

## **A message from Mr Hodgson**

And so it is half term: lighter mornings, lighter evenings and hopefully better weather ahead. At the time of writing, I am away at Kingswood, Dearne Valley in Doncaster with the Year 6 children seeing at first hand the exciting adventurous activities they are involved with.

## **OFSTED**

I am pleased to share with you the link to our inspection report and report card following our Ofsted inspection in the first week of January.

We are very pleased with the outcome and would like to thank you for your support during the inspection.

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50295431>

## **Mid Year Learning Reviews**

Letters have now gone out for these: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

Another child reaching the sun TWICE, a big well done to: **Imani Deen**.

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

Or search @baderprimaryschool on instagram

## **Dates for your diaries**

**Professional Development Days** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

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

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

## Dearne Valley Residential

What a brilliant residential the Year 6's are having/have had. This is where children develop skills that they would not ordinarily be able to at home, as easily. Our Bader values of 'Happiness', 'Aiming high', 'Determination', 'Excellence' and 'Respect', of course, are still at the forefront though, but things like teamwork, organisation and resilience and generally leaving one's 'comfort zone' are really developed when away from a school environment. This is a trip heavily subsidised by school in order for as many of our Year 6's as possible being able to attend. Check out, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter) and Class Dojo to see what we have been getting up to.



### Goodbye but not farewell

It is with mixed feelings that I must inform you that Miss Foster is leaving our school at the end of this term. Mixed feelings, as I am very sad from a school point of view, as Miss Foster has been and is a superb member of the Bader team here and also is a brilliant, caring, enthusiastic and hardworking teaching assistant. Miss Foster is joining the Local Authority in a responsible pastoral role for which we wish her absolutely all the very best – she will be missed.



### Netball

A huge well done to these Year 6 superstars who did Bader very proud at the Conyers netball competition on Wednesday. Not only did they play well and achieve 1st place, but they showed great teamwork and sportsmanship! Well done!



### Rights Respecting School

As a gold accredited, Rights Respecting School, we look at an Article every 2 weeks. For the next two weeks:

	<b>Right of the fortnight</b>
	<b>Article 14</b> Freedom of thought and religion.  This week is the start of Ramadan. The children learnt about this in assembly. It is important we respect each other's differences and beliefs. We are all unique in our own way.

### 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: **Lachlan Barfoot and Nancy McGough.**



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	95.42%	9
Y1 Mrs Poulson	96.97%	2
Y2 Mrs Bowe	98.08% 	7
Y3 Miss Weir	93.94%	13
Y4 Miss Robson	90.87%	8
Y4 Mr Trueman	93.48%	8
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	96.47%	3
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	92.94%	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	91.43%	3
Y6 Mr Robinson	95.24%	5

### Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance improve to 94.62% from reception to Year 6 (better but still below our target of 95%). We had 190 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (79.49% of pupils having full attendance) which is positive though.

**Currently, we have 39 children in persistent absence which is 16.3% of the school population (this is too high unfortunately).**

The attendance team sent out 10 attendance support plan invites and 10 initial letter of concern letters.

**Punctuality was poorer than the previous week with 60 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

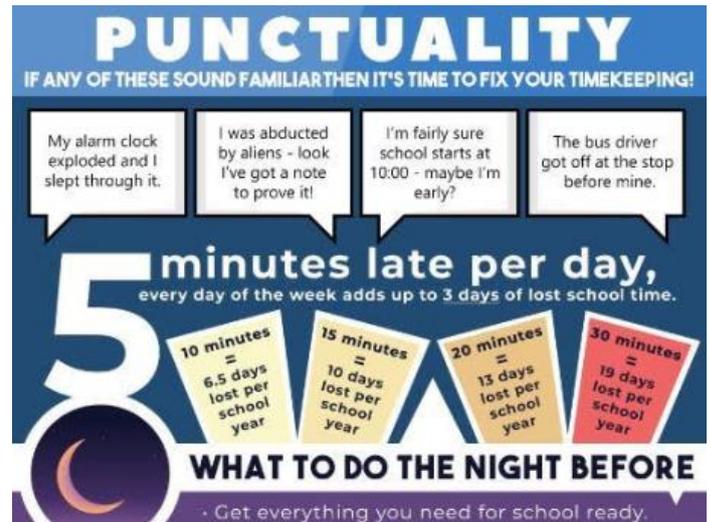
Often children can get on with their day when they feel unwell.

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.

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Mrs Bowe's class with 98.08% 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.

**What a lovely bright start to the week!  
Some of our children in Bader Twos have  
chosen to play and explore outside this  
morning. #RRSArticle29**



**Reception have been talking  
about bodies and naming our  
body parts. #RRSArticle28**



**Year 1 have been learning about the months of  
the year. They sang songs, discussed events that  
happen in each month and practised ordering  
together as a class and in pairs. #RRSArticle29**



**Year 2 have been studying the artwork of  
George Ward Tjungurrayi and have  
replicated his aboriginal style using dot  
printing, concentric circles and repeating  
patterns #RRSArticle31**



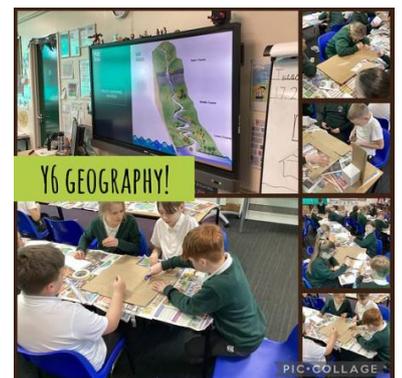
**Year 3 looked at how  
to create different  
shades today and  
then completed their  
splatter painting.  
#RRSArticle31**

**Year 4 have finished their fabulous work on  
animals including humans, focussing on the  
digestive system and food chains #RRSArticle31**



**Year 5 have been exploring  
Google Earth and Atlases, in  
order to compare The Arctic to  
South America. #RRSArticle17**

**Year 6 began making a 3D  
model of the course of a  
river using modelling  
techniques. #RRSArticle28**



Have a lovely weekend and a lovely half term break.

School re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

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