



31st January 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



This morning the children learnt the message about speaking out to stay safe from the NSPCC. We explored the range of safe adults in and out of school children could talk to if they were worried about something. Please reinforce this message at home to give children the confidence to talk about things that are worrying them.

Next week is children's mental health week and our assemblies will be focused on the theme, "Know yourself, Grow yourself." This is all about how we can build and grow our resilience by understanding ourselves and recognising our emotions.

In their gymnastics lessons this week, children in reception have been learning about parts of their body they can balance on. Children have been demonstrating how they can hold their balance by controlling their body.



In their history lesson, year 1 have been learning about Mary Anning. The children have been finding out how we use evidence to find out about the past. The children have been thinking carefully about which evidence would have been available from 200 years ago.

As part of their geography lessons, Year 2 children have been investigating where in the world our food comes from and why. The children used atlases to find the countries stated on food labels and identify what the climate may be like in that country based on their previous knowledge.

Thank you to the PSA for all their organisation and preparation for the school disco today. We have lots of excited children in school and I'm sure we will all have a great time.

Have a great weekend
Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97%.

Attendance this academic year so far: **95.3%**

Reception: **93.8%** Year 1: **96.5%** Year 2: **95.3%**

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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 includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella. We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.



Deadline to order meals for week commencing 10th February is 9am Wednesday 5th February. You can order meals up to the Easter break. Our menu will then change after that.

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 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 if the deadline is missed.



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 471335

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 next half term opens 12noon Monday 3rd February and will close 12noon Monday 10th February.

We are able to take ad hoc bookings but please note that we may be 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.

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.

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**



easyfundraising

PSA Film Night—Friday 7th February

Film Night is open to all year groups. Tickets are now available on School Money up until **12noon Thursday 6th February**.

Parents will be unable to purchase tickets after the deadline.

There will only be **120 tickets** available so please purchase early to avoid disappointment. If the payment no longer appears on School Money then this will mean the maximum amount of tickets have been sold. **There is no Dance club on this date as per the club timetable.**



Parent Consultations—February 2025

Parent consultations take place on **Thursday 6th February 3.20-4.30pm** and **Thursday 13th February 4.20-7.30pm**.

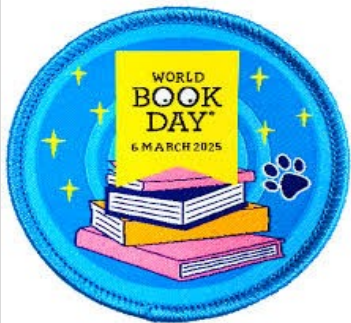
If you are unable to make your appointment please ensure to let your child's class teacher know so that they can continue with the next appointment.

Reminder: Clubs for Spring Term 2025

The timetable for clubs as well as flyers is on our website under the parents-before and after school tab. It has also been emailed to parents.

If your child is signed up to a sports or active club, please ensure that if your child wears earrings that they are not worn on the day of the club. They will also need suitable clothing to change into for the relevant club.

All clubs finish at **4.15pm**. Collection from clubs is from the main entrance to the school. The club provider will hand children over one by one once their adult is visible. If someone else is collecting your child, please ensure that you have notified the school office.



World Book Day and Family Learning Day

On **Thursday 6th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day and Family Learning Day. Your child may come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. We will also be holding a sponsored read for 2 weeks. More details will be sent to parents next week regarding the timings for each year group for family learning day and a form to complete to say a parent will be attending.

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.

Lost Property

Our lost property boxes are just inside our lobby area so if you think you are missing anything please come and have a look. Any items that are left over on the last day of term will be recycled if they are unnamed.

End of day pick up

Just a reminder to let your child's class teacher know at drop off if someone different will be collecting your child that day. Alternatively please let the office know as teachers can not always check dojo messages during the school day. We will not release a child unless we have authority from a parent for a child to leave with a different adult.