

A message from Mr Hodgson

I have been privileged this week to be overseeing the Year 6 SAT's in school. I say 'privileged' because I am immensely proud to be involved with each and every one of these children who have absolutely given their all in Year 6 (and previous years, for that matter). Their dedication and application through their attitudes to learning and attending booster classes, deserves huge credit and I would thank you also for your support with this.

I must add my thanks to not only the Year 6 team but everyone in school who has worked with this group, this year and in previous years.

And breathe!

Year 6 can now enjoy the rest of their time with us as we help to prepare them for their transition to Secondary (the next step in their educational journey).

Today, they have enjoyed a little celebration (along with Miss Bennett's early birthday) and we have more 'surprises' in store in the coming weeks! Watch this space!

Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken for all children (Reception - Year 6) on Friday 12th June 2026.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform for their photograph. Proofs will be sent home the same day with order forms to purchase the photos.

Year 6

As echoed in my message at the start of this newsletter, Year 6 have done us all proud with their efforts, dedication and hard work throughout the year (and in previous years). The Bader tradition of hoodie presentation was today: how fabulous do they look?



National Numeracy Day

Wednesday 20th May is National Numeracy Day and this year's theme is 'Count on your Community'. Please see the letter attached for more information about this theme and things you could do at home.

We are going to celebrate National Numeracy Day on FRIDAY 22ND MAY, where all children will take part in a day of fun Maths activities. On this day, we are also inviting children to come to school, dressed in clothing that has numbers on it. More information to follow. (This is NOT a non-uniform day).



Athletics

Year 3 had a fantastic morning at the Quad Kids Athletics competition last week. All the children competed in four events, thoroughly enjoying themselves.



Football

Two teams of boys from Year 3 and Year 4 represented Bader in a football competition at Conyers School this week. They played lots of matches, learning how to be a team and work together. Mr Gunn was very proud of the determination and sportsmanship they displayed. Well done, boys!



Dates for your diaries

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

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

Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026

Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun for the 3rd time **Florence Allison, Roscoe Callen and Alfie Richardson**. A brilliant achievement by these children!

Twice to the sun too for: **Oliver Jackson, Ivy North and Freya Thompson**. Well done to them!

First to the sun too for: **Lenny Bryan, George Strike and Oscar-George Turnbull**. Well done to them!

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 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
	<p>Article 12 Respect for Children's views</p> <p>The children have had an assembly about Sir David Attenborough. Learning about the environment gives children the power to share their own opinions on big issues that matter to them.</p> <p>Adults should respect these ideas and listen carefully to what children think.</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: **James Chen Hao Yang, Bruce Brown, Hussain Ali, Sofia Pinchin and James Hart**.



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 4th May 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Mrs Hewitson	98.96% 🏆	3
Y1 Mrs Poulson	94.53%	1
Y2 Mrs Bowe	94.23%	6
Y3 Miss Weir	93.07%	4
Y4 Miss Robson	94.32%	1
Y4 Mr Trueman	86.36%	2
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	96.32%	1
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	94.12%	1
Y6 Miss Bennett	88.1%	2
Y6 Mr Robinson	93.45%	2



Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance fall to 93.39% from reception to Year 6 (target of 95% being or better). We did have 197 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (83.82% of pupils having full attendance) which is pleasing.

Currently, we have 37 children in persistent absence which is 15.74% of the school population (which is still too high unfortunately though).

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

Punctuality was better than the previous week with just 23 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 Douthwaite/ Mrs Hewitson's class with 98.96% 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

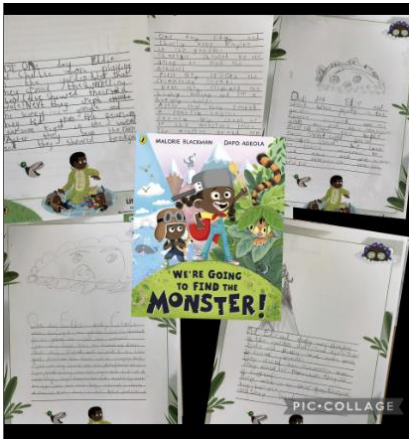
We continue to teach as ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum as possible in all subjects. Here is a selection of Twitter posts this week: You will notice that we have included the Rights Respecting School Articles too.

Our Bader Twos room is full of creativity this morning! It is wonderful to see the children's imagination at work!

#RRSArticle31



Year 1 have been showcasing their beautiful handwriting this week. Whilst publishing their imitation of the story 'we're going to find the monster' #RRSArticle31



Reception - Look at our wonderful drawing skills!

#RRSArticle28



In Science, Y2 have been observing and describing what happens when a plant does not have light and then recording their findings #RRSArticle6



Year 3 were using the outdoor equipment to discover when they used a push force and when they used a pull force. #RRSArticle24

Year 4 have been creating their own mythological creature as part of their narrative writing in #RRSArticle29



In Computing, Year 5 have been using computer databases to present data using different chart types. #RRSArticle28

Year 6 are thrilled to be finished with their SATs and are celebrating with a film!



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson