suggest what are the next steps for your child.

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 12th January 2026

| Class | % Attendance | Lates |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith | 96.25% | 7 |
| Y1 Mrs Poulson | 94.55% | 1 |
| Y2 Mrs Bowe | 95.77% | 5 |
| Y3 Miss Weir | 93.94% | 3 |
| Y4 Miss Robson | 94.35% | 3 |
| Y4 Mr Trueman | 93.48% | 6 |
| Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa | 89.41% | 2 |
| Y5 Mrs Mudgway | 97.65%  | 0  |
| Y6 Miss Bennett | 80%  | 0  |
| Y6 Mr Robinson | 90.48% | 6 |

Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance drop to only 92.91% from reception to Year 6 not where we want it to be obviously. We did have 188 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (79% of pupils having full attendance) which is a positive though.

Currently, we have 39 children in persistent absence which is 16.38% of the school population (this is also disappointing).

The attendance team sent out 7 initial letter of concerns and 4 attendance support plan invites.

Punctuality was better but we still had 33 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.

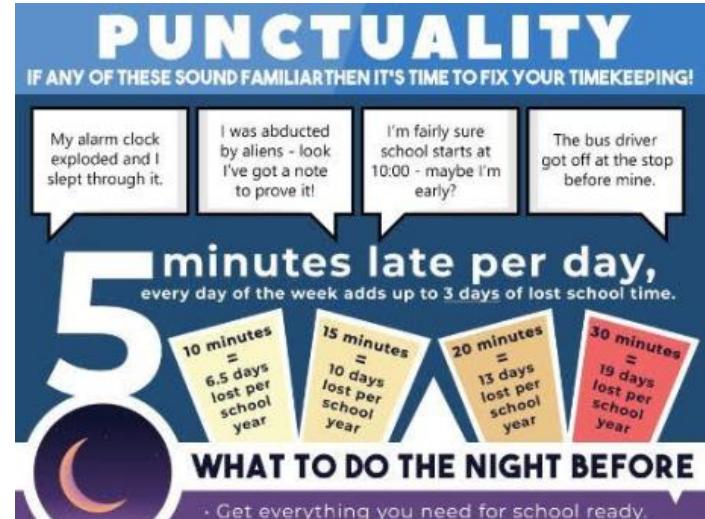
Many can manage with sore throats, coughs and colds.

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:

The thirteenth attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Mrs Mudgway's class with 97.65% 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 gross motor skills through painting this morning.
#RRSArticle29



Reception have practiced our wonderful drawing skills! Amazing work everyone!
#RRSArticle28



Year 1 showed lots of skill and determination today when making a printing plate outlining the geometric shapes of local landmarks. They will use this to print their own artwork inspired by artist Paul Klee. #RRSArticle31



Year 2 have had great fun in PE. We were learning to use the side of our feet for passing and shooting. #RRSArticle31



Year 3 have been cutting out bones to make their skeletons #RRSArticle28

Year 4 have been exploring teeth, their names and their functions by creating and labelling models
#RRSArticle31



Year 5 began work creating their waterproof tents for an Arctic explorer in D&T. #RRSArticle31



Year 6 In Science this afternoon, Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system and the function each part plays from the heart to the arteries! #RRSArticle17



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson