

A message from Mr Hodgson

Another school week whizzes by and another lovely week has been had by all. We now only have two school weeks before the Easter break and light mornings and nights will be here for a few wonderful months as the clocks spring forward a week on Sunday.

Red Nose Day

Today was Red Nose day. Children who wished to participate wore something red for a small donation and also, as the theme, this year, was 'Take yourself funny for money', they shared or learnt a joke to share with their peers. Watch this space for how much we raised from donations for which we thank you. Here is a selection of photographs from today:



Year 4 Residential

What a brilliant residential the Year 4's 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 4'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.



Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's recipients of a 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were chosen by teachers for showing kindness. Well done to them!



MND Awareness Day

The majority of Stockton Primaries have decided to organise a Motor Neurone Awareness day after one of our local school's Head Teacher's, Claire Park was diagnosed with this sad, debilitating condition recently, at aged just 46 years old. We have decided to do this on the last day of term. More details to follow soon but one of the things we will ask is that children dress in orange and or blue on this day as a mark of respect to this wonderful lady and to the MND charity in general.



<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/popular-headteacher-steps-away-dream-32195719>

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you for the Easter egg donations so far. Raffle tickets are on sale now. Tickets are 20p each or 5 for £1 and the winners will be drawn in the last week before the Easter break.



Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun TWICE, and therefore a big well done to: **Aston – Sterling Benson, Fearne Palin, Olive Smith, Mia Todd and Hazel Millward.**

More children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Issac McDonald, Cole Callen, Alexa Pye, Henry O’Neil, Gracie Hawken, Oliver Jackson, Harry Brown, Ewan Trattles-Robbins and Willow Smithies.** (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 at home but they will only have 1 stamp a day recorded in their reading rocket card.



Dates for your diaries

Professional Development Days Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026
Monday 2nd March 2026- Thursday 2nd April 2026 (Easter break 3rd April – 17th April)
Monday 20th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026 (May Half term 25th May – 29th May)

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

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.

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: **Annie Suckling, Rocco Green and Peyton Screene.**



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: 95%

Week commencing 9th March 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	93.75%	4
Y1 Mrs Poulson	92.64%	0 🏆
Y2 Mrs Bowe	94.62%	6
Y3 Miss Weir	91.72%	7
Y4 Miss Robson	96.96% 🏆	0 🏆
Y4 Mr Trueman	92.61%	8
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	96.47%	1
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	94.12%	0 🏆
Y6 Miss Bennett	95.71%	2
Y6 Mr Robinson	93.81%	6

Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance dip again to 94.01% from reception to Year 6 (again, below our target of 95% or better). We did have 191 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (80.2% of pupils having full attendance) which is pleasing.

Currently, we have 42 children in persistent absence which is 17.64% of the school population (this is too high unfortunately).

The attendance team sent out 2 term time leave of absence letters.

Punctuality was poorer the previous week with 34 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

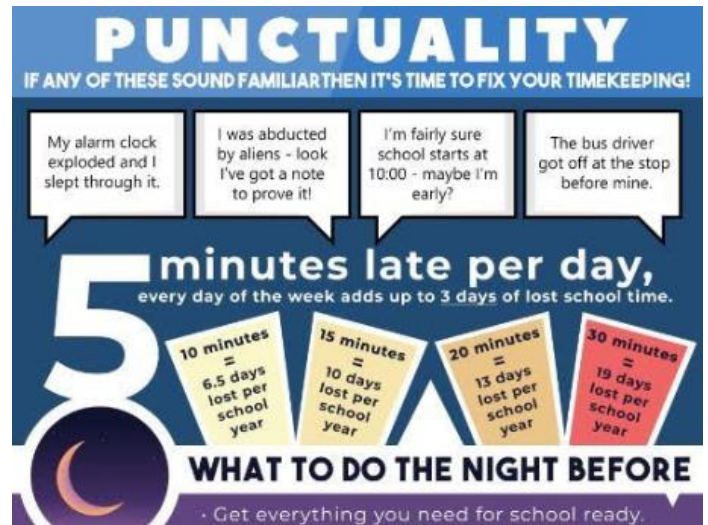
Often children can get on with their day when they feel unwell.

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 Miss Robson's class with 96.96% 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 found lots of mini beasts in the garden today. #RRSArticle24



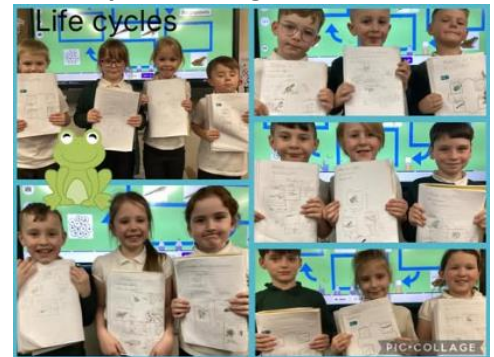
Reception have been measuring time by seeing how long it takes to complete different activities. #RRSArticle28



Year 1 have been learning how to navigate using a compass. They discovered what the cardinal points are and practised finding north. #RRSArticle29



In Science, Year 2 have been learning about animal life cycles and have used secondary sources to create and explain the life cycle of a frog. #RRSArticle6



Year 3 have been learning how to interpret pictograms in Maths. #RRSArticle2:

Year 4 are completing a diary log about our residential to PGL Newby Wiske. #RRSArticle29



Year 5 are planning their character descriptions of Stanley from Holes, collecting ambitious vocabulary. #RRSArticle29

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed writing this morning, thinking about effective dialogue which advances the action and improving some basic speech! #RRSArticle28



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson