



22nd May 2026



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



A huge thank you to everyone for helping School Council and the children at Baddow Hall Infants not only reach but exceed their target for the sponsored obstacle course. The children are delighted to announce that together you have raised an amazing **£1021!** We look forward to having the equipment installed next term.

Today we hosted our Family Learning Day, thank you to Daniel Sceats from the Essex Music Hub, for leading such fantastic drumming sessions. The workshops were an opportunity for the children to have a shared learning experience with parents. I was able to join class 4's session and it was great to see not just the concentration but the enjoyment on everyone's faces. Throughout the day we have had lovely feedback from parents about the session.



Mrs Cook has made the decision to retire at the end of this academic year, following 30 years in education. Mrs Cook has dedicated the whole of her teaching career to Baddow Hall Infants, and hundreds of children have benefitted from her expertise. We look forward to hearing about what she has planned for her next adventure!

Next week is half term, followed by an INSET day on Monday 1st June. Children will return to school on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

Have a great half term and enjoy the sunshine that is forecast.

Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### Important Dates

Please check the [school calendar](#), as there are lots of events next half term.

### School Attendance

Whole school attendance: **94.3%**  
Reception attendance: **94.9%**  
Year 1 attendance: **92.6%**  
Year 2 attendance: **95.1%**  
**Our school target is 97%.**

### Attendance Matters



### Reporting absence—reminder

If your child will be absent from school you must **call or email the office** rather than the class teacher by **9.30am**. When calling or emailing, please include the following information:

- **Child's first and last name**
- **Class number (or name of teacher)**
- **Reason for absence**

Please note that if your child has been sick or has had diarrhea, they must remain off school for **48 hours** from the last instance. This is to help prevent the spread of potential bugs.

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

**This includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella.**

We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.

### Pre-order your child's school dinners

Meals for the **week beginning 1st June must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 19th May. Week beginning 8th June must be booked by midnight Tuesday 2nd June.**



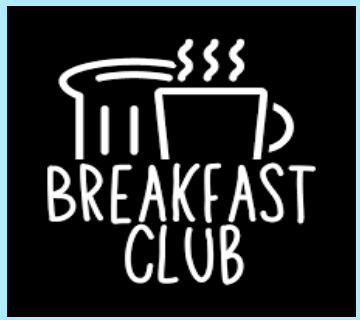
If a meal is not booked, reminders are not always sent out so parents will be phoned and asked to provide their child with a packed lunch. If a meal has been booked and they arrive with a packed lunch they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them.

### Breakfast Club

If you are needing a child care solution in the mornings due to needing to get to work, we run a fantastic Breakfast Club which caters for infant & junior children and starts at 7.30am. If you would like to register your child, please contact the infant office.

Breakfast Club sessions can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. (The serving of food finishes at 8.15am).

Childcare vouchers can be used as payment for breakfast club sessions, please see <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for additional information on how to apply.



### REMINDER: Important—PARENT PAY—do not use One Click Payments

When making a payment on Parent Pay please **do not** use One Click Payments as the payment method. Please see the letter that was emailed to parents regarding this.

### Class and Year 2 photographs

Horizon Photographic will attend school on **Wednesday 3rd June** to take our class photos as well as year 2 leavers and year group photos. Any child that missed the individual photos that took place in September will also have their picture taken. Proofs will then be sent home with the children when they arrive in school and parents order and pay for any purchases directly with the provider.



### Warm Weather

We hope that the sunny days are here to stay. With this in mind please ensure that your child has in school a named water bottle and named sunhat everyday. Sun screen should also be applied before school.

With such changeable weather though, perhaps a lightweight jacket too in case it is raining at school pick up time.

### New Clubs

We are looking to start new clubs in the Autumn Term and one we are really interested in is Lego Club. We would need donations of Lego though in order for this to work as currently we do not have enough in school. If any of your older children or you know of anyone that wants to offload their Lego, we would most certainly give it a good home. If donations of Lego could please be brought to the office.



### Medical Appointments

Medical appointments such as routine dental checkups should be done outside of school times where possible. If you are needing to take your child to a medical appointment during school hours please show proof of this appointment to the office either in person or you can email over a screenshot. Please let the office know the time your child will be either collected or dropped off and whether their school dinner would need cancelling.

### Other important dates coming up

Monday 25th May—Half Term

Monday 1st June—Inset Day

Wednesday 3rd June—Class and Year 2 photographs

Friday 12th June—PSA Pop Up Shop (Father's Day)

Tuesday 16th June—Year 1 Seaside Day—with History Off The Page

Thursday 25th June—Infant Sports Day (reserve date Friday 26th June)



Tuesday 30th June—Year 2 Mini Games—competing with other schools at CSAC

Monday 29th June—Last week for extra curricular clubs (except Football & Music which finish Monday 6th July)

All events and important dates can be found on our calendar on our website.

### Pre-loved Uniform Donations

If you are having a clear out over the half term we are in need of the following for our spare clothing boxes: (please only give us any of the items below, thank you)

**Boys white polo tops** (any size), **PE shorts** (any size), **Tracksuit bottoms ONLY** (any size), **PE white tshirt** (any size), **spare sun hats**.

If you have any other uniform you no longer need we can pass this onto the PSA for you to sell.



### Amazon Wishlist

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you would like to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list.

### Easy Fundraising

Money raised can really help our school to buy additional equipment or resources to benefit the children and it doesn't cost you anything.

To register is simple (and FREE), please click the link [HERE](#)



### Keep your postage stamps for us—Stamp Collecting for RNIB

We are collecting postage stamps on behalf of the Royal Institute for the Blind and have a collection box in the lobby.

Please cut around the stamps and place them in the donation box. (Please do not give them to us attached to envelopes with personal details on).

**RNIB**

See differently

### Useful information—including local events and holiday clubs information

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

If you use **Stikins** to order name labels please ensure to use our unique code so that we get a small commission on the orders placed. **Our code is 1081.**

This page is also updated regularly with events taking place in the local area so please ensure to check them out.

### Textiles Recycling

We have a textiles recycling box beside the bike shelter. If you are having a sort out of clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains etc, please use this bin to recycle them. This helps to raise funds for the school. A poster of which items can and can't be recycled can be found on the window of our main entrance and also on the side of the recycling box. **(They do not accept school uniform items with logo's on it).**

If you have any school logo uniform in good condition that you no longer need, please give to the PSA rather than place in the recycle box.

### Pre-loved uniform

The PSA regularly hold pre-loved uniform sales. You can also contact the PSA at anytime if you are in need of uniform and they can check what they have. Please contact the PSA directly at [psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk) (you can hand pre-loved uniform into the office and we will pass this onto the PSA).

### Lost Property

If your child has lost something please check in our lost property boxes which are in the lobby of the main entrance. We please urge parents to name everything, including lunch boxes, coats and water bottles so that they can be easily reunited with your child.

**Any unclaimed items remaining in lost property on the last day of each term will be recycled or disposed of.**



*Our vision is for every child to make the best possible progress.*