

A message from Mr Hodgson

In the blink of an eye, the first half-term is almost over. Once again, we have packed an awful lot in to these seven weeks: Landmark Learning, Sports Days, Meet My Teacher, Bader Parliament elections, cross – countries, visitors to school (an author and a judo expert) to name a selection of the wonderful things we have organised. Next week, a reminder that Friday is a Professional Development Day and school will be closed.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's children rewarded with a 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were children who their class teacher felt had been trying really hard to learn their times tables. A big Bader 'well done' to these children.

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

$$6 \times 8 = 48$$

$$5 \times 5 = 25$$

$$2 \times 10 = 10$$

$$2 \times 6 = 12$$

$$3 \times 7 = 21$$

$$12 \times 6 = 72$$

$$9 \times 9 = 81$$



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.

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

Tuesday 8th December: Christmas Panto

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

Monday 14th December: Year 3 Carols

Tuesday 15th December: Year 4 Carols

Wednesday 16th December: Year 5 Carols

Thursday 17th December: Year 6 Carols



Medical Appointments

We are aware that most parents/carers try to get medical appointments outside of the school day but also accept that this is often not possible.

In line with trust policy, we would ask that these appointments are shared in advance with the office with a copy of the appointment card. This then ensures that the absence is coded consistently on the registers and correctly within all our trust schools.

Thank you for your support.

Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card marks its 30th anniversary in 2026 as the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity. School marked the occasion today with the children and staff wearing red to show our support.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



*BADER: happy children who
Aim high and show
Determination
Excellence and
Respect for one another*



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.**

As part of our Home/School Agreement, we do expect children to complete their home learning. On occasions, it may be necessary for children to complete this at break/lunch time if it is not done. We ask for your support with this.

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 first recipients of this academic year is as follows: **Lorena Porteous, Silvie Stevenson, Tommy Leonard, Eliza Leeson, Isaac Pinchin, Jacob Brack, Thomas Aberdeen, Oliver Dixon, Lula Bryan, Jude McNeil, Jacob Arnett, Jack Duff, Daisy Large, Tommy Parkin and Joey Mount.**

A big well done to them!



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. **(This is during half term)**

Rights Respecting School

As a gold accredited, Rights Respecting School, we look at an Article every 2 weeks. For the next two weeks:

	<p style="text-align: center;">Right of the fortnight</p> <p>Article 19 Protection from Violence.</p> <p>Mrs Jatwa delivered an assembly this week on how children are kept safe in school. The children learnt more about how staff keep the school building safe and how the adults receive lots of training so they know what to do to help them.</p>
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Harvest

The harvest pile continues to grow!

Thank you for all these donations.

There is still time to contribute, if you would like. 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. **Wednesday 21st**

October is the last day to donate please.



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.

Tickets are available via the school office or the Arbor parent app.



Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion again this year by supporting their Poppy Appeal.

More details to follow.



Attendance

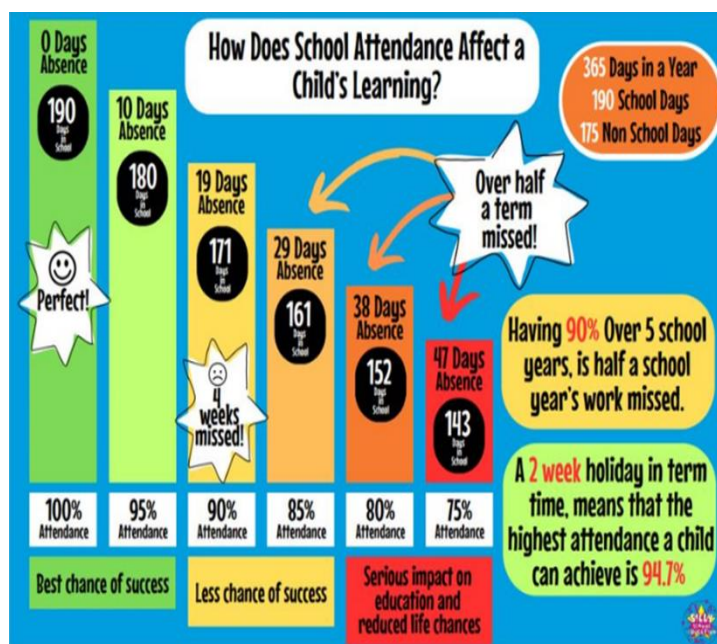
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 5th October 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	96.88%	3
Rec Mrs Hewitson/Mrs Spencer	85.29%	2
Y1 Mrs Poulson	97.5%	4
Y2 Mrs Bowe	99.68% 	4
Y3 Mr Robinson	98.4%	9
Y4 Mrs Robinson	88.48%	8
Y5 Miss Robson	95%	1 
Y5 Miss Weir	95.91%	4
Y6 Miss Bennett	98.75%	7
Y6 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	91.67%	2



Attendance Matters

The fifth full week back and our attendance was down on the previous week at 94.82% and more lates (44) than the previous week. We did have an impressive 177 children being in school every day though – 100%, which is 79.7% of school!

The attendance team sent out two punctuality letters and intend to send more out next week as our late marks are too high across school.

This is a gentle reminder about the importance of morning punctuality and the impact it has on our children. Arriving just a few minutes late can significantly disrupt a child's start to the day. When children miss the morning routine, the often experience:

- Increased anxiety: walking into a classroom that is already quiet, settled and working can feel overwhelming and embarrassing for a young child.
- Missed social time: the first few minutes of the day are vital for children to greet their teacher, catch up with friends, and transition smoothly from home to school.
- A rushed start: arriving late often means starting the day in a state of stress, making it much harder for children to settle down and focus.

Our goal is for every child to walk through our doors feeling calm, confident and ready to learn.

- 08.40 Gates open (soft start)
- 08.55 am – school day begins and registers are taken

We completely understand that mornings can be challenging. If you are experiencing difficulties getting to school on time, please contact Mrs Walker, our Attendance Officer who will be more than happy to support. We are here to work with you.

As always, thank you for your co-operation in giving our pupils a positive start to each day.

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Mrs Bowe's class with 99.68% 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 Instagram posts this week: You will notice that we have included the Rights Respecting School Articles too.

Bader 2's
finished
their leaf
crowns. The
children
were so
proud of
them!
#RRSArticle
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Reception have been
making some
wonderful autumn
artwork! RRSArticle29



Year 1 had an exciting afternoon thinking about
how we explore space as part of world space week.
#RRSArticle24



Year 2 have been practising their gymnastic
skills whilst working on apparatus.
#RRSArticle31



Year 3 are busy matching 8 times tables to their
division facts in maths. #RRSArticle31



Year 4 have been learning to code in our
computing sessions. #RRSArticle29



Year 5 have
been applying
their taught
skills in hockey
to take part in a
game.
#RRSArticle24



Year 6 really enjoyed their
Judo session this morning,
where they learnt takedowns,
holds and strategic moves
#RRSArticle31



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson