



The Bader Bugle



Spring Term 8

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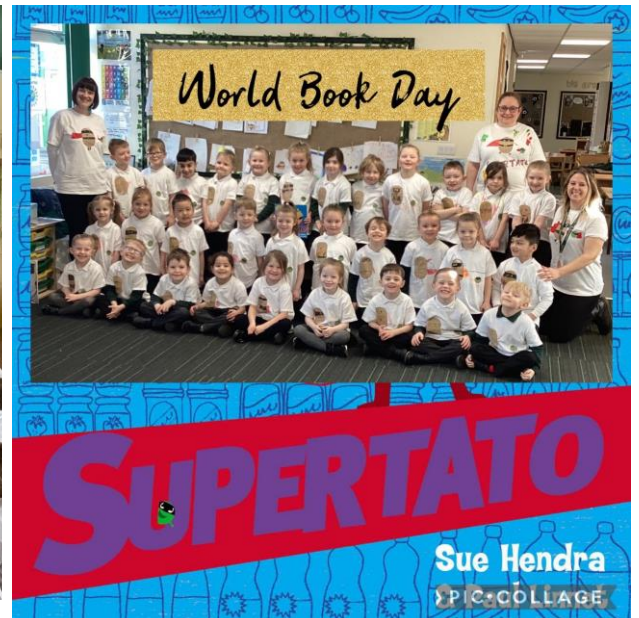
7th March 2025

A message from Mr Hodgson

A super first week back after half term, the weather (until today) has been spring like and of course it is lighter on a morning and evening. This makes so much difference to life in school and improves everyone's health and wellbeing.

World Book Day

To give you a flavour of what we have been doing for 'World Book Day 2025', Mr Robinson, our English lead kicked it all off with a special World Book Day assembly. The children then participated in lots of exciting activities throughout the day. You will be aware that school bought every child a 'T' shirt to decorate with a book character, again this year. We feel this is a great idea a) to save you from the expense of forking out for an outfit/costume and b) the children get to decorate the 'T' shirt with a book character of their choice.



World Book Day



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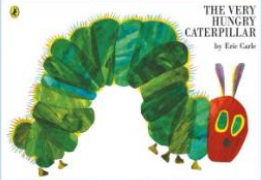
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Year 6

World book day t-shirts

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Extreme Hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children and are not in keeping with the ethos of the school. This includes patterns shaved into the hair, excessive use of hair products and false hair. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Head Teacher. Any hair long enough to be tied back should be.

There have been one or two occasions recently, when a hairstyle is borderline 'extreme'. If I deem this to be the case, the child in question, unfortunately, will be sent home. Please consider this before allowing hairstyles that may fall into this category. Thank you for your support.

Science Week

Next week in school, we will be celebrating British Science Week. British Science Week is a ten day celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This years theme is 'Change and Adapt'. Every afternoon the children will take part in Science activities linking to the theme. You can find out more about British Science Week by following the link below.

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>



Dates for your diaries

Professional Development Days Monday 21st July 2025

Monday 3rd March 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025 (Easter break begins)

Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025 (half term begins)

Monday 2nd June 2025 – Friday 18th July 2025

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is next Friday 21st March. This year, we will be participating by inviting children to come into school wearing something red for a small donation please. The theme is 'Do something funny for money' so we ask that the children bring or learn a joke to share with their peers. Don't worry, Mr Hodgson has plenty of 'Dad jokes' to share too.

A little known fact, I used to tap dance until I kept falling over in the sink!



Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's recipients of 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were chosen for really impressing during yesterday's World Book Day. A very well done to them!








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 17th February 2025

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	88.24%	0 
Rec Mrs Parr	91.25%	0 
Y1/ 2 Mrs Bowe	98.89%	2
Y1/ 2 Mrs Poulson	95%	2
Y2 Mrs Jones	94.17%	3
Y3 Miss Beckwith	86.96%	0 
Y3 Mrs Spencer	91.74%	3
Y4 Miss Robson	94.12%	2
Y5 Miss Horrigan	93.12%	2
Y5 Miss Weir	97.35%	2
Y6 Miss Bennett	92.5%	2
Y6 Mr Robinson	99% 	0 

Attendance Ladder



Attendance of the school year

Week 22, or week 7 of the new term, saw attendance drop to only 93.5%, from Reception to Year 6. (not a good week). However, we did have 205 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (80.39% of pupils having full attendance), which is very good.

Also, this week, I want to share the number of children in school (of school age) who currently are 95% attendance or better. We have 137 impressive individuals which is 61% of that cohort. Well done to them!

Obviously, if your child's attendance is 90% or less, they are classed as a persistent absentee and will be on school's attendance radar. Children with between 91% and 94.9% attendance are heading in the right direction though. You should be aware of your child's attendance now after parents evening (which we recognise cannot always be 100% as children do get ill).

Please work with us in ensuring that your child comes to school every day they possibly can.

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.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

Read for the Stars

More children reaching the sun TWICE, and therefore a big well done to: **Elliott Pettitt, Ivy Raynor and James Chambers.**

More children reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Zachary Church, Dalton Thomson and Isla Jackson.** (Keep up the reading!)


Remember, home reading is vital and we are the only school in this area (as far as I am aware) that rewards reading with free books - such is the importance that our school places on reading.

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.



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 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups) Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

Mid Year Learning Reviews

A big thank you to everyone who managed to get in to speak to their child's teacher over the last two evenings for a mid year learning review. Thank you also for the parent/carer feedback which will be collated and shared in the near future. As stated in the last newsletter, these opportunities are so important and ensure that the partnership between home and school is continuously strong. All we ask for as a school, is your support with helping to develop good learning habits. Being able to do maths etc. is not necessary, school does that – encouragement and support is all you really need to do with your children. Any issues or concerns with any home learning or anything else to do with the education of your child, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher initially.

Thank you too to Mrs Bryan and Mrs Watson for selling refreshments and books on behalf of Friends of Bader. And a final thank you to Thornaby Family Hub who were in attendance and Mr O'Boyle and Miss Wood (two of our super governors) who came along to support school.

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: **Rhia Grey, Nancy McGough, Jude McNeil, Reggie McMahon and Rocco Green.**



Easter Egg Raffle

Friends of Bader would now like donations to the Easter raffle please.

Raffle tickets are on sale now.

Tickets are 20p each or 5 for £1 and the winners will be drawn in the last week before the Easter break.



X



Our X followers are currently **2516** 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:

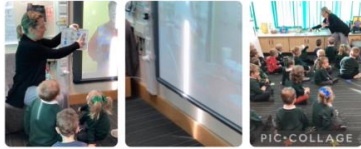
<http://www.bader.org.uk/> Check out today's photographs too!

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.



Pancake Day!



Y1/2 are learning about attack and defence. They worked in teams to overturn their markers into teacups and saucers
#RRSArticle29



Year 3 enjoyed creating their own characters and then having character battles to decide on the class favourites.
#RRSArticle3



Y4 have been debating the pros and cons of deforestation in Geography and explaining the advantages and disadvantages in detail. #RRSArticle3



Reception have been combining numbers in Maths.
#RRSArticle29

Y2 have been creating their character cards ready to have a character battle for World Book Day!
#RRSArticle3



Year 5 complete a mystery Maths problem. They worked well together to solve Maths questions
#RRSArticle28

Year 6 have been thinking about what choices they can make in order to live a healthy life.
#RRSArticle17



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson