

A message from Mr Hodgson

The clocks spring forward this weekend and we then have 4 days left of this spring term. Where does the time go? We must be enjoying ourselves that much with all the exciting things that we have done again since Christmas: two residentials, Snappy Spring, Stockton Children's book of the year, swimming lessons, Valentine's Disco, Red Nose Day, an OFSTED inspection, World Book Day, Mid Year learning reviews, Safer Internet Day and lots of sports competitions just to name a few.

MND Awareness Day: Thursday 2nd April 2026

Next Thursday, we are going to be raising awareness and some money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND). Many schools across Thornaby, Ingleby Barwick and Stockton have done this in support of Claire Park, a local Head Teacher who was sadly diagnosed in June 2025 with this life changing condition.



During the day, Bader Parliament will be sharing an assembly about MND at the start of the day then the whole school, from Nursery to Year 6 will do a walk around the perimeter of the school site (either a mile or half a mile).

Children are invited to come to school in dark blue/purple and orange (all one colour is fine too). These are the MND colours and we are asking for a small monetary donation for this. If your child would not like to do this, they would wear their school uniform as normal. I must stress that it is **NOT** a non-uniform day.

Our wonderful cook, Charlotte is also baking some special MND cakes which Bader Parliament will sell at play/lunchtime for 50p each.

The link to the MND fundraising page is:

https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-o6vrqoykp385v?fbclid=IwY2xjawQk7DtIeHRuA2FlbQlxMABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAYMjIwMzIxNzgzMjAwODkyAAEehT-O_WTKPSPGofKSXHAZzBFbOot5WRRCQ8pq_ISeMp6C6yIx1dUpyU5qrW8_aem_BT1teawExnUitp1mi81AQ

Thank you for your support.

Stockton Children's Book of the Year

Children's book of the Year is an event that our school enthusiastically participates in every year. This year has been no different with a group of Year 5 children being involved again, supported by Miss Wood and Mrs Whitby.

Well done to: **Rocco Green, Teddy Farndale, Joshua McKnight, Joseph Chambers, Lachlan Barfoot, Jude McNeil, Eli McCoy, Isla Jackson, Chloe Brack and Ella Wilkinson.**

They have all worked very hard reading the books, writing the book reviews, attending the club and discussing their ideas. We are really proud of them all!

Two children had to be chosen to meet all five authors at Stockton library at the end of March. These were the following: **Rocco Green** for writing an engaging book review which speaks directly to the reader and **Teddy Farndale** for outstanding effort and progress.



Bikes and Scooters

A polite reminder: scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground, they need to be pushed until off site please. We have had a number of complaints and near accidents recently
Thank you for your consideration and co-operation.



**Please dismount
your bike or
scooter**

Hot Chocolate with the Head

Play and lunchtimes can sometimes be a challenge for some of our children. This week's recipients of a 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were chosen by teachers for demonstrating Bader Values during these times.

A big Bader well done!



Easter Egg Raffle

Egg cellent!!! egg citing!!!! And Egg xtra eggs added since last time!!!

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.
There is still plenty of time to donate or buy raffle tickets.
The raffle will be drawn next Thursday.



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)

Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun TWICE, and therefore a big well done to: **Teddy Farndale, Sofia Pinchin, Ivy Raynor, George Robinson, Elkie Parkinson and Ffion Hawksley.**

More children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Lainey Jackson-Butters.** (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

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: **Oliver Bytheway, Sofia Pinchin, Mylo Jackson, Ivy Jobson, Amelia Forsyth and Gracie Dollard.**



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 pupils to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are: **Jack Duff.**



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 16th March 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	96.25%	1
Y1 Mrs Poulson	97.58% 🏆	1
Y2 Mrs Bowe	91.54%	5
Y3 Miss Weir	94.24%	10
Y4 Miss Robson	90.43%	2
Y4 Mr Trueman	93.48%	4
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	96.47%	0 🏆
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	90%	0 🏆
Y6 Miss Bennett	91.43%	0 🏆
Y6 Mr Robinson	92.86%	8

Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance dip again to 93.66% from reception to Year 6 (again, below our target of 95% or better). We had 183 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (76.8% of pupils having full attendance) which is pleasing.

Currently, we have 39 children in persistent absence which is 16.38% of the school population (this is still too high unfortunately).

The attendance team sent out 1 term time leave of absence letter.

Punctuality was similar to the previous week with 32 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 Poulson's class with 97.58% 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.

Spring has arrived in Bader Nursery! The children have played and explored both inside and out. The children have also had a wonderful time exploring our flower shop and garden cafe! #RRSArticle31



Year 1 took part in a sensory carousel this morning. They used all of their senses to gather ideas in preparation for writing a spring themed poem. #RRSArticle29



Year 3 working on our control when dribbling away from a defender. We also learnt how to block the attacker. Great football fun on the MUGA. #RRSArticle31



Year 5 have been exploring time zones in Geography #RRSArticle29

Year 6 enjoyed cricket in PE. #RRSArticle28



Reception - This week's story is 'Bog Baby'. We really enjoyed sitting outside to listen to the story and were really excited to find a Bog Baby sitting by our miniature pond! #RRSArticle28



In PSHE, Y2 discussed how people's wants and needs might affect their spending decisions. #RRSArticle27



Y4R have been using classification keys to classify animals. #RRSArticle29



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson