



# Badger Class Newsletter

## Spring 1 2026

Dear Parents/Carers



### Our class topics



Our topic this half term is 'Transport'.

Throughout this topic we will cover:

- Different types of transport
- How transport has changed over time
- What can make things travel faster or slower?

To continue with these topics at home you could try the following:

- Look at different types of transport
- Try out a new mode of travel e.g. a short train ride or ferry.
- What transport do you need to get to different places?

### English and Communication

In English this half term we will be looking at 'Stories including transport'. We will look at a range of different stories that include different transport. We will read the books and match symbols or words from the stories. We will look at the journey they have gone on and compare these with previous stories. As well as this we will continue to do our phonics, reading and our hand gym.

### Maths



In Maths this half term we will be learning about number, counting and distance. We will think about how far things have travelled using the vocabulary far and close. To continue working on our numbers we will be recognising numbers, ordering numbers and thinking about how we can add and take away.

### Topic key language

Key words that we are focussing on this term are:  
Transport, travel, cars, trains, boats, planes.

Happy New Year....2026. We are excited to see our pupils back and start a fun and exciting term in Badgers. Please continue to email me any photos of activities or trips our children enjoy so we can share these with each other as a class.

Any questions or updates please email-  
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### Badger Class staff



- Mr Steve Ashton - Class teacher PPA Monday afternoon.
- Paige Easterbrook
- Helen Black
- Katie Jasper

### Reading and wellies

Please remember to send in wellies and plenty of spare clothes for the winter season as we will still be outside or have sensory sessions in class. Enjoy reading and looking at books with your child and complete the yellow reading log.

### PE

This half term Badgers will continue to attend gymnastics on a Wednesday morning, starting on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.

We will start swimming on Thursday mornings at 9:30 at Barncroft school. Please arrive promptly (as you usually do).

### Important dates

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Inset day

Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> Jan - Parents evening - dates to be confirmed.

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Chinese new year

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - last day of half term.