

20th November 2026

BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

We have had a busy two weeks in school. Classes are now beginning to think about Christmas performances. Please check the school calendar for the dates of your child's performance.



This term we continue to focus on handwriting across the school. Children are learning about posture, positioning of the paper, pencil grip and pressure, which we refer to as the 4 Ps. Children in reception and year 1 are focused on using the correct letter formation and year 2 are learning to join their handwriting.

This week some of our year 1 children represented our school at the Teddylimpics. The children completed a range of sporting challenges, such as long jump, skipping and running. The children were great ambassadors for our school and we were very proud of their resilience and enthusiasm. Well done Louis C, Brody, Ellison, Mollie, Chester, Darcie, Reeva and to Otis, who was recognised for a special award.



This week has been anti-bullying week and the focus has been 'break the silence'. In assembly, we spoke about the adults that children can talk to both inside and outside of school.
The children have been encouraged to speak out if they see someone being unkind and to say 'Stop' to their peers.

Last Friday the children enjoyed the disco, thank you to the PSA and to Mr Spencer, our resident DJ, for giving up their time to raise funds for both schools. The PSA are working hard behind the scenes getting organised for the Christmas Fair, if you are able to lend a hand on the day, please get in contact with the PSA.
PSA@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk

Have a good weekend,
Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Check your child's attendance on the Edulink app.

Are they on track for above 97%?





School Attendance

Medical and dental appointments should be made after school and during school holidays where possible.
If your child does need to attend an appointment we require you to send confirmation of the appointment to the school office.

Medical appointments are recorded as an authorised absence.

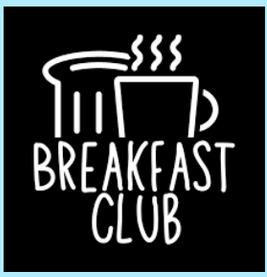
Strong foundations start with strong attendance.

Pre-order your child's school dinners

Meals for the **Week beginning 30th November must be booked by midnight Tuesday 24th November.**

If a meal is not booked, 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. We will not be sending out reminders to those parents that have missed the deadline so please ensure to check your bookings on Parent Pay.

ParentPay



Breakfast Club

If you need a childcare solution in the mornings, we run a fantastic Breakfast Club which caters for infant & junior children and opens 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.

Important dates for this term

Monday 30th November—last week for extra-curricular clubs (except dance which finished week before
Thursday 3rd December—Year 2 Great Fire of London Day experience
Friday 4th December—PSA Elfridge's Shopping Stall (within school hours)
Friday 11th December—PSA Xmas Fair
Tuesday 15th December—9.30am Year 1 performance
Wednesday 16th December—9.30am Reception performance
Wednesday 16th December—Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December—9.30am Year 2 performance
Friday 18th December—10am Christmas service for whole school St Mary's Church
Friday 18th December—Last day of term.
Monday 4th January—Inset Day



PSA Events

Just a reminder to please ensure that tickets for events are purchased before the deadline to avoid disappointment.

Elfridges shopping tokens deadline is **12noon Thursday 26th November.**

The PSA need time to purchase enough gifts for tickets sales hence the deadline.





Year 2—Great Fire of London Day

Reminder—Children in year 2 will have a Great Fire of London Day, an experience with History Off The Page on **Thursday 3rd December.** To enable us to give these experiences to the children, we ask for a contribution from parents. Please log onto ParentPay to make your contribution.

Important! Reception and Year 3 places for 2027-28

If your child is due to start reception or year 3 in September 2027 an application for a place must be made via Essex County Council. Applications opened on **Monday 9th November** and will close **Friday 15th January.**

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 charity
We are collecting postage stamps for charity 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).

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.

Medical Appointments
Medical appointments such as routine dental checkups should be booked outside of school times where possible. If you need 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 a screenshot. Please let the office know the time your child will be either collected or dropped off and whether their school dinner will need to be cancelled. Medical appointments are recorded as an absence.

Pre-loved Uniform Donations
We are in desperate need of the following for our spare clothing boxes:
Boys Trousers (ages 5-6/6-7/7-8yrs)
PE shorts (any size)
Tracksuit bottoms ONLY (any size)
PE white tshirt (any size)
Trainers or school shoes (any size)
If you have any other uniform you no longer need we can pass this onto the PSA pre-loved uniform sales

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).**

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**
(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 recommend naming 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 half term will be recycled or disposed of.

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