



17th November 2023



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week reception children visited Great Baddow Library as part of their People Who Help Us topic. The children enjoyed hearing stories read by the librarian and exploring the library. Thank you to all the adults who supported the children on this local visit. All children and adults are entitled to free membership of Essex libraries, just pop along to sign your child up.

Today children in year 2 have been immersed in their Great Fire of London experience by History off the Page. Children had the opportunity to try a range of skills, such as; writing with a quill and marking leather. Thank you to all the volunteers who supported throughout the day to make this a great experience for the children.



In Design and Technology lessons, year 1, children have investigated moving pictures used in books. The children have made their own moving pictures this week using sliders.



Thank you to the PSA for organising the Magic show last week. They are now busy preparing for the Christmas Fayre and would be very grateful for any help you can offer on the day.

Have a good weekend.
Best Wishes,

Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

School attendance is currently 95.9%

Please contact the school office via telephone or email to report your child missing. If we have not heard from you by 9.30am, we will contact the emergency contacts in order to ascertain why your child is not in school.

IMPORTANT: Primary and Junior school places for September 2024

From **Monday 6th November 2023** you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) or junior (year 3) school place. Applications received after the **Monday 15th January 2024** are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.



schoolmoney

Please ensure that your child does not bring any products into school containing nuts, including cereal bars, cakes and sandwich fillings etc. **This also includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella.** We have staff and children with severe nut allergies. Thank you



Click on the School Money icon above to book your child's dinners.

Orders must be placed by:

9am Wednesday 22nd November for week commencing 27th November 2023.
Please ensure to click PAY on the app to ensure that the meals are sent through to us.

Please note that 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. This helps to cut down on food wastage.

Any changes to your child's 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.



Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for this half term is now closed on School Money. If you need sessions you will need to call to check availability and book/pay over the phone.

If you are in need of occasional adhoc sessions you will need to call the office to book and pay for the sessions that you need if we have spaces.

Please ensure if paying for sessions with childcare vouchers that plenty of time is given before each booking window opens so funds can clear in time.

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list.



Children in Need—Non Uniform Day

Thank you for your donations for our non uniform day today. If you haven't yet done so, please make your donations via School Money by **Monday 20th November**. £2.00 is the suggested amount but can be changed to whatever you would like to donate, greater or smaller.

Flu Immunisation for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

The flu immunisation will be delivered in school on **Monday 20th November** for those children whose parent has consented via the online consent form. **The deadline was Thursday 16th November.**

If you have any questions please contact the immunisation team directly. Their contact details are on the email which was sent to parents last week..



Reception Fire Station Visit

Reception children will be having their visit to Great Baddow Fire Station on **Wednesday 22nd November**. (The letter can be found on our website).

Class 1 – 9.15-10.00am (will leave school at 9.00am)

Class 2 – 10.00-10.45am (will leave school at 9.50am)

Please ensure that your child arrives promptly to school as the trip will go ahead on time.

Children should have with them a coat, and if it is particularly chilly, a hat and gloves too as children will be outside for the entire visit. Please make sure everything is named.

If you are a parent or grandparent that has been confirmed as a volunteer to help walk the children there and back, please ensure to arrive in school before the departure time for your child's class. Thank you.



PSA Christmas Fayre– save the date!

Don't forget that we are having our Christmas Fayre on **Friday 1st December**. This is a hugely popular event and you will begin to receive more details over the coming weeks. We have already asked for donations of good condition soft toys, games, books and toys.

If you work for a business that could donate a raffle prize or if you are able to donate your time to help in any way, please email psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk.



Reminder—there is no Dance club on this date.

If your child usually goes to the YMCA or Little Spring Wonders but you will be taking them to the fayre instead, please let the providers know directly so there is a smooth transition at the end of the school day.

PSA Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale

The PSA will be holding a pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale at end of the school day **Friday 24th November**. If you have any Christmas Jumpers that your child may have grown out of that you are willing to donate, please could we have them by Wednesday 22nd November. All funds raised will go into the school fundraising pot.



Christmas Events

Don't forget to regularly check the calendar on our website so you are up to date with all the events that will be happening in school in the run up to Christmas, including the church service, the year group Christmas performances and Christmas dinner & jumper day. You are also able to see what events are taking place in the local area.

Stikins

If you are needing name labels for your child's uniform, water bottles etc we recommend Stikins. If you do order from them, please quote our fundraising number **1081** as the school will receive a small commission for each order placed.

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