

A message from Mr Hodgson

Happy Friday to you all! Once again, we have had a lovely, positive, purposeful week in school with lots of learning opportunities being provided. This, despite the continued miserable weather. Welcome to February!

Mid Year Learning Reviews

Letters have 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.

Thank you in anticipation.

Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun TWICE, a big well done to: **Chloe Brack, Archie Davis, Elsie Hutchinson, Isla Titley, Alfie Wright, Phoebe Catchpole, Evie Mount, James Chen Hao Yang, Ronan Todd, Layla Rose Marghani and Connor Stockbridge.**

Children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **James Chambers, Noah Booth, Lily Jackson, Hallie-Anne Johnson, Jimmy Hodgson, Tommy Leonard, Myah Hood, Amelia Forsyth, Jamie Aylesbury and Tyler Simpson.** (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

Dates for your diaries

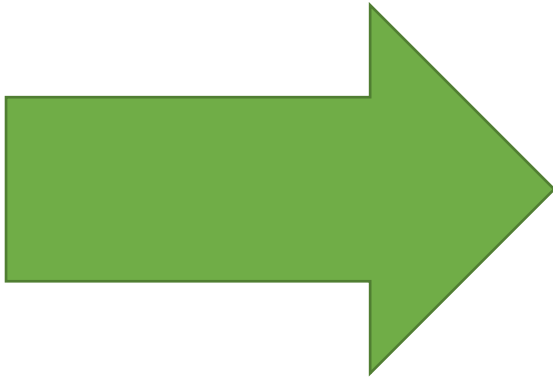
Professional Development Days Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026

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)

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 normal has packed lunch but would like a special lunch, please contact the school office.

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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
	<p>Article 24 Health, water, food and environment.</p> <p>Next 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.</p>

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.



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: **Neveah Shaw, Ella Wilkinson, Afiya Ahmed, Bodhi Graham and Thomas Aberdeen.**



Hot Chocolate with the Head

One of the things we try and promote here in school is independence and one of the ways that we try to do this is when children come into school on a morning, they do so focused and ready to learn. This week's group of superstars who have been rewarded with 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' do just that so a big Bader well done to them!



Footwear

We are proud of our school and our school motto of 'Aiming High'. The vast majority of our children follow the uniform policy which gives a real sense of belonging to our community. This is just a reminder that acceptable footwear is flat black shoes or black plain trainers please. Children will be expected to change into black plimsolls inside if they wear inappropriate footwear. Information about our uniform can be found on our school website www.bader.org.uk We need to be mindful of our school uniform again, after half term, please.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is next week, Tuesday 10th February. This year, the theme is 'smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

This is a global day of focus and we, at school, will be holding several celebratory events to mark the occasion and raise awareness for everyone who is part of the Bader community.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2026** | **Tuesday
10 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk


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 26th January 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	94.12%	10
Y1 Mrs Poulson	95.45%	4
Y2 Mrs Bowe	96.15%	3
Y3 Miss Weir	96.97% 	12
Y4 Miss Robson	94.35%	4
Y4 Mr Trueman	89.13%	7
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	91.76%	3
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	94.12%	1
Y6 Miss Bennett	95.24%	1
Y6 Mr Robinson	93.81%	6



Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance at 94.37% from reception to Year 6 (still below our target of 95%). We did have 191 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (79.9% 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 23 Initial letters of concern, 11 attendance support plan invites and 2 term time leave of absence letters.

Punctuality was worse than last week too with 51 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 fifteenth attendance champions of this academic year and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for that week was Miss Weir's class with 96.97% 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 enjoying playing with the marble run this morning.

#RRSArticle29



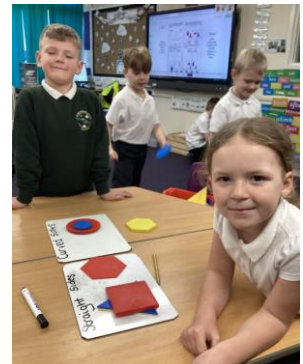
This week's story is Supertato! Reception children worked really hard on their letters to ask for his help!
#RRSArticle28



The children in Year 1 have been exploring the emotions of the crayons in our text 'the day the crayons quit'. They will begin to write letters to the character Duncan in the role of a crayon over the next few weeks. #RRSArticle29

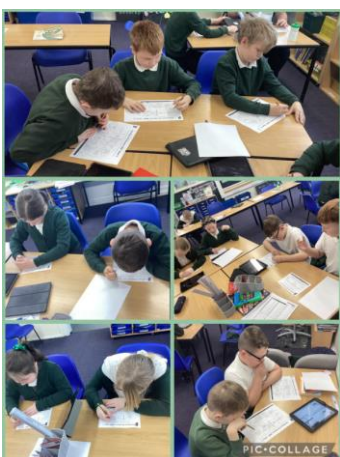


In Maths, Y2B have been comparing and sorting common 2-D and 3-D shapes by using given criteria and choosing their own. #RRSArticle29



Year 3 children sorted food types into their groups. #RRSArticle28

An exciting morning in Year 4 learning all about the amazing animals in the Amazon Rainforest with ZooLab. #RRSArticle31



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

Year 6 have been learning about the courses of a river and naming their key features! #RRSArticle29



Have a lovely weekend. Hopefully the weather improves!

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