

A message from Mr Hodgson



Autumn leaves when the grass is jewelled, and the silk inside a chestnut shell (a couple of lines from one of our seasonal songs, in school).....

This week, has certainly had an autumnal feel to it with a chill in the air on a morning at the back end of the week. It was a bit of a wet morning on Wednesday too, when the children took part in the annual, Stockton Schools Cross Country Championships. Mr Gunn and Miss Horrigan were very impressed with the Bader children's efforts and application, where all the runners did themselves proud and this year, we have some children representing Stockton Schools. Our MUGA and trail track has certainly helped our children, we wish Florence and Marni well representing school and Stockton at the Cleveland schools event.

Meet My Teacher

A big thank you all parents and carers who managed to attend our first whole school event of the academic year. Hopefully, you managed to have a good look around your child's classroom and chat to their class teacher about how they have settled into their new year group. I always think this event is really important and it gives you an insight into how well your child has coped and is coping with regards to learning and routines. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you were unable to make this event.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We raised an absolutely, brilliant amount of £160 on Wednesday.

Thank you again for your support.



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YOU!



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 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

Year 6: Secondary School

Most of our feeder secondary schools will be having their open evenings in the next few weeks. Please remember to complete the application form and return to the School Admissions team before the deadline of 31st October 2026. For Year 6 parents and carers it is really important that you meet this deadline. Please contact school if you need any support with this.

Harvest

Next week, we will begin collecting for our annual festival of Harvest. We are asking for a small donation of food; tins and packets (biscuits etc.) are ideal, not fresh produce as this will perish. Donations will be bagged up and donated to worthwhile causes. Thank you for your support with this. Any donations however small will help.



Pen Licence

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: **Oliver Jackson**.

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.**

Stockton Primary Schools Cross Country Championships

On Wednesday, 24 children represented Bader at the Stockton Cross Country Championships. They raced around the fields and woodland area at Norton Sports Complex. The races were between 1.5km and 2km long. All our children displayed determination and self belief to complete the course to the best of their ability and to run in true cross county conditions - rain! They should be very proud of their achievement. A special thank you to four children from Y6 who attended the event as marshalls.

Two girls from Y4 placed 6th and 8th in their race and will now compete in the Tees Valley Cross Country Championships as part of the Stockton team - well done girls!



Bader Parliament Elections

This year's Bader Parliament representatives were unveiled on last week in assembly.

Well done to:

Year 2

Jacob Brack and Piper Carney

Year 3

Ezra Farndale and Chloe Smyth

Year 4

Ewan Trattle-Robbins and Neve Durham

Year 5

Leo McCoy and Nevaeh Shaw

Year 6

Ella Wilkinson and Joshua McKnight



Attendance

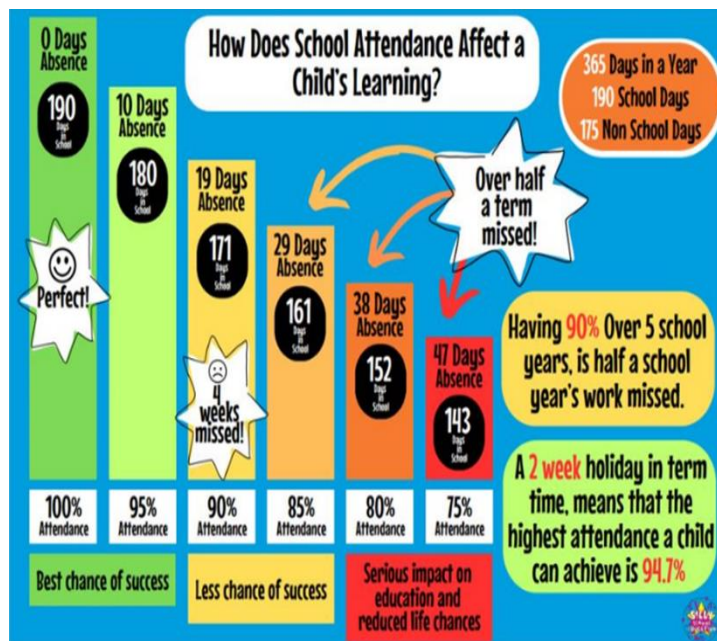
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 14th September 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	93.13%	1
Rec Mrs Hewitson/Mrs Spencer	94.71%	3
Y1 Mrs Poulson	97.5%	6
Y2 Mrs Bowe	92.81%	2
Y3 Mr Robinson	93.2%	6
Y4 Mrs Robinson	97.27%	7
Y5 Miss Robson	96.5%	0 
Y5 Miss Weir	98.18%	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	100% 	2
Y6 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	97.78%	2



Attendance Matters

The second full week back, and we carried on with a good start with a weekly attendance of 95.96%, more lates (30) than last week but an impressive 182 children being in school every day – 100%, which is 82% of school! The attendance team sent out 4 term time leave of absence letters and 1 attendance plan invite.

Mrs Jatwa is our attendance champion supported by Mrs Walker (who is our new attendance officer). They are both available to discuss any issues/challenges that you are experiencing and that school may be able to help with.

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.

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Miss Bennett'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!



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.

We have superheroes in our Nursery garden! #RRSArticle31



Reception children have been looking at the number 2. They have been drawing groups of 2 in maths. #RRSArticle28



Year 2 have learned lots about the local landmark 'The Tees Transporter Bridge' and have written some fantastic informative sentences and created some lovely artwork. #RRSArticle29



Year 1 have enjoyed their music lesson this week, they are learning to follow a rhythm. #RRSArticle31

Year 3 enjoyed an afternoon of outdoor learning. #RRSArticle31



Year 4 had a fantastic afternoon playing handball. We were working on our aiming and passing skills. #RRSArticle31



Year 5 have been investigating, measuring and recording the effects of friction in #RRSArticle29

Year 6 have started writing their spooky narrative based on the story 'Seven Ghosts' by Chris Priestley #RRSArticle28



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson