

A message from Mr Hodgson

In the blink of an eye, unbelievably, we have had the first (longest) half term. 8 weeks of exciting experiences and lots of learning taking place. The children have worked extremely hard and applied themselves brilliantly in upholding our Bader values (being happy, aiming high, showing determination, excellence and respect).

We are already looking forward to the next half term which begins on Monday 2nd November.

Harvest

Thank you once again for all of your harvest donations, and this year, we have decided to offer them to our school community, as the Salvation project is no longer and Thornaby food bank was supported last year. This week, we held our annual whole school harvest assembly and the following day invited Year 5 parents/carers in (as these children with Miss Robson had led this special assembly).



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.

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



Christmas Jumper



One of the charity events we will be supporting this year is 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 11th December. We ask for a donation of £1, Bader Parliament will organise this event with more details to follow later.

Special Educational Needs

Mrs Douthwaite, one of school's Assistant Heads, is also our school SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator). Here is a message from her:

Hello,
My role is to coordinate SEN support in school. I ensure we have high expectations for our children. I work alongside class teachers and external agencies to make sure the best possible provision is in place. I am available to support parents/carers with questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me via Dojo or phone. I will do my best to help.



Athletics

The Bader athletics squad, comprising of Year 5 and 6 children, was in action on Tuesday afternoon at the first round of the Stockton Sports Hall Athletics Competition. It was a team competition, with each athlete scoring points based on their individual performance in jumping and throwing events. On the track, the children competed in groups of 2 and 4 in sprint relay races, scoring points for the team. All the Bader athletes displayed determination and passion, resulting in super individual and group performances. The reward for their hard work was a bronze medal position - an excellent achievement. We now wait to hear if we have qualified for the Stockton finals. Well done.



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.

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 recipient is as follows: **Annie Suckling and Sophie Arnett.**

A big well done to them!



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
	<p>Article 19 Protection from Violence.</p> <p>Mrs Jatwa delivered an assembly 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>

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.

Halloween Discos

Thank you for your support with these. All monies made in these events goes towards the children in school with Christmas treats etc. This evening, we raised almost **£500** which will go towards subsidising our Christmas panto and other Christmas events. An absolute brilliant amount!

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner in school is on Friday 11th December. Children who normally have packed lunch on this day and would like a school dinner then, can do so. Please contact the school office to organise this.

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)**

<https://sbceyesliveportal.stockton.gov.uk:34600/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion again this year by supporting their Poppy Appeal. Bader Parliament will be selling these after half term.



Attendance

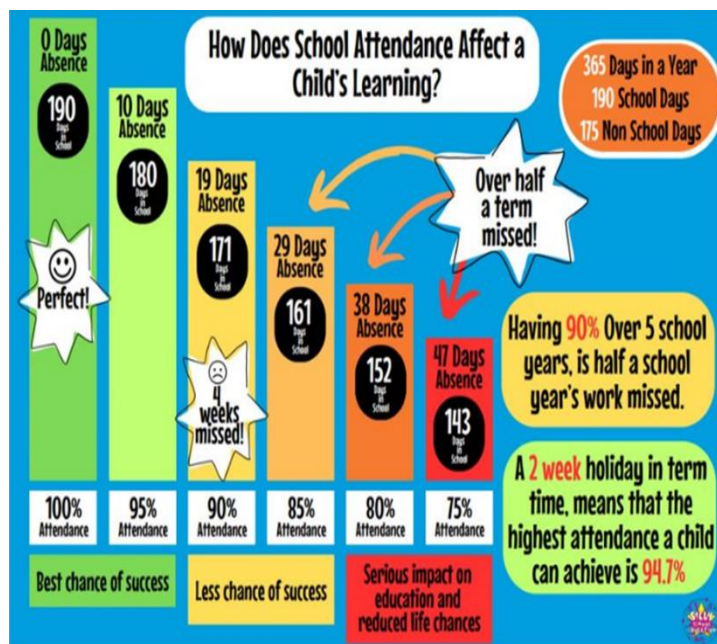
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 12th October 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	95%	4
Rec Mrs Hewitson/Mrs Spencer	90%	6
Y1 Mrs Poulson	91.25%	8
Y2 Mrs Bowe	96.77%	1
Y3 Mr Robinson	96.8%	9
Y4 Mrs Robinson	94.85%	8
Y5 Miss Robson	92.5%	0 
Y5 Miss Weir	97.27%	4
Y6 Miss Bennett	97.5% 	7
Y6 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	95.56%	0 



Attendance Matters

Last week, our attendance was slightly better than the previous week at 94.86% but 10 more lates (47) than the previous week. We did have an impressive 172 children being in school every day though – 100%, which is 77.4% of school!

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

As the winter months approach, we want to send a gentle reminder about the importance of **maintaining regular school attendance** during the colder season.

We know this time of year brings shorter days, chilly weather, and seasonal bugs, which can make the morning routine a bit more challenging. However, every day in school counts, and staying on track with attendance helps your child to maintain progress and enjoy all of the fun activities we share in school.

Sniffles and colds: It is completely normal for children to get a bit under the weather at this time of year. If it's just a mild cold or runny nose, they are usually fine to come in and join in the school day.

Keep us informed: If your child is genuinely too unwell to attend, please contact the school office as early as possible each morning of their absence.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in helping your child arrive at school on time and ready to learn every day.

Look out for a fabulous prize that will be up for grabs for fabulous attendance next half term!

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Miss Bennett's class with 97.5% 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.

Nursery had a wonderful time at the Stay and Play.
#RRSArticle31



Reception children have been learning about weight in maths. They have been deciding whether the pumpkins are lighter or heavier
#RRSArticle29



Year 1 spent the afternoon identifying the signs of autumn. They explored their environment using their senses and collected autumn leaves which they practised naming. They then used their leaves to create autumn artwork. #RRSArticle24



In Music, Year 2 explored playing long and short notes on their tuned percussion instruments. #RRSArticle31



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



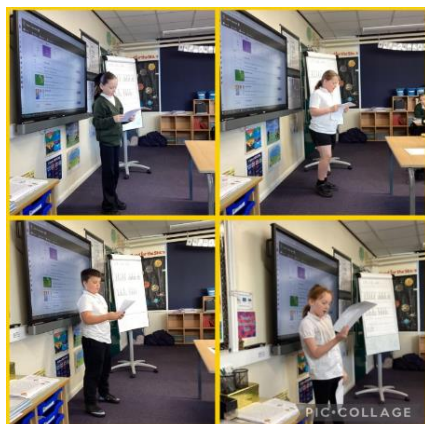
Year 4 had a wonderful Mayan final flourish. #RRSArticle3



Year 6 really enjoyed making periscopes at their Final Flourish.
#RRSArticle31



Year 5 have been writing Halloween, spooky stories and then reading them to the class.
#RRSArticle29



Thank you for your support again. Enjoy the half term and Halloween!

Mr Hodgson

