



15th November 2024



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

We have had a really busy week in school. The children were very respectful in our Remembrance assembly on Monday and throughout anti-bullying week have really shown their understanding of respect. It is great to see children playing together at lunchtime, supporting each other to learn new skills and making sure they include everyone.



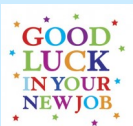
Today is Children in Need, the theme for this year is 'make life lighter for children'. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.



During November, children in reception and year 1 are developing their dance skills in lessons led by dance teacher Rachel Squier. The children are learning new movements and how to join them in a sequence. I observed class 2 this week and they were really enthusiastic and trying their best to get the moves right.

Year 1 went on a local walk today as part of their geography lesson. Children looked at the types of homes and other features of the local area. Thank you to the parent volunteers who supported to enable the walk to take place.

In science this week, year 2 have been investigating the question, do all materials stretch by conducting a fair test. They have been observing how some materials change after stretching while other objects return to their original form.



Today we say goodbye to Mrs Bischler, who has been working in Class 2 this term. We would like to thank her for her commitment and hard work over the past 7 years and wish her every success in her new job.

As the weather is becoming colder, please ensure your child has a suitable coat to wear at playtimes. Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

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

Our school attendance is currently **96%**.

A reminder that parents should contact the school office each day your child is absent.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Earrings cannot be worn on PE days or if your child attends a club, unless the child can remove them themselves. Staff are not permitted to remove or tape earrings.



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.

Christmas School Meal



Wednesday 18th December 2024

Main

Roast Turkey

Pigs in Blankets

Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg
(gravy optional)

Vegetarian

Quorn Fillet

Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg
(gravy optional)

Christmas Dessert

(Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts are also available)

If you would like to order the Christmas meal for your child please do so via School Money by **9am Wednesday 11th December**.
(we are unable to accommodate late orders)

Each child will receive a Christmas cracker with their meal.

Deadline to order meals for week commencing 25th November is 9am Wednesday 20th November. You can order meals up to the Christmas break.

Please ensure to click **PAY** on the app to ensure meals are sent through to us.

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 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. We are unable to accept late orders, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.



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 £6.50 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 is now closed. If you need sessions for this half term, please call to book.

Please note that we are unable to accommodate your child if we are fully booked.

Please ensure if paying 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.

WISHLIST

Amazon Wishlist

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 the items we have recently received.

Reception and Year 3 Admissions for 2025-26

If your child is due to start year 3 or reception in September 2025, you must apply for their place via the local authority. The admissions round opened on **Monday 4th November 2024 and will close Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Please note that year 2 children do not automatically get a place at our junior school so please ensure that you apply within the timeframe above, whichever junior school you wish them to attend. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Easyfundraising—double up week

This week Easyfundraising have promised to double any money raised so if you are planning on doing your Christmas shopping, please click via the easyfundraising website so any purchases you make raise money for our school. If you haven't already signed up, please do so.

It does not cost you extra to purchase via Easyfundraising and the money raised can really help our school to buy additional equipment or resources to benefit the children. To register is simple (and FREE), please click the link [HERE](#)



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Reception Library Visits—Monday 18th November

Class 1—leave at 9.15am and arrive back at 11am

Class 2—leave at 1.15am and arrive back at 3pm

Please ensure that your child has their winter coat with them to walk to and from the library as it will be much colder next week.

Year 2 Great Fire of London Experience Day—Thursday 5th December



We are excited to have History off the Page spend the day with year 2 for their Great Fire of London topic. A letter was emailed to parents and if you would like more information about the day, including if you can help, please speak to your child's class teacher. A contribution towards this event is asked of parents which can be paid via School Money. This event is also being partly funded by money raised by the PSA.

PSA Events

Elfridge's shopping tokens are available to purchase now on School Money as a shop item, £3.50 each and you can purchase as many as you like. The deadline to purchase is **12noon Wednesday 12th December.**

PSA Christmas Event Calendar

Look out for further details on each event



14th and 15th Nov - Collection of pre-loved toys, books, Christmas jumpers



28th and 29th Nov - Pre-loved Christmas jumper sale and Santa slot tickets on sale



28th Nov onwards - Christmas Raffle Ticket sales



6th Dec - Christmas hair/head boppers/hats at school in exchange for a bottle/sweets/chocolate for the Christmas Fair



6th Dec - Christmas Fair



Junior Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production Refreshments 10th and 11th Dec



12th Dec - Elfridges Stall (during school day)



Infant Christmas Assembly Refreshments 17th, 18th and 19th Dec



19th Dec - Raffle is drawn

PSA@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk



Stamps

We are collecting used postage stamps for the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB). If you have any stamps collected, please bring them to the school office.

Useful information—including holiday club information

Please click [HERE](#) for the useful information tab on our website for parents such as ordering name labels, advice on health for families. It also gives information about events taking place within the local community, which are updated regularly.