



9th January 2026



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



I wish everyone a very happy new year and hope it is one that brings you health and happiness. I have enjoyed catching up with the children's news this week and hearing about the special times they have spent with family and friends. The children are always excited to tell us about their experiences, before they even mention presents, reinforcing that it is the time we give children that is important, not the gifts.

This term the children will be building on their learning from last term and it has been great to see the children demonstrating positive attitudes to their learning across school. Please visit the [year group pages on the school website](#) to find out more information about what your child will be learning this term.

Reception and Year 3 Admissions for 2026-27- **IMPORTANT**

Parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school need to make a formal application for a junior school (Year 3 place). This also applies to parents that are applying for a place for their child to start Reception. The statutory national closing date for all applications is **Thursday 15th January 2026**. Applications should be made on the [Essex education portal](#).

Online safety: If your child received an electronic device with access to the internet or messaging apps, please ensure you are aware of what they are accessing or sending to others. Parental controls should be added and children of this age group must be supervised and supported to make the right choices online. The NSPCC has a wide range of [advice for supporting your child online](#).

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%**.

Today we are sending out your child's attendance for the autumn term. Where there are concerns about your child's level of absence, I will be contacting parents directly. Please be reminded that if your child is not in school due to a medical appointment, this is recorded as an authorised absence and will still impact on your child's overall percentage attendance. If your child is late and arrives after 9.15am this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

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 19th January 2026 must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 13th January 2026.**

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.



Charity Donations

Thank you for contributing to our charity collections for Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children in December. We raised £174.00



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 will be sent out in January, Thorndon Park letter has already been emailed to reception parents. Payments will also open on ParentPay when the letters are sent, giving parents plenty of notice of costs involved for each event.

Other important dates for this half term

Monday 12th January—Extra-curricular clubs commence

Thursday 15th January—Deadline to apply for a reception or year 3 place in September 2026.

Friday 6th February—PSA Disco

Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th February—Parent Consultations (bookings open on the Edulink app at 6pm Thursday 22nd January)

Extra-Curricular Clubs commence next week

Please ensure that you have booked your child a place in their preferred club directly with the club provider by Friday this week. If they are attending an active type of club, please ensure that they have appropriate clothes and footwear with them on the day and that earrings are not worn. The timetable and flyers for the club providers can be found under the parents tab on our website.

Coats and hats/gloves

Please ensure that with the current cold weather that your child comes to school everyday with a clearly named warm coat.

If your child brings with them a hat and gloves too, please ensure that they are clearly named.



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

Breakfast Club

You must prebook and pay for sessions in advance of 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

£2 bonus to our school for every new supporter that downloads the Easyfundraising app (limited time only)
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.