

A message from Mr Hodgson

A very busy first few weeks in school and this week, unbelievably, we are into a new month! Once again, we have achieved so much and staff are working extremely hard to refine classroom practices to make things better for your children. Things like how they help every child learn, how they develop their writing skills (including handwriting), how they learn to spell, are all things we have been focusing on in September with the children. Why not ask them a question about these?

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

Tuesday 8th December: Christmas Panto

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

Hot Chocolate with The Head

As part of our continued drive to improve children's spellings in school, these children were chosen for their determination to learn their weekly words. Spellings are given (age appropriate) on a Friday then and tested the next Friday. Children should practice these every night, along with reading their reading book and learning their times tables. This is all we ask of our home learning. If a teacher feels your child should be doing better, they may well be asked to do a spelling re-test in some circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support here.

A big Bader well done to these children!



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.

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 3 Best interests of the child. This week the children have taken part in an assembly about how allergies can affect some people and what they could do to help. Adults in school have a responsibility to make decisions that keep children safe and put their wellbeing first. This includes following allergy plans, knowing what to do in an emergency and taking concerns seriously.

Harvest

We have started 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.



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.



Contact details/Medication

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

Instagram



Don't forget that we are now sharing the fantastic and exciting activities that our children get up to on our brand new Instagram account. Please give our page a follow if you would like to see more and support our school! #RRS #Article13

Follow this link to our account:

https://www.instagram.com/baderprimaryschool?igsh=YXJpa2dreWMzNjBr&utm_source=qr

Or search @baderprimaryschool on Instagram

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.

Attendance

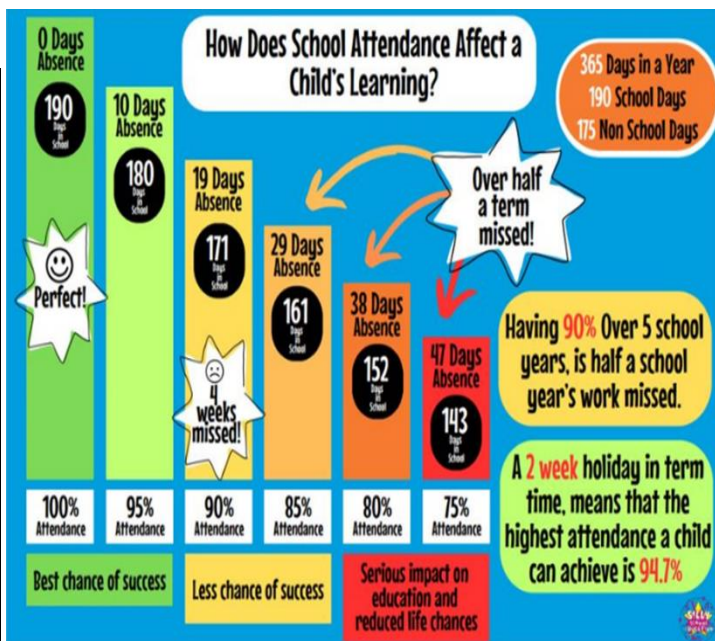
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 21st September 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	92.5%	1
Rec Mrs Hewitson/Mrs Spencer	94.12%	4
Y1 Mrs Poulson	99.58% 	1
Y2 Mrs Bowe	91.61%	4
Y3 Mr Robinson	93.2%	6
Y4 Mrs Robinson	96.97%	5
Y5 Miss Robson	94%	0 
Y5 Miss Weir	96.82%	6
Y6 Miss Bennett	96.25%	4
Y6 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	88.89%	0 



Attendance Matters

The third full week back, and unfortunately our attendance dipped to 94.55% and more lates (31) than the previous week, we did have an impressive 182 children being in school every day though – 100%, which is 82% of school!

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.

Time off school

Often children can get on with their day when they feel unwell.

Many can manage with sore throats, coughs and colds.

Once through the school doors, children can feel much better being busy with their friends, just getting on with the day.

If they do not feel any better or become worse, our First Aiders would recommend resting at home until they are well.

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Mrs Poulson's class with 99.58% 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 – We have been on a leaf hunt! #RRSArticle31



Reception – There is lots of collaborative play happening in Reception this afternoon. #RRSArticle31



Year 2 have been accompanying music and songs using a glockenspiel. #RRSArticle31



Year 1 were full of giggles this morning as they discovered their classroom covered in pants. They will be writing about the cheeky aliens responsible in English #RRSArticle29



Year 3 are learning some new vocabulary in French #RRSArticle31



Year 4 have been recreating the water cycle in science. #RRSArticle3



Year 5 have been developing their attacking and defending skills in hockey #RRSArticle29



Year 6 learnt how to read a map, use a compass and complete an orienteering task in their outdoor session with Mrs Parr #RRSArticle31



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson