

6th November 2026

BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter



Dear Families,

Welcome back for the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all enjoyed some family time together last week and were able to slow the pace, for a few days at least.

Our poppy display has taken pride of place in school as we prepare to mark Remembrance Day. Each poppy represents our respect and gratitude for the service and sacrifice of those who have served their country. The display provides an opportunity for children to learn about the importance of remembrance, reflection and peace, while coming together as a school community to honour those who have given so much.



Across school, we continue to focus on developing children's **communication and language skills**. Staff are supporting children's learning by ensuring that every interaction between adults and children is purposeful, encouraging, and responsive. Through skilled questioning, positive feedback, and meaningful conversations, staff help children to develop their language, thinking, confidence and problem-solving skills.



Parent Volunteers Needed: We are always grateful for the support of our parent/grandparent community and would love to welcome new volunteers into school. If you are able to spare some time each week, your contribution can make a real difference to our children's learning and experiences. If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis, please contact the school office for more information. We look forward to hearing from you and working together to support our school community.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Parent Consultation meetings. These discussions are an important opportunity for home and school to work together, celebrate your child's achievements, share progress, and identify the next steps to support their learning and development.

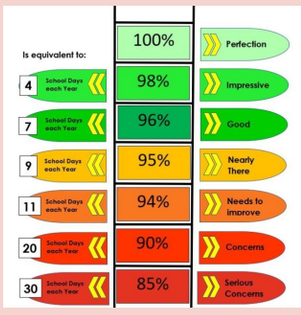
Phonics: Visit the website for resources to support your child.

https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Have a good weekend,
Best wishes,

Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher





School Attendance

Attendance across the school is being negatively impacted by term time holidays.

So far this year, 68 school days have been missed due to unauthorised leave. This equates to **340 hours** of learning.

5 day holiday = 32.5hours of learning missed.

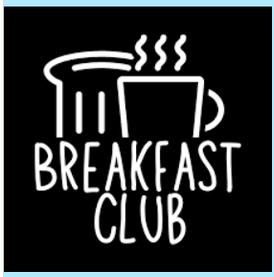
Strong foundations start with strong attendance.

Pre-order your child's school dinners

Meals for the **Week beginning 16th November must be booked by midnight Tuesday 10th November.**

If a meal is not booked, parents will be phoned and asked to provide their child with a packed lunch. If a meal has been booked and they arrive with a packed lunch they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them. We will not be sending out reminders to those parents that have missed the deadline so please ensure to check your bookings on Parent Pay.

ParentPay



Breakfast Club

If you need a childcare solution in the mornings, we run a fantastic Breakfast Club which caters for infant & junior children and opens 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.

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.

Important dates for this term

Monday 9th November—Applications open for reception and year 3 places for 2027-28 with Essex County Council
Monday 9th November—NCMP Measurements Programme (reception children)
Friday 13th November—PSA Disco (must have purchased a ticket to attend)
Monday 16th November—Library Visits for reception children
Monday 30th November—last week for extra-curricular clubs (except dance which finished week before
Thursday 3rd December—Year 2 Great Fire of London Day experience
Friday 4th December—PSA Elfridge's Shopping Stall (within school hours)
Friday 11th December—PSA Xmas Fair
Tuesday 15th December—9.30am Year 1 performance
Wednesday 16th December—9.30am Reception performance
Wednesday 16th December—Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December—9.30am Year 2 performance
Friday 18th December—10am Christmas service for whole school St Mary's Church
Friday 18th December—Last day of term.
Monday 4th January—Inset Day

School photographs

The proofs of the individual and sibling school photos were sent home with children on the Friday before half term.

All orders of school photos are done directly with Horizon Photographic, we do not accept any orders or payment on their behalf.

Reception Library Visit

A letter was emailed to reception parents this week regarding the visit to the local library which takes place on **Monday 16th November.**

We do need a small number of parent helpers to assist with escorting the children to and from the library. If you are able to assist, please let your child's class teacher know by Monday 9th November.

Please also return the joining letter if they do not currently have a library card by Friday 13th November. (A paper copy went home in book bags on Monday of this week).

Poppy sales for Royal British Legion

We will be selling poppies and accessories at the school gates each morning next week. Please ensure to bring cash, if you wish to make a donation.





PSA Disco

Year 1 & 2 Disco takes place on Friday 13th November. You must purchase a ticket for your child on Parent Pay if you would like them to attend, the deadline was **12noon today, we are unable to sell tickets after this deadline.** Please ensure to collect your child promptly at 3.15pm if they are not attending so as not to delay the teachers helping at the disco.

Those attending the disco can bring in a change of party clothes on the day, which must be named and in a clearly named carrier bag. Teachers will then take those that are attending to the disco in the junior hall and bring them back for **4.15pm** collection from classrooms. Please ensure to collect promptly and let the class teacher know at drop off if someone different will be collecting them.

Dance club will still be on.

Reception children will have a 15 minute mini disco before end of day, they **DO NOT** need a change of clothes or a ticket.

Important! Reception and Year 3 places for 2027-28

If your child is due to start reception or year 3 in September 2027 an application for a place must be made via Essex County Council. Applications open on **Monday 9th November** and will close **Friday 15th January.**

Amazon Wishlist
We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you would like to contribute something, please click **Here** for our wish list.

Easy Fundraising
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 charity
We are collecting postage stamps for charity 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.

Medical Appointments
Medical appointments such as routine dental checkups should be booked outside of school times where possible. If you need 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 a screenshot. Please let the office know the time your child will be either collected or dropped off and whether their school dinner will need to be cancelled. Medical appointments are recorded as an absence.

Pre-loved Uniform Donations
We are in desperate need of the following for our spare clothing boxes:
Boys Trousers (ages 5-6/6-7/7-8yrs)
PE shorts (any size)
Tracksuit bottoms ONLY (any size)
PE white tshirt (any size)
Trainers or school shoes (any size)
If you have any other uniform you no longer need we can pass this onto the PSA pre-loved uniform sales

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).**

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 recommend naming 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 half term will be recycled or disposed of.

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