



27th February 2026



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome back for the second half of the spring term, which is the shortest of the year, only 5 weeks, one of which we have completed already! Although it is short, we have lots of exciting events planned, please ensure you have checked the school calendar.

This week children will have started their sponsored read, as part of our World Book Day focus. Next Thursday, children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Parents/grandparents are invited to come in for a shared story time at 3pm. Scroll down for more details.



On Wednesday, we were delighted to host a visit from recorder quartet Palisander. Everyone enjoyed learning about the recorder and hearing music from across several centuries. This link: <https://www.saffronhall.com/take-part/palisander-saffron-music-live> will take you through to a webpage with more information about the concert, some of Palisander's videos, and information about music lessons and other activities available from Essex Music Hub. We hope you will enjoy talking to your children about the concert.

Yesterday, we held our Take One Picture exhibition in the junior hall. I hope you had the opportunity to see your child's artwork and take a look at the art from the other year groups. Thank you to Miss Storey for organising the project on behalf of the infants.



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%.

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 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 9th March must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 3rd March.**

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.



Important—Parent Pay

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 Pop Up Shop Friday 6th March

You are able to purchase shopping tokens for your child to purchase a gift from the pop up shop. The gift could be for mum, step mum, nan, auntie, you can purchase as many tokens as you wish. The deadline to purchase your shopping tokens is **midday Thursday 5th March** so the PSA have time to ensure that there is enough gifts for the children to choose from.

If you have siblings in the school please ensure to purchase separately so that both children get a chance to visit the shop.

Shopping tokens are £3.50 each.
(your child should bring in a named carrier bag on the day)



Baddow Hall PSA
POP UP SHOP
FOR ALL THE LOVELY LADIES IN YOUR LIFE
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

TOKENS CAN BE PURCHASED ON SCHOOL MONEY (JUNIORS) OR PARENT PAY (INFANTS) FOR £3.50 EACH AND CHILDREN WILL VISIT THE SHOP DURING SCHOOL TIME

The poster features a light blue background with a yellow banner at the top. It displays the text 'Baddow Hall PSA' in a red cursive font, followed by 'POP UP SHOP' in large black letters. Below this, it says 'FOR ALL THE LOVELY LADIES IN YOUR LIFE' and 'FRIDAY 6TH MARCH'. An illustration of four shopping bags (orange, teal, pink, and white) is shown. At the bottom, a black box contains the text: 'TOKENS CAN BE PURCHASED ON SCHOOL MONEY (JUNIORS) OR PARENT PAY (INFANTS) FOR £3.50 EACH AND CHILDREN WILL VISIT THE SHOP DURING SCHOOL TIME'.

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 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

Monday 23rd February—Sponsored Read commenced and finishes 8th March

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day and Family Story Time

Friday 6th March—PSA Pop Up Shop (for Mother's Day)

Monday 16th March—Last week for extra-curricular clubs is this week

Friday 20th March—Reception Stay & Play 2.30pm

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

Uniform and Water Bottles

Please could parents ensure that all uniform items including shoes, coats, hats and water bottles are all clearly named so that staff and children can easily identify belongings. This will hopefully cut down on the amount of lost property and the time taken to identify whose belongings are who. Thank you.

Sponsored Read and World Book Day

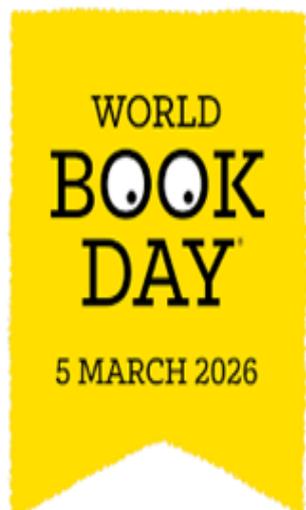
Our sponsored read commenced on Monday 23rd February and finishes Sunday 8th March. A letter was emailed to parents which included a reading log sheet as well as a sponsor form.

The deadline to pay in your sponsor money on Parent Pay is Friday 13th March.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March. **Children may come to school dressed as their favourite story book character or a costume inspired by their favourite story book.** (please ensure that it is something the children can easily remove themselves).

Shared Story Time – 3.00-3.15pm

A parent or grandparent may join their child in class for a story at 3pm on this day to celebrate World Book Day. Please go to your child's classroom door as you would at normal pick up. Preschoolers may join too, they must be supervised by a parent/ grandparent at all times. **Prams and pushchairs must be left outside the building due to space restrictions within the classroom.**



Breakfast Club

You must prebook and pay for sessions in advance of your child attending. Breakfast club can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. (Breakfast food service finishes at 8.15am)

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

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).

The RNIB logo, consisting of the letters "RNIB" in white on a black background, with a pink horizontal line below it and the text "See differently" in white below the line.

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 (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.



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