The Bader Bugle

Autumn Term 9

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A message from Mr Hodgson

Welcome to the second half of Autumn term – this is a particularly exciting few weeks as we have something beginning with a C  at the end of term! It's a little too early to mention it loudly in school yet but as you no doubt will be aware, it is a magical time in school and we have lots happening!

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.

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
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



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)

Read for the Stars

Our home reading initiative 'Read for the stars' goes from strength to strength with more children reaching 'the sun' than previous years. This week was the first chance for children to earn their reward. The first 'rocket' is 60 reads, the second one is 80 reads and the third one is 100 reads (all 'do-able' in the academic year with an 'aiming high' reading mentality.

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).

Well done to these children: **Lachlan Barfoot, Chloe Brack, Isaac Hindby, Gracie Chambers, Florence Allison, Macey Abbey-Saunders, Ivy North, Callum Wilberforce, Anabia Shaikh and Mia Todd.**

(This little lot were the first children to reach the sun)

Hot on their heels were: **Jude McNeil, George Poles, Isla Titley, Gracie Dollard, Eden Graham, Ronan Todd, Desirae Davies, Amelia Forsyth, Daisy Mai Barfoot, Roscoe Callen, Noah Hindby, Jacob Brack, Bodhi Graham, Aiden Todd, Ace Callen, Thomas Aberdeen, Islah Rose Poles, Arty Allison, Gabby Mount, Fynn McNeil and Aston Sterling Benson.**

A superb effort by our superstar readers!



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 on Friday 20th November.



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.

We had a virtual visit this week from the Rights Respecting Schools Senior Adviser as part of our re accreditation as a gold school. We can't share any news yet but Miss Weir, our Personal Development lead is very happy.



This logo was designed and adopted as our RRS logo in 2023 following an in-school competition. Isla Bowe (then in Year 6) and Mrs Bowe's daughter was the winner with this brilliant design.

Children in Need

Children In Need day next week is **Friday 13th November,** and to help support the charity, we will be asking the children to come to school dressed in something spotty with their normal school uniform. For example, they could wear a spotty t-shirt with their school trousers/skirt. If your child doesn't have anything spotty in their wardrobe, you could even stick or draw some spots onto a plain t-shirt.

We are asking the children to bring in a small donation in loose change, which they will use to place on a giant Pudsey throughout the day.

Please note: This is NOT a non-uniform day.

Remember to check out class dojo and our school X (Twitter) and instagram page for photographs from the day.

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: **Ruben Lee Shaw, Elijah Durham and Maximus Emerson.**

A big well done to them!

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week, we had a virtual visit to school by the Rights Respecting School's Adviser, Kathy Allen, as part of our re-accreditation as a 'GOLD' school. These children did a sterling job in a variety of roles, either as ambassadors or sharing the learning that happens in school. As a reward, they had a legendary 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' this morning.

A big RRS well done to them!



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.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion poppy appeal again this year. On Sunday, Bader Parliament will be representing school at the Remembrance Day Sunday Parade and Service at Thornaby Cenotaph.

Remembrance Wednesday

Wednesday 11th November at 11am, the children will observe a one minutes silence in the playground. Should any parents/carer wish to join us, we would welcome you via the main school entrance and side gate. Please arrive for 10.55am.

Attendance

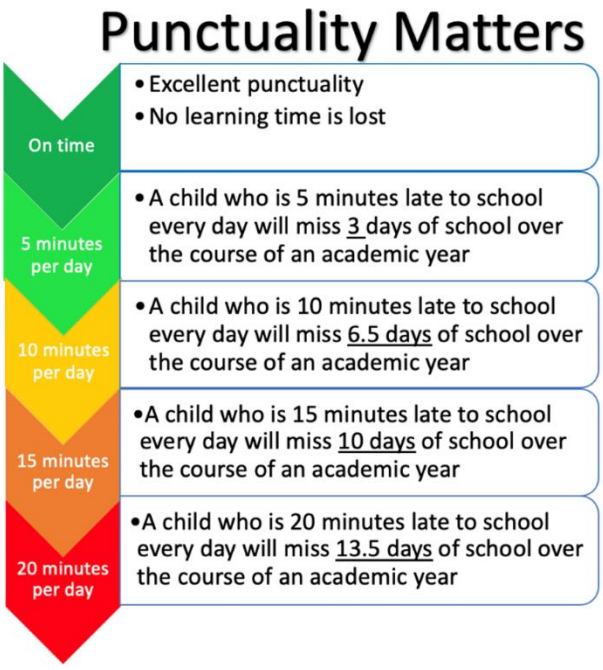
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

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 19th October 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	94.53%	4
Rec Mrs Hewitson/Mrs Spencer	87.5%	1
Y1 Mrs Poulson	91.15%	4
Y2 Mrs Bowe	93.95%	3
Y3 Mr Robinson	95.5%	8
Y4 Mrs Robinson	93.56%	7
Y5 Miss Robson	88.13%	1
Y5 Miss Weir	98.86%	7
Y6 Miss Bennett	98.44%	2
Y6 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	93.06%	0



Attendance Matters

Last week, our attendance was lower than the previous week at 93.52% but 10 less lates (37) than the previous week. We did have an impressive 189 children being in school every day though – 100%, which is 85.1% of school!

The attendance team sent out three punctuality letters.



This week, Mrs Walker, our attendance officer, launched our latest Attendance incentive. The reward is a fabulous mystery box from the Funky Fidget Shop for a child in EY/KS1 and a child in KS2.

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Miss Weir class with 98.86% 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 were very excited to see the fire fighter role play area staff had ready for them to explore #RRSArticle31



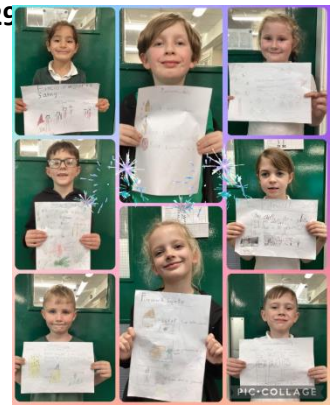
Reception children have been exploring and enjoying our provision.
#**RRSArticle31**



Year 1 learned about bonfire night and discussed how they can keep themselves safe. They created their own posters about firework safety. #RRSArticle6



To complete our History topic on 'The Gunpowder Plot', we thought about how we celebrate Bonfire Night now and also created a firework safety poster #RRSArticle29





Year 3 had a great hockey session. #RRSArticle24

Year 4 have had a fantastic time creating our Mayan paintings inspired by the artist Richard Mazzola #RRSArticle3



Year 5 have been learning a new chord in our ukulele lesson this afternoon with Tees Valley Music #RRSArticle31



Year 6 have had a fantastic morning in their Kirkleatham Owl workshop, where they got to stroke a barn owl. #RRSArticle31



Have a lovely weekend. I'm off to Watford #UTB

Mr Hodgson