

A message from Mr Hodgson

The penultimate day of January today and what seems to be the longest month ever! The endless dark mornings and incredibly cold weather have made this first month of the year appear to go on forever. Here's to a new month, lighter mornings and hopefully better weather coming soon!

We have still had some lovely things going on in school and what makes everything worthwhile is Bader children enjoying coming to school and being here. This was commented upon in our recent OFSTED inspection where the inspection team experienced the children's commitment to learn and desire to achieve at first hand.

Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun TWICE, a big well done to: **Roscoe Callen, Isaac Hindby, Callum Wilberforce, Alfie Richardson, Cian O'Shea, Joseph Chambers, Florence Allison, Afiya Ahmed and Ivy Jobson.**

Children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Harper Lockwood, Tahlia Tankard, Marni Sewell, Isobel Potter, Violet Kennington, Anabia Shaikh, Harshleen Sidhu, Thomas Cooke, Willow Blackburn, Chloe Smyth, Harkirat Sidhu, Erin Liggett and Jack Duff.** (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

Valentine's Disco

Friends of Bader have booked in a Valentine disco for Thursday 12th February. Details below:

Rec, Y1 & Y2: In the afternoon

(children to be collected from their normal door at their normal pick up time. These children can bring in their party clothes to get changed into.)

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6: 4.15 – 5.15pm

(Parents/carers drop children off)

Tickets cost just £3.00 per child

(which includes Pizza and a drink)

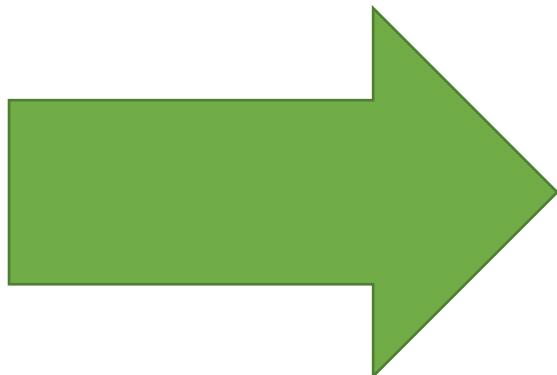
Tickets are available now from the school office or via Arbor

Tickets must be purchased before the event.



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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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)

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 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.

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: **Daisy Hobson, Isla Titley, Archie Johnson and Lily Jackson.**



Mid Year Learning Reviews

These will be held over two evenings, namely Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March and a letter with more information will go out next week. 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. Thank you for your support.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

These wonderful children enjoyed hot chocolate with the head for trying really hard to learn their spellings. Remember, the children are given a set of words on a Friday to practice daily before being tested on them the next Friday.

School's approach to learning spellings is 'look, cover, remember, write, check'.

A big Bader well done to these spelling superstars!



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 which are a health and safety risk. Thank you for your support.

Year 5 visit to Carlton Outdoor Education Centre

This week, our lucky Year 5 children got an added bonus to their already exciting year with a visit to Carlton Outdoor Education Centre. The children were taken to and from the centre where they experienced a range of activities including Orienteering, high rope challenge and archery. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and was great preparation for the longer, overnight residential they will be given next year, in Year 6.



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 19th January 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	91.25%	7
Y1 Mrs Poulson	90.61%	2
Y2 Mrs Bowe	95.77%	7
Y3 Miss Weir	94.85%	4
Y4 Miss Robson	93.48%	1
Y4 Mr Trueman	92.17%	5
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	92.35%	1
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	99.41% 	0 
Y6 Miss Bennett	86.5%	2
Y6 Mr Robinson	94.29%	2

Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance at 93% from reception to Year 6 not where we want it to be still. We did have 178 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (74.78% 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 disappointing).

The attendance team sent out 1 leave of absence challenge letter and several invites to attend support meetings.

Punctuality was better but we still had 31 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.

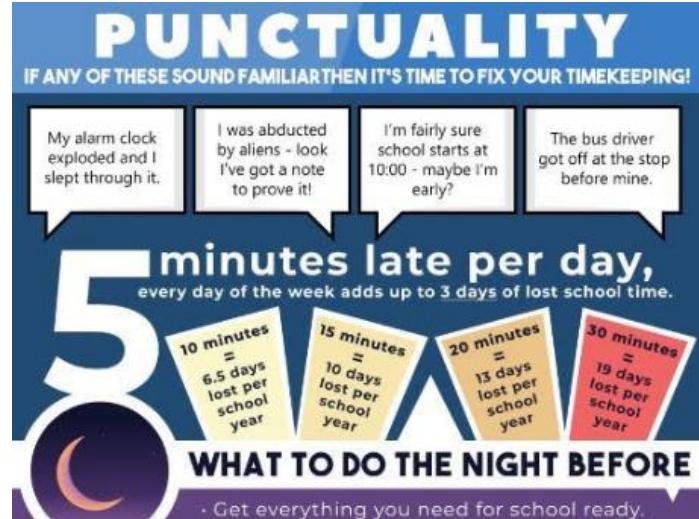
Mrs Jatwa is our attendance champion supported by

Miss Owens. They are both available to discuss any

issues/challenges that you are experiencing and

that school may be able to help with.

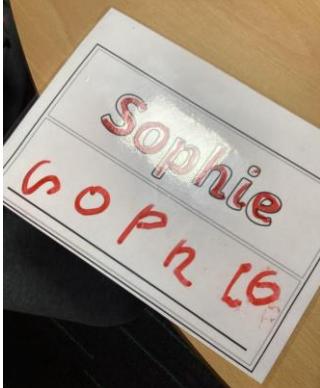
The fourteenth attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Mrs Mudgway's class with 99.41% attendance for the week. 10 minutes extra playtime is coming their way and the bear is at home in their classroom for the whole week – a big Bader well done 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 writing our names this morning. #RRSArticle29



Reception had a wonderful visit from Kirkleatham Owl Sanctuary #RRSArticle28



Year 1 have been grouping in maths. They worked together to identify whether different numbers could be grouped equally. #RRSArticle29



In Science, Y2B have been learning the importance of eating the right types of food. They then created healthy and unhealthy food heads to demonstrate their understanding. #RRSArticle24



Year 3 children measured each other's height in metres and centimetres after marking their height with chalk on the wall. #RRSArticle28

Year 4 have been presenting food chains using paper cups to demonstrate our understanding of producers, prey and predators. #RRSArticle31



Year 5 have been enjoying reading our class novel Holes by Louis Sachar. #article28



Year 6 had a fantastic experience with Kirkleatham Owls today, learning about different types of owls. #RRS #Article31



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson