



19th April 2024



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school for the summer term and a warm welcome to the new families who have joined our school this week.

This is one of the busiest terms of the year, with school trips planned for all year groups and a number of PSA events in the diary. We will also be inviting parents into school for a Family Learning Day, where you can spend time with your child in the classroom, details will be sent out next week.

Children have returned to school enthusiastic and ready to learn. Please visit the year group pages on our [school website](#) to find out more about what your child will be learning this term.

This week children in reception have had a balance ability session. The children completed a range of balancing activities, including using the balance bikes. Coach Chris who delivered the sessions was very impressed with the children's listening skills and how well they followed the instructions.



This half term, year 1 children will be learning new tennis skills in PE with Mrs Gowers, who is an experienced tennis coach. The children will work on developing their hand eye coordination and control of the ball.



This week in maths lessons, children in year 2 have been learning to tell the time. Many of us now use digital clocks and watches at home and children are seeing fewer clock faces in their environments. Children are expected to learn to tell the time using analogue clocks, as well as digital time. Parents can support your child at home with reinforcing the learning in school

by using an analogue clock face and asking your child to tell the time throughout the day.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

School attendance for the academic year to date 94.7%

We continue to battle with childhood illnesses impacting on attendance. However, we are seeing a significant number of children absent due to unauthorised leave. Please be advised that if you have previously received a Penalty Notice for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance **or** been the subject of a prosecution for any child in relation to irregular school attendance, **you may not be given the opportunity to pay a further Penalty Notice; your case may proceed directly to court.**



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Please ensure that your child does not bring any products into school containing nuts, including cereal bars, cakes and sandwich fillings etc.

This also includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella. We have staff and children with severe nut allergies. Thank you



Click on the School Money icon above to book your child's dinners.

Meals for week commencing 29.04.24 need to be booking by 9am Wednesday 24th April

Please ensure to click PAY on the app to ensure meals are sent through to us. (schools dinners are free for infant aged children).

If your child has a meal ordered and they arrive with a packed lunch, they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them.

Any changes to your child's meal choices are to be made on School Money by parents by **9am Wednesday's** for the following week to ensure that your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate that children can change their preferences.



Baddow Hall Schools
BREAKFAST CLUB
 open to all Infant and Junior children
Monday – Friday
7.30 – 8.40am

For further details, to check availability and book your child's place, please contact the Infant School office on 01245 471338
Sessions are £6.00 each.
Childcare vouchers accepted.
 Pre-booking only, limited places.
(ad hoc sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked/paid for in advance of session).

Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for this half term are closed. If you need sessions for next half term you will need to call and pay. Please note that some days are full.

Please ensure if paying for sessions with childcare vouchers that plenty of time is given before each booking window opens so funds can clear in time. Only pay in what is needed for each half term to prevent building up a large balance.

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list. **Thank you for all the resources that we have received from parents so far, it is much appreciated.**

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs start next week so if you would like your child to attend please book their place with the club providers directly. All of the club flyers with their contact details and the club timetable can be found under the *parents-before and after school* tab. Please ensure that on the days that your child has a club that they are not wearing earrings (unless they can remove them themselves) and that they have suitable clothing to wear. PE kit is fine if it is your child's PE day that day.

Reminder—Toy donations needed

If you had a clear out in the Easter break, we are needing sensory toddler toys for The Nest. If you have anything like a busy board, a wooden maze roller or a fisher price activity board that is in good condition and you no longer want or need we would be really grateful for the donation. Please see examples below.



School Trips

Please ensure to return your signed permissions slips for each trip.

Reception

Tuesday 14th May—Thorndon Park Gruffalo Trip. (letter gone out to parents)

Year 1

Wednesday 15th May—Danbury Park Habitat Day. (letter gone out to parents)

Wednesday 12th June—History Off The Page Seaside Day, in school. (letter will be sent to parents nearer the time)

Year 2

Wednesday 5th June—Mini Games at CSAC. (letter will be sent to parents nearer the time)

Thursday 18th July—Thriftwood Scouting Camp. (letter gone out to parents)

We do ask for a contribution from parents to help cover the costing of these events and trips which can be paid on School Money. You will be able to pay for Thorndon Park, Danbury Park and Thriftwood in installments to help spread the cost.

We are also able to use funds from the PSA fundraising or our Sports Initiative Funding to pay towards some of the overall cost.

School Calendar

Please ensure to check the calendar on the school website regularly. Dates for events such as class photo's, Sports Day and end of year shows have been posted for a while, however we do update this when a new event gets planned.

PSA events are also on here such as the summer fair, one of the biggest events in their fundraising calendar so make sure to save the date.

PSA School Disco

If you would like your Yr 1 or Yr2 child to attend the disco you will need to purchase a ticket on School Money. The deadline to purchase tickets is **12noon Thursday 25th April (NO exceptions).**

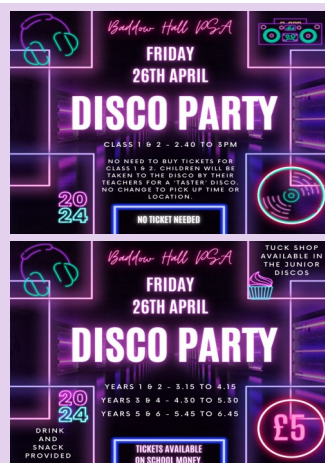
Please note that if you have signed your child up for dance club, it is still commencing on Friday 26th April if your child is not attending the disco.

Pick up is from classrooms.

3.15pm for reception

4.15pm for Yr1 & Yr2.

If your child is usually collected by Little Spring Wonders or YMCA, please ensure to let them know if they are attending the disco instead.



Useful information

Please click [HERE](#) for the useful information tab on our website for parents such as ordering name labels, advice on health for families.

Pierced Ears

If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, please bear in mind that children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE/after school clubs and tape is not allowed. We recommend having them pierced in the 6 weeks holiday.