



6th December 2024



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

We began the week with a music assembly, where children who have been learning to play an instrument in lessons with Mr James played in front of the whole school. It was great to see the children developing their confidence in front of an audience.



Reception have been continuing their learning about people who help us in our local community. We would like to thank Lizzie Newsome, a past pupil of Baddow Hall Infant school, who is a paramedic, and Mrs Eames, a children's nurse, for visiting the children and explaining a little bit about the job they do.

Year 1 children have been learning about instructions and have been writing their own set. Children have been exploring the vocabulary we need and why the order of the instructions is important.

Yesterday children in year 2 dressed up for their Great fire of London, History Off the Page experience. The children were immersed in activities learning about what life was like in 1666. The children were praised for their use of vocabulary and their great listening skills. Well done year 2.

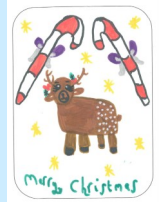


We have had a lot of parents supporting activities in school this week and we are extremely grateful for your time and commitment. Most of these activities would not take place without your support.

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fayre this afternoon. Year 2 children have volunteered their time alongside the teachers to run a stall at the fayre. Please come along to support them.

Have a great weekend.
Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Congratulations to Myla Class 6,
whose design has been chosen as our
school Christmas card.



School Attendance

Our school attendance target is **97%**.
Our school attendance is currently **95.9%**.

Reception: 94.7% Year 1: 96.9% Year 2: 95.8%

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.



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 16th December is 9am Wednesday 11th December. You can order meals up to the February half term.](#)

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.



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.
(after sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked for in advance of session).

Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for next term opens **midday Monday 9th December** and will close **midday Monday 16th December**.

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.**

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**



Reminder: 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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs Autumn Term finishing dates

Please be reminded that clubs finished week commencing **Monday 2nd December** with the exception of Dance, the last session is **Friday 29th November** due to the PSA Christmas Fayre.

Christmas Performances

Reception—Tuesday 17th December 9.30am

Year 2—Wednesday 18th December 9.30am

Year 1—Thursday 19th December 9.30am

The PSA will be selling refreshments before the performances. We are also collecting for G.O.S.H so please bring some change with you (or you can pay on School Money). Pre-schoolers may also attend the performances but will need to be sat on an adults lap at all times. Prams and pushchairs to be left outside please.



Christmas Jumper Day



Your child may come to school on **Wednesday 18th December** wearing a Christmas Jumper in exchange for a donation which is for Save the Children. Donations to please be paid on School Money. Suggested amount is £2.00 but you can change this to however much you wish to donate. **All other uniform to be worn as usual.**

Winter Reading Challenge



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Please click the link above for more details regarding the Winter Reading Challenge.

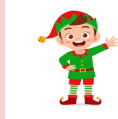
PSA Christmas Event Calendar

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 - Elfidges Stall (during school day)
- 🎄 Infant Christmas Assembly Refreshments 17th, 18th and 19th Dec
- 🎄 19th Dec - Raffle is drawn
PSA@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk

PSA Elfridge's Shopping Stall—reminder

On **Thursday 12th December** during school hours children who are on the list for shopping tokens will be able to visit the PSA stall. Please ensure that your child has a named carrier bag in school on that day to bring their items home in.



Christmas Service at St Mary's Church



The children will be performing their service at **10am on Friday 20th December**. Parents and preschoolers are welcome to attend. Seating is limited so preschoolers should be sat on laps where possible. We do need a number of parents to help escort the children to and from the church so please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to assist by Friday 13th December.

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. This is updated regularly.