

A message from Mr Hodgson

A lovely week in school to take us to half term – a very short half term this one. National Numeracy Day (which was on Wednesday) but we celebrated it today, Year 5 final flourish (which was a wonderful French café, organised by our Languages lead, Miss Wood), Year 5/6 at the Sports village for an athletics tournament (see later) and lots more. Thank you for your support again this half term – the partnership between home and school is so important and whilst we recognise that we are not perfect, I would hope that you recognise that we do our best to ensure that your children have the best time they can whilst at our school and become the best person they can possibly be by 'Aiming high' and using our school values as a guide to follow.

Parent Questionnaires

Please find below the results (%) from the recent questionnaires completed in Spring term. We are extremely pleased with these results and will share the comments/suggestions with you in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire. This helps school to continue to improve and work in partnership with yourselves.

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at this school	100%	0%	0%
The school keeps my child safe	99%	0%	1%
Inappropriate behaviour and/or bullying in school is dealt with effectively	85%	5%	10%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	98%	1%	1%
Bader listens to and responds to, the views of children and parents	96%	0%	4%
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed (don't know = not had the experience to comment)	44%	0%	56%
The school has high expectations for my child	99%	0%	1%
My child does well at this school	97%	2%	1%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	100%	0%	0%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	98%	0%	2%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	97%	2%	1%
The school support my child's wider personal development	98%	1%	1%
I would recommend this school to another parent/carer	98%	0%	2%

National Numeracy Day

This week, we celebrated 'National Numeracy' Day in school. The children had a full day dedicated to Maths activities. Look at these wonderful photos (more on class dojo/Instagram). Thanks to Miss Horrigan for organising this event.



Stockton Primary Schools Athletics Competition

What a fantastic day for our athletics team! Thirty one children represented Bader at the Stockton Primary Schools Athletics Competition this week.

They all performed to their very best, displaying self belief - we are really proud of them all.

Seven children were placed in the top three in the district with one being crowned champion at the triple jump. A special thanks to the Stockton Sports Partnership for a superb event and to Mr Gunn for taking them.



Bader's French Café

Year 5 welcomed parents and other adults into our French Café on Thursday. They demonstrated in pairs how to order a pastry and a drink from a café owner. They then ordered pastries and drinks for themselves and their adults. Only French was spoken! Quizzes, word searches, fact files, videos and music added to the fun. The children went home waving their French flags. Once again we thank you for your continued support - we had a great turnout.

Fantastique! Thanks to Miss Wood and the team for organising.



Year 6 hoodies and guard of honour

Last Friday, our super Year 6's received their long awaited leavers hoodies which they will now wear with pride for the rest of their time with us. These distinctive hoodies are partially funded from fundraising, which we acknowledge with thanks again. On Monday, Year 1 –Year 5 gave them a 'guard of honour' as a mark of respect for their efforts in the run up to and undertaking of, the KS2 SAT's.



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

Another child reaching the sun for the 3rd time **Isla Titley**. A brilliant achievement by these children!

Twice to the sun too for: **Ella Wilkinson, Frankie Maw and Phoebe Brown**. Well done to them!

First to the sun too for: **Jacob Church**. 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.



Cycle Track Update

We now have some cycle racks in the playground (near the fitness equipment).

These can be used for children bringing their own bikes to school, as long as they have a bicycle lock to lock them up on a morning. This is another exciting development for our cycling track which is going from strength to strength. Bader on Bikes!



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 13 Sharing thoughts freely. With the upcoming World Cup and the events surrounding Middlesbrough football club, the children should be able to discuss their thoughts freely about what they feel about the events. Everyone should respect each other'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: **Thomas Aberdeen, Shay McGuigan, Max Mulgrew, Imogen Brown and Evie Mount**.



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.

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 11th May 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Mrs Hewitson	96.64%	12
Y1 Mrs Poulson	93.44%	3
Y2 Mrs Bowe	92.8%	5
Y3 Miss Weir	93.94%	7
Y4 Miss Robson	91.36%	0 
Y4 Mr Trueman	91.82%	1
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	97.65%	2
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	95.88%	0 
Y6 Miss Bennett	97.14%	0 
Y6 Mr Robinson	100% 	2



Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance improve to 94.82% from reception to Year 6 (still below our target of 95% being or better though). We had 195 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (83% of pupils having full attendance) which is pleasing.

Currently, we have 37 children in persistent absence which is 15.81% of the school population (which is still too high unfortunately though).

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

Punctuality was poorer than 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 Mr Robinson's class with 100% 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 are learning about different farm animals and the sounds they make #RRSArticle31



Reception have learnt about African mountain gorillas. Look at our wonderful masks! #RRSArticle28



Year 1 have been exploring the big question 'who do Christians believe created the world?' Today, they created their own stained glass windows to tell the story of creation #RRSArticle29



In History, Year 2 have been considering why George Stephenson is known as the Father of the Railways and sequenced a timeline of his life. #RRSArticle31



Year 4 have been studying Greek Gods in History #RRSArticle29

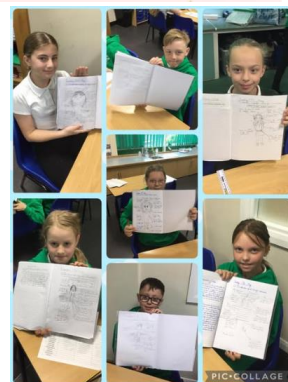


Year 3 are testing the strength of different magnets. They have decided and set up their own fair test #RRSArticle28

Year 5 have been working on teamwork skills to complete relay races in PE this afternoon. #RRSArticle28



Year 6 we have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'can I build another me?' this morning! Children have been thinking about the questions 'what makes me me?' #RRSArticle8



Have a lovely half term break.

School returns on Monday 1st June.

Mr Hodgson