The Bader Bugle

Autumn Term 11

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A message from Mr Hodgson

Another busy week in school and guess what? They will only get busier (and more exciting) in the next few weeks! Cold and wet weather catches us out these days and it certainly did this week (proper November weather i.e. freezing cold and wet) but we're not used to the wintry weather in the run up to winter! Please can I ask that you wrap up your children with warm clothing. As Wainwright (the man of many walks) once said "There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing."

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.



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

Read for the Stars

Christmas is coming and so are more children reaching the sun. A big Bader well done to **Jamie Aylesbury, Issac McDonald, Dalton Walker, Jacob Manning, Alfie Wright, Darcie Cox, Henry Jackson, Fearne Palin, Joseph Chambers, Oliver Bytheway, Archie Davis, Rae Thompson, Alfie Richardson, Piper Carney, Henry O'Neil and Sophie Titley.**



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 work), they will receive a certificate and book of their choice in assembly (and their star on our display).

Bronze Award

As part of our behaviour policy, children earn Bader value points for showing our values of: **Being Happy, Aiming High, Determination, Excellence and Respect.** These are the collected individually until a 100 Bader Value points are earned. The child concerned is then awarded their bronze award. The first group of children will be revealed next week.



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.

Children in Need

The coin counters have been busy and the final amount of £206 was raised to support Pudsey bear and Children in Need. Thank you for your donations and supporting this charity event.



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 all happens next Thursday!
Thank you for your donations today and so far.



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

Parking

Please can I ask that we consider our residents, when dropping off and collecting your children at the beginning and the end of each day. Double parking, blocking driveways etc, of course are not appropriate and actually are breaking the law. Respect, of course, works both ways and is something we would endorse at our school.
Thank you for your co-operation.



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.

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** 2 No Discrimination. This week is Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is 'Break the Silence!' The children across school have been considering the difference between bullying and being unkind. They have taken part in different activities thinking of different ways to be kind and how to support one another.

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: **Harkirat Sidhu and Gracie Dollard.**



Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week was 'Anti-Bullying' week and as usual school did a lot of work around bullying and what it means. These children were chosen for their efforts in Anti-Bullying week. Well done to them!





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



Attendance

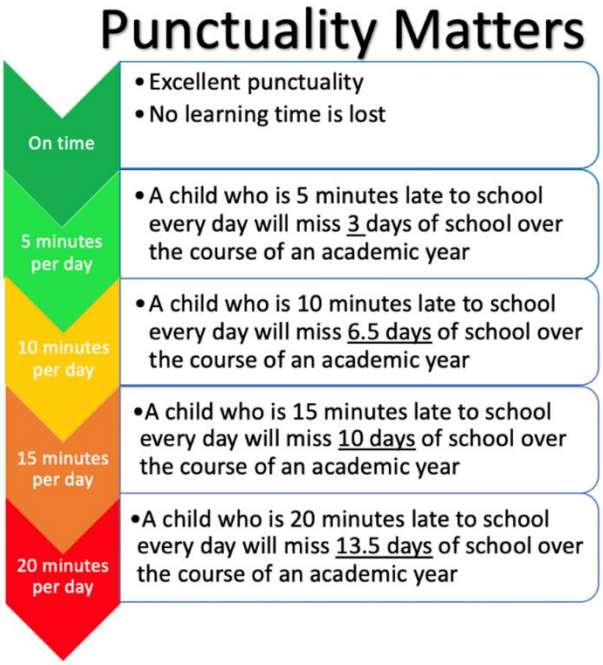
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 9th November 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	94.67%	2
Rec Mrs Hewitson/Mrs Spencer	93.53%	6
Y1 Mrs Poulson	92.92%	8
Y2 Mrs Bowe	97.74%	1
Y3 Mr Robinson	96.46%	7
Y4 Mrs Robinson	98.48%	12
Y5 Miss Robson	90%	0
Y5 Miss Weir	87.62%	3
Y6 Miss Bennett	98.13%	7
Y6 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	95.68%	2



Attendance Matters

A slightly better week for attendance at 94.91%. We had 174 pupils with 100% attendance in that last week though (79% of pupils having full attendance) which is very good. Punctuality was poor with 48 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 4 term time leave of absence letters.

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 Robinson's class with 98.48% 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 an exciting morning! Thornaby Blue Watch came in to show the children their fire engine! #RRSArticle6



Reception children enjoyed using torches to find the nocturnal animals hidden around the room. #RRSArticle24



In PSHE, Year 2 created a class paper chain, on which they drew trusted adults they would ask for help, if they were ever concerned about bullying. #RRSArticle3



Year 1 re-visited their learning with counting within 50. They identified the missing numbers their partner had hidden on a number grid and used their oracy skills to explain how they know #RRSArticle29



Year 4 experimented with different circuits to determine which would work and which would not and why. #RRSArticle3





Year 3 have made some brilliant Anti Bullying posters. #RRSArticle3

Year 5 have been thinking about being kind as it is anti-bullying week. They created kindness flowers thinking about what it is to be kind. #RRSArticle2



Year 6 have worn odd socks and designed a pair of their own odd socks for Anti Bullying Week. #RRSArticle2



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson