

A message from Mr Hodgson

An exciting week in school and with it an exciting idea for the children. I think the superb Cross Country running jolted my memory about the latest suggestion to make things better in school. You will have to read on, to find out what it is!

Best at Bader

Last week, as a school, I asked the staff to focus on the value of 'respect'. The first recipients of this award in each year group were as follows:

Reception: Keagan Evans and Aida Martin

Year 1: Tommy Leonard

Year 2: Piper Carney

Year 3: Daisy Hobson

Year 4: Neve Durham

Year 5: Isaac Hindby and Leo McCoy

Year 6: Chloe Brack and Kaedan Foster

Well done to them and for their efforts.

Contact details/Medication

If there are any changes to your child's details (medical/contact details etc.), please inform school as soon as possible.

Read for the Stars

We are now underway again with our reading at home initiative and 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. They work their way through the planets until they reach the sun and then as a reward for their enjoyment of books (and their work), they will receive a certificate and book of their choice in assembly (and their star on our display). **We have calculated that on October 31st if a child reads everyday, they will have reached the sun on the blue (1st) rocket and obviously get to choose a book from the machine or the book case in my office.**

Come meet my teacher

On Wednesday 23rd September, we are inviting you to come into school to meet your child's class teacher. We will also be hosting a Macmillan coffee afternoon from 3.30pm until 5.30 pm. This will be an opportunity to pop into class, meet your child's teacher, see how well they have settled in and then have a tea/coffee in the hall, raising funds for this worthwhile charity.

As part of our continued drive with reading, we will also be selling a range of quality books for only £1 each. We look forward to seeing you soon.



PE Update

STOP PRESS!

We are going to trial something new starting next week.

On their **P.E days**, children will be able to come to school wearing their P.E kit. P.E kit (as our uniform policy), comprises of plain dark green t-shirt and black shorts/joggers. They also need plimsolls (for indoor) and plain black trainers as outdoor footwear. Cycling shorts are not permitted as they are not part of our uniform policy.

We hope that trialling this is successful to make the permanent change. It will save time etc. and is something lots of our children have suggested they would like to be able to do.

Thank you for your support.

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 27 Children have a right to food, clothing and a safe place to live. Our Assembly discussed homeless people and how the Prime Minister is trying to reduce this. The children also learned about Fair Trade of food from different countries so that workers are paid and treated fairly.

Dates for your diaries

Autumn Term: Wednesday 2nd September to Thursday 17th December.

Half Term Break: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.

Professional Development Days Friday 23rd October 2026, Friday 18th December 2026, Friday 28th May 2027 and Wednesday 21st July 2027.

Friday 25th September: Photograph day

Friday 2nd October: Flu Immunisations

Thursday 22nd October: Halloween Disco

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November: Anti-Bullying week

Monday 16th November: Odd Socks Day

Friday 13th November: Children in Need

Friday 20th November: Non uniform day/ bring a bottle/ chocolate

Thursday 26th November: Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 1st December: Christmas tree up in school

Friday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and Christmas dinner

Bader Parliament Elections

Last Friday, we had a polling station set up in school as the children excitedly voted for their Bader parliament member for this academic year. Bader Parliament are a democratically elected group of children who have a very important voice in school. Watch this space as the elected members will be revealed next week. The fundamental British value of 'democracy' was well in evidence with this election.



Hot Chocolate with the Head

The first class in school to have this super treat this academic year were Y5R, Miss Robson's class. They received this for being the first class in school to have 100% attendance and no lates. Well done to them!



Cross Country Championship 2026

This week, the Bader School Cross Country Championships were held on our new cross-country running course (cycle track!) with all of the children in Key Stage 2 participating. The School Games focus for this event was 'Determination' which is also one of our school values. We were proud to see all the runners push themselves to complete the course to the best of their abilities and score points for their sports team.

Congratulations to the 'Green Spitfires' runners as they won the Bader X country Team Competition winning three of the four races!

The top 4 finishers in each race will now represent Bader at the Stockton Primary Cross Country Championships on Wednesday 23rd September at Norton Sports Complex.

Congratulations and good luck to our X country team

	Year 3/4 Girls	Year 3/4 Boys
Bronze	Hazel Millward	Ezra Farndale
Silver	Florence Allison	Thomas Page
Gold	Marni Sewell	Ewan Trattles-Robbins
	Year 5/6 Girls	Year 5/6 Boys
Bronze	Leigh Costello	Teddy Farndale
Silver	Imani Deen	Mylo Payne
Gold	Isla Titley	George Robinson



Bader School Games Competition Update

We have now completed the first round of competitions with the children focusing on the School Games values of Teamwork and Determination. Thank you for the great support from those attending each event.

The results of each competition are as follows:

Each team earns points based on their performance and this adds to their whole school competition total.

Y1/2 MultiSports Competition

Winners - Red Vampires 8pts
2nd - Green Spitfires 6pts
3rd - Blue Hurricanes 4pts
4th - Yellow Lancasters 2pts

Y3/4 Outdoor Athletics Competition

Winners - Yellow Lancasters 8pts
2nd - Blue Hurricanes 6pts
3rd - Green Spitfires 4 pts
4th - Red Vampires 2 pts

Y5/6 Outdoor Athletics Competition

Winners - Blue Hurricanes 8pts
2nd - Green Spitfires 6pts
3rd - Red Vampires 4pts
4th - Yellow Lancasters 2pts

Whole School Totals

1st - Blue Hurricanes 18pts
2nd - Green Spitfires 16pts
3rd - Red Vampires 14pts
4th - Yellow Lancasters 12pts

Primary Leadership Academy

A group of Year 6 children attended the Sports Leadership training organised by the Stockton School Sports Partnership. It was an excellent opportunity for them to learn how to assist and lead sporting activities in school. The children demonstrated good teamwork and communication throughout the morning and are keen to put their skills to good use.



Attendance

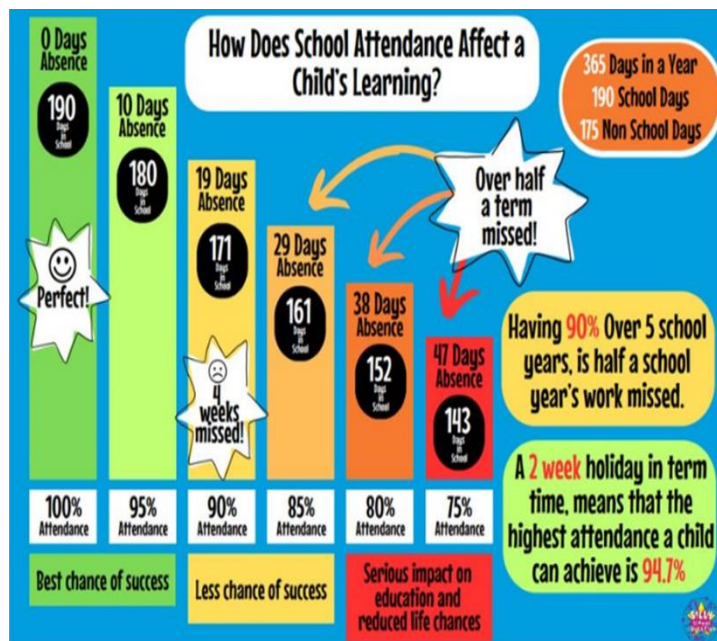
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 7th September 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	100% 🏆	1
Rec Mrs Hewitson/Mrs Spencer	97.06%	6
Y1 Mrs Poulson	97.08%	4
Y2 Mrs Bowe	94.69%	2
Y3 Mr Robinson	98.4%	1
Y4 Mrs Robinson	95.76%	4
Y5 Miss Robson	100% 🏆	0 🏆
Y5 Miss Weir	99.09%	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	98.13%	1
Y6 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	82.78%	0 🏆



Attendance Matters

The first full week back, and we got off to an excellent start with a weekly attendance of 96.28%, only 21 lates and an impressive 194 children being in school every day – 100%, which is 87% of school!

The attendance team sent out 4 term time leave of absence letters and 1 attendance plan invite.

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Miss Robson's class with 100% attendance for the week and no lates. 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!



Well done to Mrs Douthwaite's children who also had 100% attendance.

Halloween Disco

Thursday 22nd October

Rec, Y1 & Y2: In the afternoon

(children to be collected from their normal door at their normal pick up time. These children can bring in their party clothes to get changed into.)

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6: 4.15 – 5.15pm

(Parents/carers drop children off)

Tickets are £3.50 which includes a slice of pizza and a drink.



Curriculum

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

This week in Nursery we are celebrating International Dot Day.

#RRSArticle31



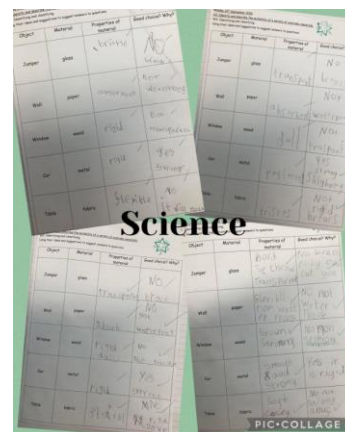
Reception children have been thoroughly enjoying climbing and creating games in our outdoor area.

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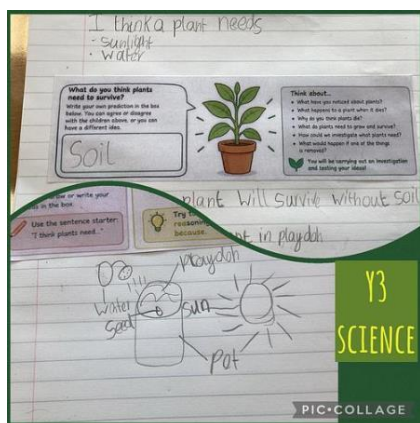
Year 2 have been describing the properties of materials in Science.

#RRSArticle24



Year 1 have been counting in 2s in maths. They practised skip counting by hopping along number lines in the classroom #RRSArticle29

Year 3 planned an experiment involving plants. We considered our independent and dependent variables carefully. #RRSArticle31



Year 4 had a fantastic afternoon completing our annual cross-country event. The children were excellent and showed lots of resilience when completing the course. #RRSArticle24



Year 5 enjoyed their first Ukulele lesson with Tees Valley Music this afternoon #RRSArticle31

Year 6 are learning about changing variables in games in computing #RRSArticle17



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson