The Bader Bugle

Autumn Term 10

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A message from Mr Hodgson

We have had a lovely week in school this week with lots happening (as usual). We have had Year 5 and Year 6 learning to swim, Remembrance Day and Children in Need today. Please see the 'Children in Need' and 'Curriculum' section of this newsletter. Next week, it is Anti-Bullying week and Odd Socks day on Monday.

Read for the Stars

They keep on coming – the next group of regular readers, reaching the sun for the 1st time this academic year are: **Mylo Payne, Teddy Farndale, Jacob Arnett, Freya Thompson, Blu Williams, Alexis Hawken, Sofia Pinchin, Elsie Hutchinson, Ivy Jobson, Freddie Hutchinson, Hazel Millward, Elkie Parkinson, Archie Johnson, Joey Mount, Isaac Dolan, Ezra Farndale, Myah Hood and Elliott Pettitt.**

Well done to all of these boys and girls!

All 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 w y will receive a certificate and book of their choice in assembly (and their star on our display).



Head Teachers Award

Head Teachers Awards given to: **Ella Wilkinson, Piper Carney, Nevaeh Shaw, Neve Durham and Henry Nelson** for their work on Remembrance Sunday.

They were fine role models and ambassadors for our school.

Thank you to Mrs Douthwaite and Mrs Watson for accompanying them to the ceremony.





Dogs

A polite reminder: in the interests of health and safety, dogs are **NOT** allowed on site (except guide dogs). Thank you for your support.



Dates for your diaries

Autumn Term: Wednesday 2nd September to Thursday 17th December.
Professional Development Days 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 1st December: Snappy Christmas
Monday 7th December: KS1 Writing workshop
Tuesday 8th December: Christmas Panto
Wednesday 9th December: EYFS and KS1 Nativity (am)
Thursday 10th December: EYFS and KS1 Nativity (pm)
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

Save the Children

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.

Professional Development Day

We will be taking a Professional Development Day on Friday 18th December so school will now be closed on Thursday 17th December at the end of the school day.

Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre preparations are now underway. We hope that you are able to join us/donate towards this traditional event. It will take place on Thursday 26th November with a non-uniform 'Bring a Bottle' day next Friday 20th November.



Friends of Bader Christmas Raffle

Friends of Bader will be holding a Christmas Raffle this term as part of our fund raising activities.
We will be making up and raffling coloured hampers for each year group and we would be grateful for any donations in your child's year group colour. This could be anything from, non-perishable food items, toiletries, sweets/chocolate, gift sets or small toys.

Raffle tickets will be sold and drawn in each year group tickets cost 20p each.

Year group colours:

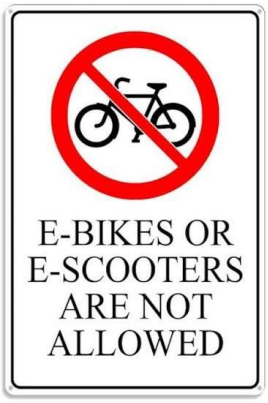
- Nursery — Orange
- Reception — Yellow
- Y1 — Green or silver
- Y2 — Red or Gold
- Y3 — purple or silver
- Y4 — Blue or silver
- Y5 — Pink
- Y6 — Black or white



Bikes and Scooters

A polite reminder: scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground, they need to be pushed until off site please. We have had a number of complaints and near accidents this week.

Thank you for your consideration and co-operation.



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 givens a special place in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board. This week's lucky pupil to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are: **Joshua McKnight.**



Hot Chocolate with the Head

Children were chosen for 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' this week, for a variety of reasons. The theme was 'success'. It could have been successful representing school, success at swimming, success at spelling, success outside of school etc. A big Bader, well done to them!



Children in Need

This thoughtful young lady, hereby known as 'the poster queen of Bader' as she always produces something like this at these times, didn't disappoint again this year: well done!!!!



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.

Food and drink in packed lunches (from our website)
(Information taken from The Children's Food Trust

Packed lunches should include:

- At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus, and falafel) every day
- Oily fish, such as tuna, at least once every three weeks.
- A starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals every day.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard everyday
- Only water, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies.
- Cakes and biscuits are allowed but encourage your child to eat these only as part of a balanced meal. (See below about chocolate covered)
- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages / chipolatas should be included only occasionally.

Packed lunches should not include:

- Fizzy drinks
- Snacks such as crisps (baked crisps are acceptable)
- Confectionery such as chocolate or chocolate bars and sweets.
- Instead, seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice.

Special diets and allergies

The school also recognises that some pupils may require special diets that do not allow for the standards to be met exactly. In this case parents are urged to be responsible in ensuring that packed lunches are as healthy as possible. For these reasons pupils are also not permitted to swap food items.

Remembrance Day
We celebrated Remembrance on Wednesday, as a school. We all gathered together on the yard, listened to the Last Post and participated in a minutes silence. Everyone was extremely respectful and observed the silence impeccably. Thank you to parents and carers from our school community who joined us and observed for this annual event.





Anti-Bullying Week

Next Monday (16th November) is the start of Anti-Bullying week in school and is also 'Odd Socks' day. Children are therefore invited to come to school wearing odd socks. This is to raise awareness about bullying and to show that everyone has the right to be unique (RRS Article 8).

DFE guidelines state that bullying is defined as behaviour that is repeated

- Intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally
- Often aimed at certain groups, for example because of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation
  It takes many forms and can include:
- Physical assault
- Teasing
- Making threats
- Name calling
- Cyber bullying – bullying via mobile phone or online (for example email, social networks and instant messenger)

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 38 Protection from War. It is important at this time of year that we remember the lost and fallen soldiers that protect our country. We therefore wanted to recognise this within the UN Rights Respecting School Article. Lest we forget.

Christmas Performances

This year, Early Years and KS1 will be performing a nativity and in KS2, there will be year group Christmas songs and carols performed in the courtyard (similar to last year).

The dates are as follows:

Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performance Wednesday 9th December 9.30am and Thursday 10th December 2.15pm

Monday 14th December: Year 3 Christmas carols 2.45pm
Tuesday 15th December: Year 4 Christmas carols 2.45pm
Wednesday 16th December: Year 5 Christmas carols 2.45pm
Thursday 17th December: Year 6 Christmas carols 2.45pm



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: **Cian O'Shea and Violet Kennington.**

A big well done to them!



Children in Need

Today, we donned our spots as we had an afternoon carousel of activities to mark ‘Children in Need Day’. The culmination of the day was trying to fill the Pudsey’s with copper coin donations and we succeeded! (Thank you for these donations).























Attendance

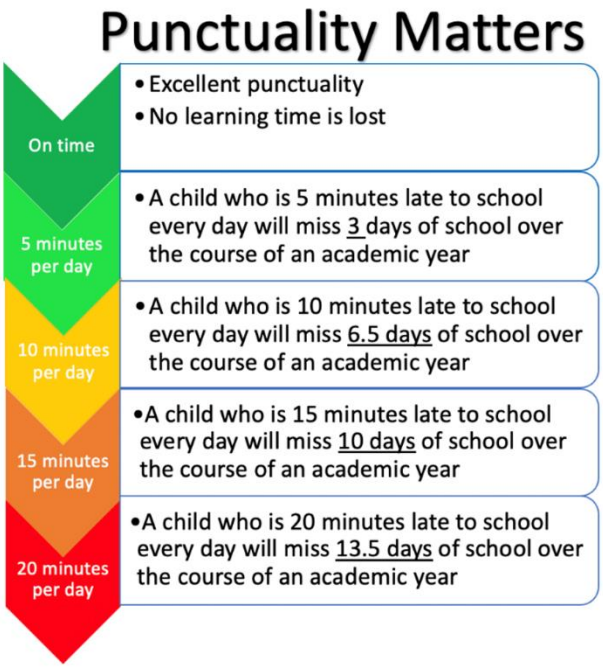
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 2nd November 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	95.33%	6
Rec Mrs Hewitson/Mrs Spencer	91.76%	7
Y1 Mrs Poulson	88.75%	9
Y2 Mrs Bowe	93.55%	2
Y3 Mr Robinson	87.2%	10
Y4 Mrs Robinson	94.55%	12
Y5 Miss Robson	92%	0
Y5 Miss Weir	89.05%	8
Y6 Miss Bennett	93.75%	1
Y6 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	95%	2



Attendance Matters

A really poor week for attendance last week with only 92% and 21 more lates (58) than the previous week. We had 157 pupils with 100% attendance in that last week though (71% of pupils having full attendance) which is very good. Punctuality (as above) was poor with 58 lates being recorded across school (far too many). Please remember, school operates a 'soft start' i.e. open from 8.40am before the bell at 8.55am which really provides lots of time to arrive in school punctually.

The attendance team sent out one attendance support plan invite.

Our Attendance Incentive is underway!

We're so excited to see how many children are already talking about our amazing mystery boxes from **The Funky Fidget Shop!** It's fantastic to hear how much everyone would love the chance to win!

Just a little reminder: **You need to be in school EVERY DAY until Christmas to be entered into the prize draw!**

Keep showing up, keep trying your best, and you could be one of our lucky winners! Good luck, everyone!

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Mrs Douthwaite's class with 95.33% 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 children and staff have been talking about the people who help us and using different resources to create pictures and models. #RRSArticle31



Reception children found number bonds to 5 using Numicon! Well done! :) #RRSArticle28



Year 1 will be making their own stable structure in DT this term. They used their bodies to create structures and discovered that a wider base creates a more stable structure. #RRSArticle31



In Science, Y2 have been investigating and observing seeds and bulbs closely, in our new Plants topic #RRSArticle24





Year 3 are learning French with Miss Wood. #RRSArticle24

Year 4 used the IPads to work on digital imaging. Editing and changing photographs. #RRSArticle3



Year 5 have started making their motorised robots. Great problem solving skills. #RRSArticle31



Year 6 have been learning about square numbers in Maths. #RRSArticle28



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson