



20th March 2026



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week in reception children have been finding out about life cycles. Thanks to funding from the PSA, the children have been able to see ducklings hatch from eggs and over the past two weeks observe the changes as they have grown.



Children have particularly enjoyed seeing the ducklings take their first swim. To enable these amazing learning opportunities to continue, your support for the PSA and their fundraising events is really important. Thank you again to the PSA for all their hard work.

Yesterday, year 2 children attended the Infant Music Festival, which has been running for 60 years. This event is alongside local schools, where children rehearse and perform together. Children were actors, narrators, musicians and singers. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but feedback from both staff and parents has been extremely positive. Children in year 2 were praised for how they conducted themselves throughout the event and they put on an amazing performance. Well done year 2, you were great ambassadors for our school, we are really proud of you.



School council have been very busy over this half term. Their project for this year is to develop active play equipment in the main playground. All the children have recently voted on their favourite design. As part of their project, school council are planning a fundraiser, they will be writing to you next week to share more information.

Next week, before we break up for Easter, we will be holding our Easter bonnet parade at 9am on Friday 27th March, followed by our service at St Mary's church at 10am. (There is more information on page 2.) We hope to see you there.

Have a great weekend.

Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

**Reminder of Upcoming Dates**

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

### School Attendance

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

Attendance above 97%: **Excellent**

Attendance between 95-97%: **Good**

Attendance between 90-95%: **Cause for concern**

Attendance below 90%: **Persistent absentee**

### Attendance Matters



### Reporting absence—reminder

If your child will be absent from school you must **call or email the office** rather than the class teacher 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 had 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 13th April must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 24th March, before we break up for Easter.**

**This will be our new menu.**

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



### **REMINDER: Important—Parent Pay—do not use One Click Payments**

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 Easter Fair**

Baddow Bars purchased on Parent Pay will be handed out at end of day Friday. If you have a golden ticket inside you will be able to claim a prize at the Easter Fair.



### **Medical Appointments**

Medical appointments such as routine dental checkups should be done outside of school times where possible. If you are needing to take your child to a medical appointment during school hours please show proof of this appointment to the office either in person or you can email over a screenshot. Please let the office know the time your child will be either collected or dropped off and whether their school dinner would need cancelling.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Please be reminded that extra-curricular clubs for spring term finished this week. A timetable for Summer term clubs will be emailed to parents before we break up for Easter.

We are excited to inform you that we have a new club starting in the summer term. NGU Dance which has provided street dancing lessons as part of PE provision for Year 2 will be providing an after school dance club on Fridays.

Flyers for all the clubs and the clubs timetable will be put on our website before the end of term.

### **Sponsored Read**

The deadline to pay in your sponsor money on Parent Pay was **Friday 13th March**. We have left it open until Monday in case you missed it. Please ensure to not use One Click Payments as the payment method. We will let you know on next week's newsletter the final amount raised. **Many thanks.**

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

**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**

Friday 20th March—PSA Easter Fair & Baddow Bars sale

Friday 27th March—9am Easter Bonnet Parade and 10am Easter Church Service

Friday 27th March—Last day of Spring term

Thursday 16th April—National offer day for reception & Year 3 places

Monday 20th April—extra-curricular clubs commence this week for Summer term

Friday 24th April—PSA crazy hair/hat day

### **Easter Bonnet Making**

We look forward to seeing the bonnets that your child will be making at home for the Easter Bonnet Parade next week. There will be 2 prize winners per class announced at the parade. The bonnets will need to be brought in on the morning of the parade. Parents are invited to stay and spectate if the weather is nice in our playground. If it is a wet day we will hold the parade indoors but unfortunately parents would not be able to stay and watch.

### **Breakfast Club**

If you are needing a child care solution in the mornings due to needing to get to work we run a fantastic Breakfast Club which caters for infant & junior children and starts at 7.30am. If you would like to register your child, please contact the infant office.



Breakfast Club sessions can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. (The serving of food finishes at 8.15am).

Childcare vouchers can be used as payment for 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.



### **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 attached to envelopes with personal details on).



### **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, coats 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.***