



24th January 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

Last week, a team of children from year 2 competed in an athletics competition against local schools. Mrs Cook and Mrs Purcell were very impressed with the children's resilience and how well they supported each other throughout the competition. The team came 3rd overall. We are extremely proud of Austin, Luna, Chester, Esme, Jake, Henry, Scarlett and Lucy. Well done.



Yesterday, class 1 shared their learning in music lessons with me. They performed a song, during which they played the glockenspiel. The children had worked extremely hard on the timing of when they needed to play the notes and ensuring their singing was at the correct tempo.

In maths, year 1 have been using their knowledge of number to estimate the position of numbers on an empty number line. The children were able to give explanations as to how they decided upon the position of the number.

Year 2 have been learning new science vocabulary this week; herbivore, omnivore and carnivore. They have been classifying animals into these categories. This learning will support them in their understanding of food chains, which they will learn about during this term's science curriculum.

As a school, we are working on developing oracy skills across the year groups. We have reviewed our English curriculum, looked at the expectations for each year group and how we can increase the opportunities to develop strong communication and language skills for all children. We have introduced oracy rules and [talk tactics](#) to the children, to support them in their understanding of oracy skills.

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: 93.9% Year 1: 96.4% Year 2: 95.4%

Parents are requested to contact the school office via email or telephone to report their child's absence.

<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 3rd February is 9am Wednesday 29th January. You can order meals up to the Easter break.

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

Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for this half term closed. Booking for next half term opens 12noon Monday 3rd February and will close 12noon Monday 10th February. We are able to take adhoc booking 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](#)



PSA Events

Tickets for year 1 & 2 are available now on School Money. **Deadline is 12noon Thursday 30th January.** Tickets cannot be purchased after this deadline. Dance club will still take place on this date if your child attends.

Year 1 & 2 children may bring clothes to change into for the disco. Please ensure it is something that they can put on easily themselves and it should be in a clearly named carrier bag.

Parents to collect their child from their classrooms after the disco at **4.15pm.**

Baddow Hall PSA
FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY
NEON DISCO
YEARS 1 & 2 - 3.15 TO 4.15
YEARS 3 & 4 - 4.30 TO 5.30
YEARS 5 & 6 - 5.45 TO 6.45
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL MONEY. £5
TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE IN THE JUNIOR DISCOS
DRINK AND SNACK PROVIDED

Baddow Hall PSA
FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY
NEON DISCO
CLASS 1 & 2 - 2.40 TO 3PM
NO NEED TO BUY TICKETS FOR CLASS 1 & 2. CHILDREN WILL BE TAKEN TO THE DISCO BY THEIR TEACHERS FOR A 'FASTER' DISCO. NO CHANGE TO PICK UP TIME OR LOCATION. CHILDREN WILL REMAIN IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR THE DISCO.
NO TICKET NEEDED

Parent Consultations—February 2025

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

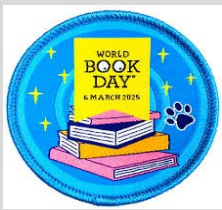
If you are unable to make your appointment please ensure to let your child's class teacher know so that they can continue with the next appointment.

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 earring 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 that week. More details will be sent to parents nearer the time.

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. There will only be 120 tickets available so please purchase early to avoid disappointment. There is no Dance club on this date as per club timetable.



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 unclaimed.