



16th May 2025



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

In school this week, all the children have taken part in the 'Little Riders' activity. The children had the opportunity to ride on a range of different animals, including the very popular unicorn. The children had a fantastic time and it was lovely to hear their laughter echo through the school. They were particularly delighted when Mr Spencer made an appearance to have a turn!



Reception have been reading Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson. They have been comparing the environment we live in with the rainforest, where the story takes place. The children have been learning new vocabulary and also using the story as their stimulus for writing.

In geography, year 1 have been learning the names, capital cities and flags of the countries that make up the United Kingdom. To embed this learning, children need to keep seeing images of the countries, which is where our wall map in the corridor supports them, as they can look at the map as they line up for lunch each day.



Callum C5

Year 2 have been learning how to make axles this week and how to safely use a hand saw. The children used their prior knowledge of how to attach different materials to design and make their own moon buggy. The children will be testing their moon buggies to check they have met the criteria set at the beginning of the project.

As the weather improves (hopefully), please ensure your child brings a water bottle and sunhat to school each day.

Have a good weekend.  
Best wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

Class photographs will be taken on  
Tuesday 3rd June 2025.

### School Attendance

**Our school attendance target is 97%**

Attendance this academic year so far: **95.1%**

Reception: **93.8%**    Year 1: **95.9%**    Year 2: **95.3%**

A reminder that the policy for penalty notices changed in 2024. Please check you understand the [attendance policy](#) before requesting a leave of absence for your child.

**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. Parents will be called if the child cannot remove them.

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.



ParentPay

**Deadline to order meals for week commencing 2nd June is mid-night Tuesday 20th May on ParentPay, click on the icon to go to the website.** This is our new menu. Please ensure you have activated your parent pay account.

**Reminder: 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 pre-ordered meal choices are to be made by parents by no later than **midnight Tuesday** for the following week to ensure your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate children can change their minds. We are unable to accept late orders as we only order enough ingredients based on pre-orders to limit food wastage, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch if the deadline

### **Breakfast Club Reminder**

ParentPay enables us to leave the booking system open for breakfast club until all spaces for each day are full. Existing users can just book straight on the website, payment is at the point of booking.

New to breakfast club? Contact the school office to register.

### **Amazon Wishlist**

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you would like 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**



**easyfundraising**

### **School Trips**

**Details of all school trips have been sent home, copies of the letters can be found on [our website](#)**

**Consent for your child to attend the trip and payment is via parentpay**

Danbury Park for Year 1 children — Friday 23rd May 2025

Seaside Day for Year 1 children—Tuesday 17th June 2025

Mini Games for Year 2 children—Tuesday 1st July 2025

Thriftwood Scout Campsite for Year 2 children—Thursday 10th July 2025

### **Textiles Recycling**

If you are having a sort out, please save any textiles for our recycling box. This can be clothing, paired shoes, bed covers etc. Please place any items for recycling into the box. There is a list on the poster of what can and can't be donated. This has been emailed to parents and will be on our website under the parent tab. We also have the poster displayed in our lobby area. Thank you.

### **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 unnamed.