

**A message from Mr Hodgson**

What a fabulous, fun-filled spring term we have had culminating in a lovely, final day today. We hope you and your children have enjoyed it as much as the staff have. Roll on summer term!

**MND Awareness Day: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**



### MND Awareness Day

We started this special awareness day with an assembly delivered by Bader Parliament. This was then followed by a whole school walk around school in the MND colours of orange and blue/purple. Our cook baked some special cakes and we also raised a great amount for the MND Charity.

You may remember that lots of Stockton schools have done this recently after one of our local Head Teachers, Mrs Park was diagnosed with this condition.

The link if you would like still like to donate is:

<https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-4pvwm68d50kdz?currentTab=feed>



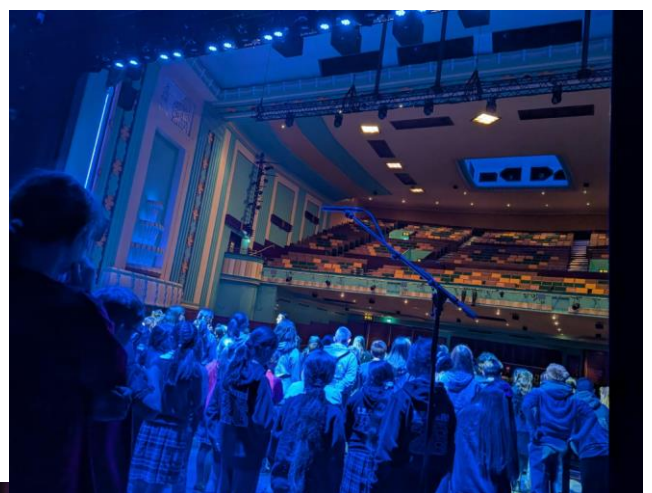
### Spark Sings

A big well done to the Bader choir last night for their amazing performance at 'Spark Sings', the first musical event involving Spark schools, both primary & secondary.

A big thank you too to Miss Robson for all her hard work in preparing the children for this wonderful experience.

They are all superstars!!!!

Also, a big thank you to you for supporting your children with this.



### Wedding Bells

♪ They're getting married in the morning! ♪

(Well not quite but .....) 3 weddings, not 4 and no funeral!

Congratulations to Miss Beckwith who will return as Mrs Hewitson, Miss Wolfenden who will return as Mrs Davidson and Mr Trueman who will return as Mr Trueman! Good luck for their big days – Health and happiness, Brides and groom!

### Dates for your diaries

**Professional Development Days** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 (Easter break 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> April)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 (May Half term 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May)

### Red Nose Day

We raised a wonderful £177 for Red Nose Day this year. A big thank you to everyone in the Bader community.



### Panathlon Challenge

Eight children from Y5 and Y6 had a fun morning at the Panathlon Challenge, yesterday. They tried to score as many points as they could across eight events and were very supportive to each other. As a team, they scored the most points so received a gold medal each and a trophy for the school...well done. Thank you to the organisers for a great event. #RRSArticle31



### Welcome Back

This week, we welcomed Mrs Spencer back after her maternity leave and Mrs Mulligan after her maternity leave and short sabbatical. Good luck to them both, back at the Bader!



### Easter Egg Raffle

A really big thank you once again for your Easter egg donations and buying the tickets. The raffle was drawn today with the help of Bader Parliament and we raised in excess of £500! (Absolutely amazing actually and more than last year!)

Lots of winners but the winners of the Easter hampers were:

1<sup>st</sup> Maxton Hobbs

2<sup>nd</sup> Ava Halliday

3<sup>rd</sup> Sophia Fitzsimmons



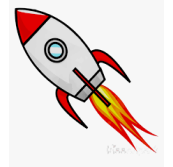
### Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun TWICE, and therefore a big well done to: **Piper Carney, Isaac Pinchin and Finely Lewis.**

More children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Reggie McMahon.** (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.

**Easter (2 weeks off school) is a great opportunity to chill and curl up with a good book. The start of April will also see the first children reach the 'sun' for not the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> but 3<sup>rd</sup> time – could it be you?**



### 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/baderprimarschool?igsh=YXJpa2dreWMzNjBr&utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/baderprimarschool?igsh=YXJpa2dreWMzNjBr&utm_source=qr)

Or search @baderprimarschool 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:

	<b>Right of the fortnight</b>
	<b>Article 12</b> 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: **Jacob Brack and Piper Carney.**



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	96.25%	5
Y1 Mrs Poulson	91.82%	1
Y2 Mrs Bowe	91.92%	9
Y3 Miss Weir	92.73%	12
Y4 Miss Robson	96.09%	2
Y4 Mr Trueman	90%	4
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	98.82% 🏆	0 🏆
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	95.29%	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	96.19%	2
Y6 Mr Robinson	91.43%	10

**PUNCTUALITY**  
IF ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR THEN IT'S TIME TO FIX YOUR TIMEKEEPING!

My alarm clock exploded and I slept through it. I was abducted by aliens - look I've got a note to prove it! I'm fairly sure school starts at 10:00 - maybe I'm early? The bus driver got off at the stop before mine.

**5 minutes late per day,**  
every day of the week adds up to 3 days of lost school time.

10 minutes = 6.5 days lost per school year  
15 minutes = 10 days lost per school year  
20 minutes = 13 days lost per school year  
30 minutes = 19 days lost per school year

**WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE**  
• Get everything you need for school ready.

### Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance still low at 93.74% from reception to Year 6 (again, below our target of 95% or better). We had 186 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (78.15% of pupils having full attendance) which is pleasing.

**Currently, we have 38 children in persistent absence which is 15.96% of the school population (this is still too high unfortunately).**

The attendance team sent out 1 term time leave of absence letter and 2 attendance plan invites.

**Punctuality was similar to the previous week with 47 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 Horrigan and Mrs Jatwa's class with 98.82% 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.

Some of our Nursery children have chosen to dress up this afternoon. It is so lovely to see them helping each other and to see them having so much fun together!

#RRSArticle31



Year 1 showed fantastic technique when cutting fruit for their kebabs today. They were able to decide whether the claw or bridge method was appropriate depending on the shape of the fruit.

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Year 3 had a fantastic recorder performance for parents and carers this afternoon! #RRSArticle28



Y5 have been converting fraction and percentages to decimals this morning in Maths #RRSArticle28

Reception enjoyed some Easter themed maths activities. #RRSArticle28



Thank you to everyone who attended our DT final flourish this morning. The children worked hard and were really pleased with their Easter bunting end product #RRSArticle31



Y4 had a fantastic morning with our families for our 'Amazon Rainforest Final Flourish'. We created our Rainforest Shoeboxes for our DT project. Thank you to our parents/ carers for working with us!

#RRSArticle3



This afternoon in Y6 we had some fantastic Easter egg raffle winners! A bug thank you to all who donated. #RRSArticle28



Thank you for your continued support this term.

Have a lovely Easter.

School is now closed for the Easter holidays.

We welcome children back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Mr Hodgson

