



# The Bader Bugle



Autumn Term 15  
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20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## **A message from Mr Hodgson**

A fantastic, fabulous, final festive (full) week in school we have had this week, culminating in a visit to St Mark's church this morning. How quickly the end of term has come around probably because of the packed curriculum we offer, especially these last few weeks as you people who read this newsletter will testify. Here is the last offering of 2024:

## **After School Clubs**

Just a reminder that the after school clubs start back up again week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and will run until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Details of these will be sent out first week back.

## **Dates for your diaries**

### **School reopens for 2025 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Professional Development Days** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 (half term begins)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Easter break begins)

## **Uniform**

We are proud of our school and our school motto of 'Aiming High'. The vast majority of our children follow the uniform policy which gives a real sense of belonging to our community. This is just a reminder that acceptable footwear is flat black shoes or black plain trainers please. Children will be expected to change into black plimsolls inside if they wear inappropriate footwear. Information about our uniform can be found on our school website [www.bader.org.uk](http://www.bader.org.uk)

We need to be mindful of our school uniform again, from January, please.

## **St Marks Church**

A big thank you to Father Tom Bates-Bourne of St Mark's for allowing us to attend church this morning for our annual Christmas Service. Year 2 children (appearing in school's nativity) made an 'extra' appearance today, where the singing from all who attended was superb and made me extremely proud. The children were asked to show kindness this Christmas and to think of others in the world who might not be as fortunate as some people.





## Christmas Carols

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 performed for parents and carers this week, in the courtyard.



## 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 given a special place in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board. This week's lucky pupils to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are: **Imogen Burrell and Ava Halliday.**



## School Meal Price Increase

Unfortunately, Stockton Borough Council, has increased the cost of school meals. From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, a school meal will cost £3.00. From March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025, a school meal will cost £3.31. We apologise for this increase but I am sure you will understand that this service is provided by the Stockton Borough Council so school has no direct control of any price increases that may occur. There was an increase in November, which school absorbed as we were aware that another heftier increase was likely, this is the increase concerned. Thank you for your understanding.

### Read for the Stars

Our core business, our main goal, is to foster and develop a love of reading which is why it is such a high priority in school. Our 'read for the stars' reading initiative is now in its 7th year and is pretty unique where school offers 'free' books as a reward for reading at home.

We end the school year by saying a BIG WELL DONE to: **Ella-Rose John, Nevada Shaw, Sadie Carroll, Jacob Manning, Annie Suckling, Tyler Simpson, Shay McGuigan, Jude Westwood, Leo McCoy, Kendall Durham, Declan Morris, Neve Durham, Harkirat Sidhu, Cody Burnham, Freya Lincoln-Taylor, Frankie Maw, Harshleen Sidhu, Lucca Collantine, Evie Chambers, Ivy Rathbone, Issac McDonald, Henry Jackson, Nancy McGough, Imani Deen, James Hart, Terence Lawson and Ethan Lindo-Gibson.**



Well done to all of these boys and girls!

Reading every day is part of our home school agreement and home learning. Please read with your child or encourage them to read aloud to you or to find a quiet place and lose themselves in a really good book.

Christmas time would be a great time to share a story with your children. School this week, purchased and delivered today (express from Santa), a book for every pupil in school and a bookmark.

### X



Our X followers are currently **2529** which is amazing. **Don't miss out!** You can catch up on all the exciting learning that has been captured on X in the last week (@BaderPrimary). For postings of the latest news and events going on in school, please follow us on X. Also, check out our school website:

<http://www.bader.org.uk/> Check out today's photographs too!

### 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 recipients are as follows: **Florence Allison, Harry Brown, Callum Wilberforce, Neve Durham, Lenny Bryan, Amber Ahmed, Rae Thompson, Mia Todd, Jake Pinchbeck and Jackson Moseley.**



### 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  |
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|  | <p>Article 27 Food, Clothing and a safe home</p> <p>Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.</p> <p>This article has been selected to fit in with Christmas Jumper day. It is ran by the Save the Children charity. They use this day to raise funds to support those families in need.</p> |

### Christmas Raffle

We raised an incredible **£358.60** from our coloured hampers this year (more than last year!) Thank you for your donations and for buying the tickets!

#### Winners:

Nursery – Lorena Porteous

Reception – Piper Carney and Aria Hood

Year 1 – Gracie Chambers

Year 2 - Teddy Tyers

Year 3 – Leon Hamilton

Year 4 – Rocco Green

Year 5 – Thomas Cooke

Year 6 – Beatrix Cooper-Gers



**Christmas**  
 **Raffle**









## 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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

| Class              | % Attendance   | Lates   |
|--------------------|--|---|
| REC Mrs Douthwaite | 92.35%   | 0  |
| Rec Mrs Parr       | 80%  | 0  |
| Y1/ 2 Mrs Bowe     | 95.56%   | 0  |
| Y1/ 2 Mrs Poulson  | 91.11%   | 3   |
| Y2 Mrs Jones       | 96.67%   | 1   |
| Y3 Mrs Robinson    | 86.09%   | 2   |
| Y3 Mrs Spencer     | 92.17%   | 7   |
| Y4 Miss Robson     | 97.65%  | 6   |
| Y5 Miss Horrigan   | 95.24%   | 5   |
| Y5 Miss Weir       | 96.19%   | 6   |
| Y6 Miss Bennett    | 95%  | 3   |
| Y6 Mr Robinson     | 92%  | 2   |

### Do I need to keep my child off school?

HSC Public Health Agency

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|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Chicken Pox</b><br>Until all spots have crusted over       | <b>Conjunctivitis</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | <b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b><br>48 hours from last episode                      | <b>Glandular Fever</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | <b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | <b>Impetigo</b><br>Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics |
| <b>Measles or German Measles</b><br>4 days from onset of rash | <b>Mumps</b><br>5 days from onset of swelling   | <b>Scabies</b><br>Until after first treatment                                      | <b>Scarlet Fever</b><br>24 hours after commencing antibiotics                          | <b>Slapped Cheek</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed          | <b>Whooping Cough</b><br>48 Hours after commencing antibiotics                                 |
| <b>Flu</b><br>Until recovered                                 | <b>Head Lice</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed      | <b>Threadworms</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | <b>Tonsillitis</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed     |   |  |

### Attendance Update

Week 14 of this term saw our attendance dip to 92.98%, from reception to Year 6 which is not where we want it to be. However 203 pupils had 100% attendance in that week too (80.39% of pupils having full attendance), which is super.

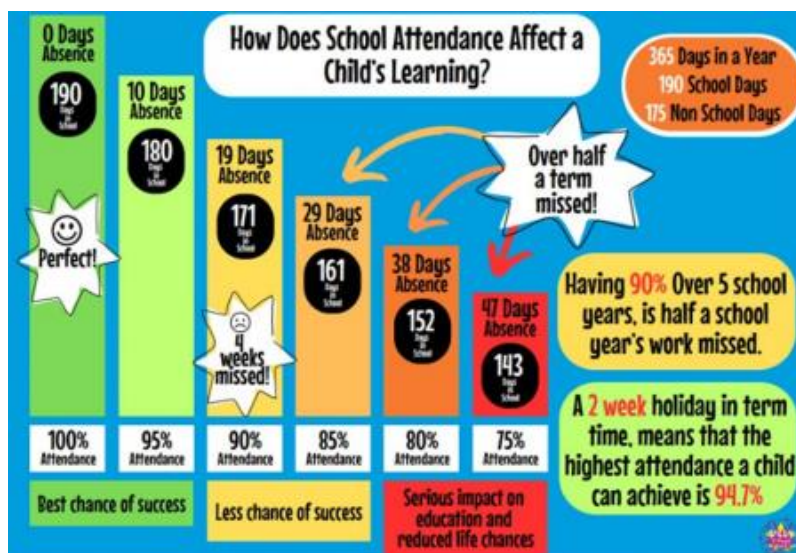
Coming to school on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from Nursery onwards. Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain reading and math skills.
- Build friendships.
- Build on good progress which leads to reaching age related expectations and above.

Again our attendance has been the poorest day of the week today.

The attendance team therefore are more vigilant with Friday absences.

Please ensure if your child is absent on a Friday that you speak to the attendance team promptly. This is classed as an unauthorised absence otherwise and could eventually invoke a fine unfortunately.



## Curriculum

We continue to teach as ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum as possible in all subjects. Here is a selection of Twitter posts this week: You will notice that we have included the Rights Respecting School Articles too.



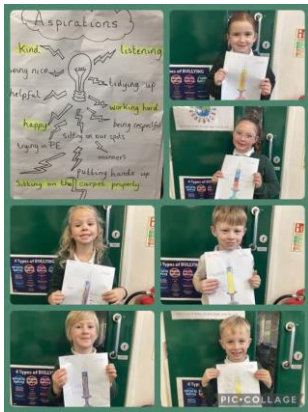
Nursery Children enjoyed playing the Robot game in phonics. #RRSArticle29

Reception children thought about the best way to catch an elf! #RRSArticle13



Y2 have been observing the changes in the seeds that we planted a couple of weeks ago. #RRSArticle6

In their PSHE lesson Y1/2 discussed and wrote down their long and short term goals and aspirations #RRSArticle8



Year 4 have been exploring how Christians celebrate Christmas and the meaning behind it. #RRSArticle31



Year 3 have conducted their own experiments to answer the question 'Can everything make a shadow?' #RRSArticle24



Year 5 have been finishing off their Christmas decorations that have been inspired by Eva Rothschild #RRSArticle29

Year 6 enjoyed making salt dough in Science and testing whether it conducted electricity or not! #RRSArticle28



We now look forward to a positive, prosperous new year in 2025. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you again for your support, from Mr Hodgson and all staff. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK TODAY FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER UNTIL TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025.**