

A message from Mr Hodgson

Another lovely positive week in school, and lovely weather to help us along the way! With the sunny weather comes a reminder please that sun cream should be applied by parents before school starts please. Children may bring their own sun cream to school (labelled in their bag). Staff will not reapply sun cream to children, but will guide children in self-application. Please ensure your child has a sunhat. Thank you for your support.

The next few weeks are jam packed with events – please watch on class dojo and this newsletter to keep up to date. Lots of dates are listed below:

Dates for your diaries

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

Tuesday 23rd June Hopetown Museum trip for Key Stage 1

Wednesday 24th June Athletics Finals for Y5 & 6

Friday 26th June Girls Football Festival

Friday 3rd July Reception trip to Flamingo Land

Friday 3rd July Bring a bottle Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 7th July Year 4 Ancient Greek Day

Tuesday 7th July Year 4 Final Flourish 2-3pm

Wednesday 8th July Year 1 & 2 Final Flourish

Thursday 9th July Reception Graduation 9:30 – 10:30am

Thursday 9th July Summer Fayre 3:30 - 5:30pm

Friday 10th July Year 2 sleepover

Wednesday 15th July Leavers Assembly 2:15pm

Thursday 16th July Year 6 Leaver's treat at Hollywood Bowl

Professional Development Days for 2026/2027 are as follows:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 18th December 2026

Friday 28th May 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Dates for
the Diary:

End of Year Reports

Staff are currently very busy writing your child's End of Year report, before they come to me for reading prior to being sent out next month.

Non-Uniform Day

Non Uniform Day Friday 3rd July, we are having a non-uniform day. In return, we are asking for donations of bottles (filled) please! alcoholic or pop. (Alcohol would need to be given to the adult on the door on Friday morning please). All donations will be gratefully received.





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! Follow this link to our account: <https://www.instagram.com/baderprimaryschool/>

Or search @baderprimaryschool on Instagram.

Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun for the 3rd time: **Gabriella Mount, James Chen Yang, Dominic Atkins, Eliza Leeson and Freddie Allen** A brilliant achievement by these children!

Twice to the sun too for: **Sophie Arnett and Frankie Brown**. And first time for: **Lily McNeil, Bobby-Kai Gittins and Jacob Arnett**. 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.

Summer Fayre

Thursday 9th July 3.30-5.30pm

We hope to see you there!

We would be happy to receive any appropriate donations of the following to support our forthcoming summer fayre:

- 📦 Bottles
- 📦 Chocolate
- 📦 Tombola Prizes
- 📦 Raffle Prizes



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 31 Rest, Play, Culture and Arts. Last week the children had been thinking about Toy Story 5. The question being asked is: Has technology removed the opportunity to play and be creative? What do you think? 

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, Layla-Rose Marghani, Bobby-Kai Gittins, Youssef Ali**



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

We will soon say a sad but fond farewell to our Year 6 children as they move onto Secondary school. Therefore, their leaver's assembly will be Wednesday 15th July at 2.15pm.

Reception Graduation

Another brilliant occasion, as the children in Reception move into school officially (from September), is our reception graduation. Children will wear a cap and gown as they graduate into Year 1. This will take place on Thursday 9th July 9.30 am.

Dodgeball and Athletics



An excellent day at the Tees Valley Primary School Athletics Finals on Wednesday. Six children from Bader had qualified to represent the Stockton Northfield team against the other six Tees Valley districts. They all performed really well in their individual events, contributing points to the overall team score. There were some exceptional athletes at the competition with the Middlesbrough schools taking the overall winners medals. The Year 4 boys won a bronze team medal for finishing 3rd, The Year 6 boys and girls both won a silver medal for finishing in second place. Our Year 6 boy threw the howler an amazing 43m and won a bronze medal. Well done to all the athletes for a great competition and thank you to the organisers and Mr Gunn.



The Year 5 Dodgeball squad had a fun afternoon at the Stockton Dodgeball Competition on Tuesday. They were applying and adapting the tactics from their PE sessions and working together as a team.

The icing on the cake was the gold medals they won - for the second year in a row!

Thank you to the other schools and the Sports Partnership for another great event and of course, to Mr Gunn for his efforts.

Pen Licences

For children who have beautifully formed, joined handwriting, their reward is a 'Pen Licence'. This allows them to use a pen for all writing in school. Also, they are presented with a certificate in assembly, are given a pen licence card to carry with them and are given a special place in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board.

This week's lucky pupils to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are: **Jaxx Ellis York, Lachlan Barfoot and Nancy McGough.**



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 15th June 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
Reception	90.42%	4
Year 1	97.5%	3 🏆
Year 2	92.4%	6
Year 3	92.42%	6
Year 4R	94.55%	2
Year 4T	93.33%	7
Year 5HJ	91.76%	4
Year 5J	89.41%	3
Year 6B	80.95%	5
Year 6R	82.86%	1



Attendance of the school year

Last week in school saw our attendance fall again to 91.31% from reception to Year 6 which is a decline again from previous weeks. We did have 183 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (78.5% of pupils having full attendance) which was pleasing. Punctuality was poor for some pupils, with 41 lates being recorded across school in that week. Remember children should be in school by 8.55am when the bell goes.

This week, the attendance team has sent out 4 term time leave of absence letters and we have 33 persistent absent pupils.

School will do everything it can to support you and your child getting into school. We follow Local Authority guidance and hold attendance meetings with parents/carers and on occasions, put an attendance plan in place to improve your child's attendance.

On rarer occasions, we then need to refer persistent absence to the Local Authority who issue fixed penalties **(This is the same for term time holiday applications which we are unable to authorise).**

Please also, report any absences to the school office on the day of absence to prevent unnecessary call from the attendance team.

Mrs Jatwa is our attendance champion and is available to discuss any issues/challenges that you are experiencing and that school may be able to help with.

Attendance is so important and thank you for supporting school with this.

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear Trophy' for last week were Miss Poulson's class with an excellent 97.5% attendance. Apart from keeping the bear and trophy for the week, they also were rewarded with 10 minutes extra playtime. 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.



Y5 are creating monsters in their 'Hook' lesson for writing. We have read the start of Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo and are creating an evil villain for their upcoming narratives.



Year 1 designed their own background and sprites for a 'race to space' game. They wrote an algorithm to code each sprite with directions



The Year 3 children are creating their own speeches that they will then present to an audience. This is to support them in developing their racy skills



Nursery children have enjoyed lavender scented playdough, they spent a long time rolling and squeezing the dough then squashing it into pots to push flower stems into.



Cooking club made sausage and cheese rolls this afternoon. They are looking forward to tasting them.



Y2 have had a fantastic time at Hopetown in Darlington consolidating their learning about the Stockton to Darlington Railway and George Stephenson.



Year 4 have been exploring the effects of insulators on sounds

Have a lovely, sunny weekend

Mr Hodgson

