

A message from Mr Hodgson

A wonderful week of sun and a wonderful week of exciting things happening in school as ever. We have had a week of using the newly installed cycle track and whilst we are still organising things and have had a few 'teething troubles' the overwhelming verdict from the children is 'it's brilliant!'

That will do for me and it just reinforces the fact of why we are here and why we do what we do.

Read for the Stars

This week saw the very first children in school reaching the sun not for the 1st, not for the 2nd but for an incredible THIRD time! A very BIG Bader well done to: **Jake Pinchbeck, Afiya Ahmed and Phoebe Catchpole.**

Hot on their heels: **Lachlan Barfoot, Desirae Davies, Isaac Hindby, Eden Graham and Bodhi Graham.**



Twice to the sun too for: **Oliver Bytheway, Rocco Green, Jude Westwood and Gracie Dollard.** Well done to them!

And first timers: **Kit Cooper-Gers, Abdullah Sadat and Effy Thomas.** Keep on 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.

Supervision of Children

When we hand over your children back to you at the end of the school day, the responsibility for their safety and well-being reverts back to you, as a parent/guardian.

Can I respectfully request therefore, that you keep a close eye on them, as this week we have had **a number of children unaccompanied on the cycle track and 1 or 2 children unfortunately 'digging' at the soil** that makes the hills on the track. Of course the cycle track will not then last very long which will be a big disappointment.

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

Hockey

The Year 5 hockey players had a great afternoon at the Conyers Hockey Festival on Wednesday. They played 4 matches, with all the children giving their best effort. Mr Gunn reported that it was lovely to see them gain in confidence and support each other as a team.

Thank you to Yarm Primary for some exciting games and well done to the Conyers Sports Leaders for super refereeing.



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 24 Food, Clothing and a Safe Home The children have been learning how the Government have decided to build some new towns around England to make sure all children have somewhere safe to live.

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: **Tiger Mulgrew, Maximus Emerson, Fearne Palin, Alfie Wright and Maggie Leeson.**





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 20th April 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Miss Beckwith	85.83%	4
Y1 Mrs Poulson	98.13%	1
Y2 Mrs Bowe	96.54%	8
Y3 Miss Weir	98.18%	11
Y4 Miss Robson	97.73%	1
Y4 Mr Trueman	94.55%	3
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	99.41% 	1
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	98.24%	0 
Y6 Miss Bennett	92.86%	1
Y6 Mr Robinson	96.67%	8



Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance improve to 95.83% from reception to Year 6 (almost our target of 95% or better). We had 203 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (86.38% of pupils having full attendance) which is pleasing.

Currently, we have 40 children in persistent absence which is 17% of the school population (which is too high unfortunately).

The attendance team sent out 6 term time leave absence letters.

Punctuality was similar to the previous week with 37 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/Mrs Jatwa's class with 99.41% 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 are using out observational skills to paint bluebells. #RRSArticle31



Reception have been investigating grouping and sharing. #RRSArticle28



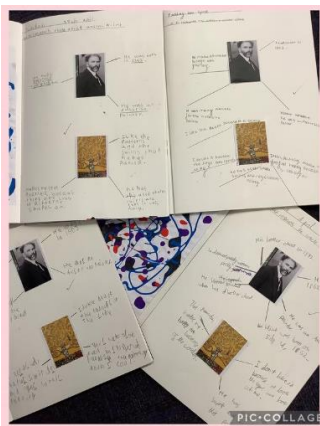
Year 1 were hooked into their history topic this term by thinking about different transportation. We discussed travel and modes of transport that they have travelled on. #RRSArticle29



In computing, Y2 created musical patterns using percussion instruments. They then recreated these patterns within a digital music app #RRSArticle17



Year 4 watched rice on drums to learn about vibrations and sound waves #RRSArticle3



Year 3W have been learning about Gustav Klimt in art. They researched facts about his life and his artwork. #RRSArticle29

Year 6 have enjoyed making SPaG revision posters on tenses #RRSArticle29



Year 5 have been learning about 2D shapes in Maths and today learnt to recognise regular and irregular shapes. #RRSArticle28



Have a lovely, long weekend.
See you on Tuesday 5th May.
Mr Hodgson