

A message from Mr Hodgson

Happy Valentine's Day!

Roses are red, violets are blue, Bader is green and school's here for you!
(The best I can do, unfortunately on a Thursday evening!)



Mid Year Learning Reviews

Letters have now gone out for these: Wednesday 4th March and Thursday 5th March. Please try and 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.

On these evenings, our lovely cook, Charlotte will be providing some traditional cake and pizza to go with the refreshments that Mrs Bryan will sell on behalf of Friends of Bader on these evenings.

Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun TWICE, a big well done to: **Gabby Mount, Eliza Leeson and Joey Mount.**



Children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Nancy McGough, Joey Mount, Imogen Brown and CJ Milburn.** (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



Don't forget that we are now 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

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: **Millie Foxton, Layla-Rose Marghani, Maggie Leeson, Alexis Hawken, Kit Cooper-Gers, Jude McNeil and Sofia Pinchin.**



Dates for your diaries

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

Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026 (half term 23rd February – 27th February)

Monday 2nd March 2026- Thursday 2nd April 2026 (Easter break 3rd April – 17th April)

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was this week – Tuesday 10th February. Our Digital Leaders did an amazing job leading our school assembly on Safer Internet Day! They explained about this year's theme "smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI", completed a quiz and reminded everyone what they should do if they see something online that upsets them! #RRS #Article3



Safer Internet Day 2026 Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

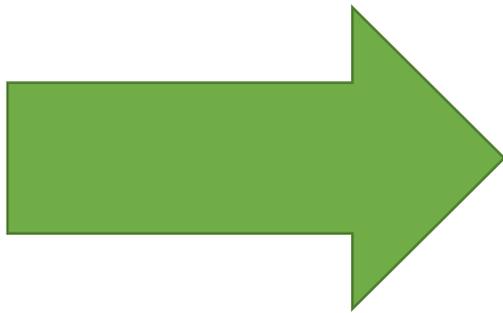
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SAFER INTERNET DAY!



Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year this year, is on Tuesday 17th February (next week). 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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Staff Car Park

Just a reminder that the staff car park can only be used for school staff and unfortunately not for parents/carers. This has been the case for some time now and follows a risk assessment that is in place following a near accident/ incident at that time. Thank you for your co-operation.



Valentine's Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's disco – both EY/KS1 and KS2. This children thoroughly enjoyed themselves (which is why we do it, of course) and we raised an amazing £473 (more than last year) which will be put towards treats like pantomime visits etc.



Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy states 'Parents are asked not to allow their children to wear earrings, rings, bangles, necklaces etc. in school as they constitute a safety risk. Where earrings have to be worn, children should wear studs. All jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming by the children themselves. Elastoplasts should not be used to cover earrings. Nail varnish, make up and tattoo transfers are not allowed.'

We have an increasing number of children wearing non-studded earrings and false nails which are a health and safety risk. Thank you for your support.

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
	Article 24 Health, water, food and environment. This week is Mental Health Week. The children have been thinking about how they can have a healthy mind and know what to do if they are feeling sad and unhappy. In assembly we talked about the people that help us when we feel sad and how we can help each other.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's wonderful group of children partaking in a delicious 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were chosen because of their excellent attitude towards home learning. This could be reading at home, it could be learning their spellings or sounds, it could be learning their times tables. A big Bader well done to them!



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 pupil to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) is: **Eli McCoy**.



Head Teachers Award

This week, Bader hosted some important people who were hoping to becoming our new 'Director of Education' for Primary within the Spark Education Trust. Part of this process, involved several members of Bader Parliament plus our two school ambassadors 'interviewing' the prospective candidates. A big Bader 'well done' to them and a Head Teacher award too: **Rocco Green, Annie Suckling, Harry Brown, Paisley McKnight, George Poles, Olive Smith, Eli McCoy, Phoebe Catchpole and Noah Ransom.**



Attendance

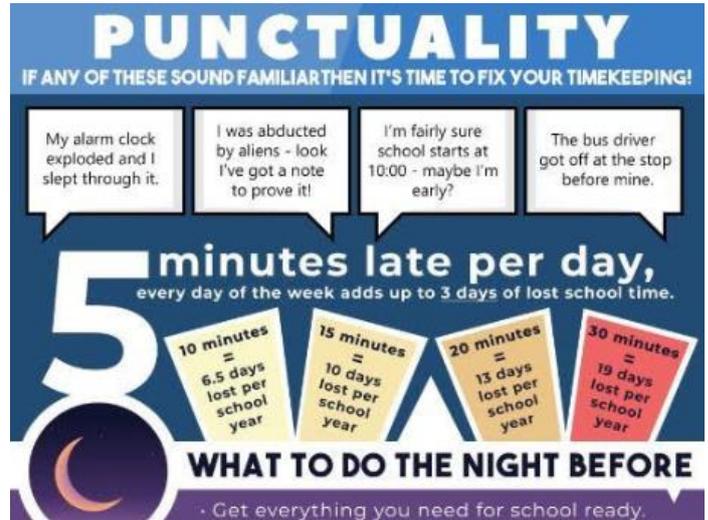
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 2nd February 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	94.17%	11
Y1 Mrs Poulson	93.94%	2
Y2 Mrs Bowe	93.46%	6
Y3 Miss Weir	92.12%	8
Y4 Miss Robson	99.57% 	3
Y4 Mr Trueman	91.74%	10
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	94.12%	4
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	96.47% 	0
Y6 Miss Bennett	94.76%	2
Y6 Mr Robinson	92.38%	4



Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance at 94.12% from reception to Year 6 (still below our target of 95%). We had 192 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (80.3% of pupils having full attendance) which is positive though.

Currently, we have 42 children in persistent absence which is 17.57% of the school population (this is too high unfortunately).

Punctuality was slightly better but we still had 50 lates being recorded across school. The attendance PSA has sent out communications this week focusing on the importance of being in school on time.

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.

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 sixteenth attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Miss Robson's class with 99.57% 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.

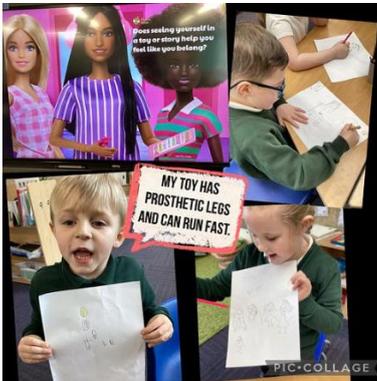
Nursery children are feeling the love this week. #RRSArticle29



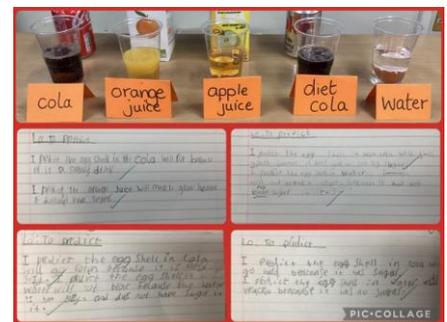
Reception – our independent maths challenge was to print 10 hearts! #RRSArticle28



Year 1 have been considering the question 'does seeing yourself in a toy or story make you feel like you belong?' #RRSArticle3

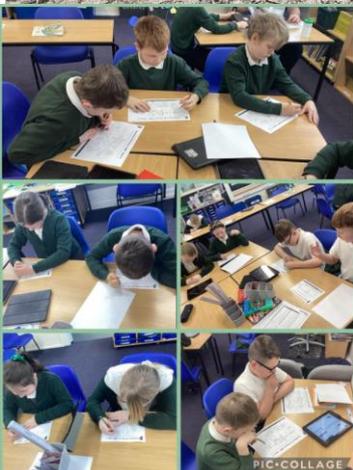


In Science, Y2 have made predictions and set up a simple experiment to emphasise the importance of brushing your teeth. #RRSArticle24



Year 3 children really enjoyed our Stone Age trip to Hardwick Park. #RRSArticle31

Year 4 have been painting their final Amazon Rainforest inspired pieces of artwork in the style of Henri Rousseau #RRSArticle31



In maths Year 5 are completing a racing game to consolidate our rounding skills. #article28

Year 6 have created their own blood! We used food colouring and cereal for red blood cells, marshmallows for white blood cells and olive oil for plasma. #RRSArticle29



Have a lovely weekend. A disappointing fact shared with me this week with one of our children is that it's rained every day this month so far.

Mr Hodgson