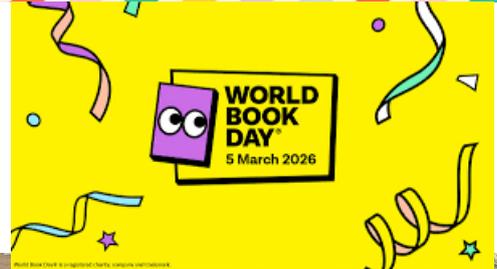


A message from Mr Hodgson

A super first week back after half term, the weather (until today) has been very spring like and of course it is lighter on a morning and evening. This makes so much difference to life in school and improves everyone's health and wellbeing.

World Book Day

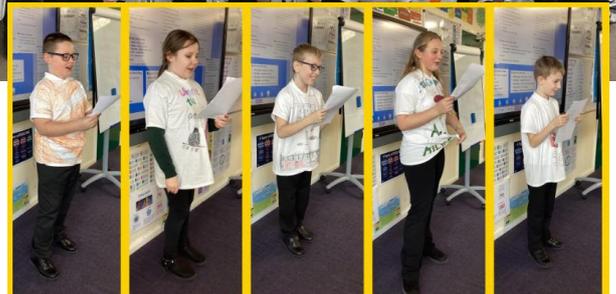
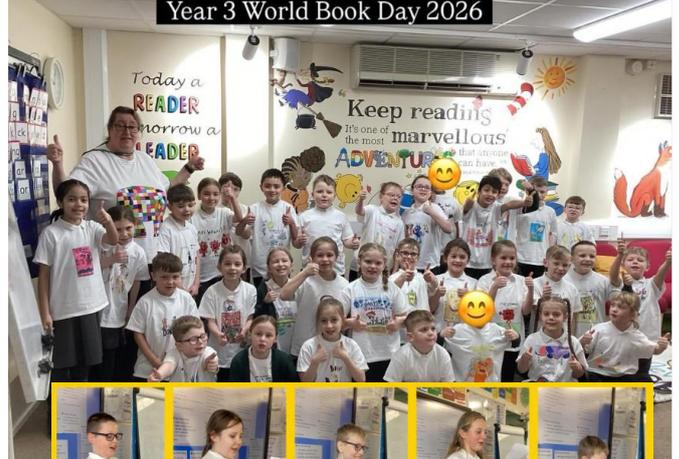
To give you a flavour of what we have been doing for 'World Book Day 2026', Mr Robinson, our English lead kicked it all off with a special World Book Day assembly. The children then participated in lots of exciting activities throughout the day. You will be aware that school bought every child a 'T' shirt to decorate with a book character, again this year. We feel this is a great idea a) to save you from the expense of forking out for an outfit/costume and b) the children get to decorate the 'T' shirt with a book character of their choice.



World Book Day



Year 3 World Book Day 2026



Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun TWICE, and therefore a big well done to: **George Poles, Arty Allison, Islah-Rose Poles, Austin Millward, Dominic Atkins, Annie Suckling and Jude McNeil.**

More children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Rose Robbins Jackson and Oliver O'Neil.**
(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

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's recipients of 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were chosen for returning to school after the half term break being particularly focused.

A big Bader well done to them!



Netball

A great afternoon for the Year 6 children representing Bader in the second round of their netball competition. They finished in silver medal position after winning 5 of their 6 matches without conceding a goal. Their only defeat was to the gold medalists, Christ The King. Super focus by all the players and good sportsmanship. Well done!



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)

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is in two weeks time:- Friday 20th March. This year, we will be participating by inviting children to come into school wearing something red for a small donation please. The theme is 'Take yourself funny for money' so we ask that the children bring or learn a joke to share with their peers. Don't worry, Mr Hodgson has plenty of 'Dad jokes' to share too.

A little known fact, I used to tap dance until I kept falling over in the sink!



Easter Egg Raffle

Friends of Bader would now like donations to the Easter raffle please.

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.



Mid Year Learning Reviews

A big thank you to everyone who managed to get in to speak to their child's teacher over the last two evenings for a mid year learning review. Thank you also for the parent/carer feedback which will be collated and shared in the near future. As stated in the last newsletter, these opportunities are so important and ensure that the partnership between home and school is continuously strong. All we ask for as a school, is your support with helping to develop good learning habits. Being able to do maths etc. is not necessary, school does that – encouragement and support is all you really need to do with your children. Any issues or concerns with any home learning or anything else to do with the education of your child, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher initially.

Thank you too to Mrs Bryan and Mrs Watson for selling refreshments on behalf of Friends of Bader.

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 12</p> <p>Respect for children's views.</p> <p>This week in our Picture News assembly the children discussed whether uniforms were a good idea or not. They were very considerate and mature in the discussions. A Year 6 pupil talked about how they had selected their secondary school on what subjects they offer rather than what the school uniform was like. It is really important to listen to children's views so they learn to make informed decisions about their future.</p>

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: **Jack Duff, Eliza Leeson, George Stewart, Piper Carney and Bruce Brown.**



Attendance

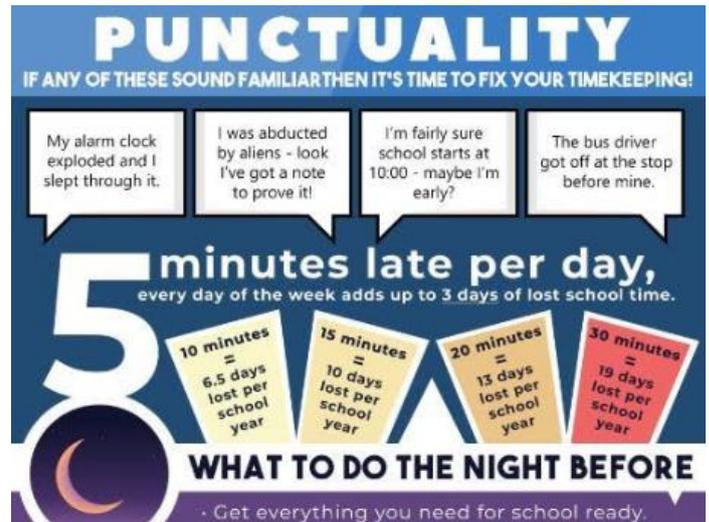
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 16th February 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	89.08%	3
Y1 Mrs Poulson	92.73%	0 
Y2 Mrs Bowe	95.38%	8
Y3 Miss Weir	92.12%	8
Y4 Miss Robson	93.48%	1
Y4 Mr Trueman	90%	3
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	98.82%	1
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	98.24%	1
Y6 Miss Bennett	97.62%	0 
Y6 Mr Robinson	99.05% 	3



Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance dip again to 94.2% from reception to Year 6 (and still below our target of 95%). We had 186 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (78.15% of pupils having full attendance) which is positive though.

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

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

Punctuality was a lot better though than the previous week with 28 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 Mr Robinson's class with 99.05% 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 playing in the outdoor water area. #RRSArticle29



Reception have enjoyed painting spring flowers. #RRSArticle28



Year 1 have been detectives today in maths. They used their skills to recognise patterns and find the missing numbers in a sequence. #RRSArticle29



Year 2 have been giving and following instructions to create a sequence, in order to understand how computers can only follow clear and precise instructions #RRSArticle28



Year 3 children have been designing and completing their World Book Day t-shirts. #RRSArticle31

Year 4 have begun their new science topic: Living Things and their habitats. Today we began exploring Grouping and even played a game of Year 4 Guess Who. #RRSArticle31



Year 5 have summarised the events of chapter 20 in Holes by sequencing events in the order they happened in the book. #RRSArticle28

Both Y6 classes completed a heart dissection using scalpels and tweezers. We were ably assisted by our chair of governors too! #RRSArticle28



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson