



13th February 2026



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

This morning we welcomed Mrs Padgham to play her singing bowls for the children. Mrs Padgham also shared some information about how they are used. It was a great opportunity for the children to start the day with relaxing sounds.



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Chinese New Year celebrations begin next week and the children in reception have been learning about this celebration. In PE this week, reception children have been creating their own lion dance. We wish all our families who are celebrating a very Happy New Year.

Well done to all the children who took part in the PSA Lunar New Year competition.

This week we have held our 'Take One Picture' art week, which is a joint project with the junior school, inspired by the National Gallery. The children have been using 'African Map' by Jafeth Moiane, an African artist. Across each year group the children have been focusing on the skills of painting and sculpture. There will be an exhibition of the children's work from reception through to year 6 in the junior school hall on **Thursday 26th February**, straight after school. Please add this date to your diary.



The DFE will be launching a new website, [Kids Online Safety](#), on 16th February to support families and encourage regular conversations about what children are seeing online, asking simple questions, like "who shared this" and "why?" Learn about the actions you can take to support your child as they access digital devices for the first time

Next half term we look forward to our art exhibition, the year 2 infant music festival, and World Book Day. I hope you all have a great half term and we return to school on Monday 23rd February.

Have a good weekend.  
Best wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### **Reminder of Upcoming Dates**

Please check the school [calendar](#) which is updated regularly.

### **School Attendance**

**Our school attendance target is 97%.**

Whole school: 94.5%

Reception: 94%

Year 1: 92%

Year 2: 96%

### **Attendance Matters**



### **Reporting absence**

If your child will be absent from school you must call or email 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 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.

### **Order your child's school dinners**

Please book your child's meals in advance.

Meals for the **week beginning 23rd February must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 10th February and week beginning 2nd March must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 24th February.**

If a meal is not booked, reminders are not sent out so parents will be phoned and asked to provide their child with a packed lunch.



### Important—Parent Pay

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.

### PSA Pop Up Shop Friday 6th March

You are able to purchase shopping tokens for your child to purchase a gift from the pop up shop. The gift could be for mum, step mum, nan, auntie, you can purchase as many tokens as you wish.

The deadline to purchase your shopping tokens is **midday Thursday 5th March** so the PSA have time to ensure that there is enough gifts for the children to choose from.

If you have siblings in the school please ensure to purchase separately so that both children get a chance to visit the shop.

**Shopping tokens are £3.50 each.**  
(your child should bring in a named carrier bag on the day)



### School Trips 2025-26—please see dates below

**Thursday 19th March—Year 2 Music Festival at Christchurch**

**Friday 24th April—Reception Thorndon Park—Gruffalo Trail**

**Tuesday 12th May—Year 1 Danbury Park—Pond Dipping & Wildlife**

**Thursday 14th May—Year 2 Thriftwood Scout Campsite—Outdoor activities**

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

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

Letters for all the trips have been emailed to parents and are on our website under the parents-letters tab.

Payments are open on ParentPay for each trip/event, giving parents plenty of notice of costs involved and time available to pay their contribution for each trip/event.

### Other important dates coming up

Monday 23rd February—Sponsored Read commences

Thursday 26th February—Take One Picture Art Exhibition

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day and Family Story Time

Friday 6th March—PSA Pop Up Shop (for Mother's Day)

Friday 20th March—Reception Stay & Play

Friday 20th March—PSA Easter Fair

Friday 27th March—Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Church Service

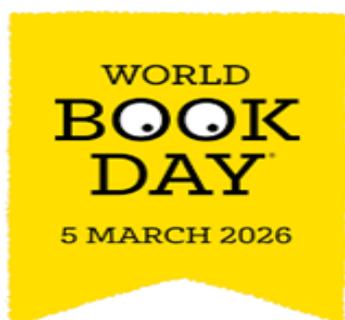
### Uniform and Water Bottles

Please could parents ensure that all uniform items including shoes, coats, hats and water bottles are all clearly named so that staff and children can easily identify belongings. This will hopefully cut down on the amount of lost property and the time taken to identify whose belongings are who. Thank you.

### Sponsored Read and World Book Day

Our sponsored read will be taking place after half term and will run from Monday 23rd February to Sunday 8th March. A letter was emailed to parents which included a reading log sheet as well as a sponsor form.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite story book character or a costume inspired by their favourite story book. (please ensure that it is something the children can easily remove themselves).



### Shared Story Time – 3.00-3.15pm

A parent or grandparent may join their child in class for a story at 3pm on this day to celebrate World Book Day. Please go to your child's classroom door as you would at normal pick up. Preschoolers may join too, they must be supervised by a parent/grandparent at all times. Prams and pushchairs must be left outside the building due to space restrictions within the classroom.



### **Breakfast Club**

You must prebook and pay for sessions in advance of your child attending. Breakfast club can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day.

Childcare vouchers can be used as payment for all breakfast club sessions, please see <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for additional information on how to apply. Please ensure not to overpay us in vouchers or build up a large credit. Please be reminded that breakfast club sessions are non-refundable.



### **Amazon Wishlist**

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



### **Easyfundraising**

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 on 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 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 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.***