



16th October 2026



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

It has been a busy few weeks in school. Last Friday, we held our Harvest assembly, where children learnt about the hard work that goes into making sure we all have food to eat. Thank you for your donations to our Harvest table. These were collected by the Chelmsford Foodbank, to support families in our local community.



I am delighted to share that we received two nominations for our two Parent Governor vacancies. As the number of nominations exactly matched the number of available positions, there is no need to hold a parent vote, and both nominees will be appointed to the Governing Body. Thank you to those who put themselves forward to support our school community. We look forward to introducing both governors once all safer recruitment procedures have been completed.

Handwriting: This year as part of our school development, we are implementing the Little Wandle Handwriting programme across the school, to help children develop clear, fluent and confident handwriting. The programme teaches children how to form letters correctly, develop the correct pencil grip and build good handwriting habits from the very beginning. Through regular structured practice, children learn to write letters accurately, join their handwriting when ready and present their work with pride.



We are pleased to introduce **Anna**, a social work trainee who is currently undertaking a placement at our school, as part of the *Social Workers in Schools* programme. Anna will be working alongside staff to provide early support for children's personal, social and emotional development. She will also be available to offer guidance and early help to parents and families who may benefit from additional support or advice. Our school has been involved in this programme for the past five years and I have seen many children and families benefit from the valuable support provided. We welcome Anna to our school community.

Have a good weekend,
Best wishes,

Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

These are just 2 impacts of a term time holiday for a child in reception:

Time away can lead to gaps in early reading, language and maths development, which are hard to catch up.

Missing school can make it harder for children to settle back into routines and learning.



School Attendance

Parents, you can check your child's attendance on the Edulink app.

Governors have set our attendance target at **97%**

If your child's attendance is becoming a concern, you will be requested to attend a meeting, to discuss how we can support you.

Pre-order your child's school dinners

Meals for the **Week beginning 2nd November must be booked by midnight Tuesday 20th October. This is a new menu.**

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.



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

Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October—Parent Consultations

Friday 23rd October—Inset day

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October—Half term

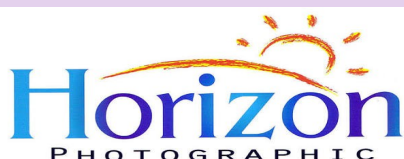
Monday 9th November—Places open for new reception and year 3 places for 2027-28 with Essex County Council

Monday 9th November—NCMP Measurements programme (reception children)

Friday 13th November—PSA Disco

Monday 16th November –Library Visits for reception children

A big thank you for your generosity and your donations which were collected for Chelmsford Foodbank. Your kind donations will make a difference in many people's lives.



School photographs

Horizon Photographic visited our school on Monday and took individual school photos as well as infant sibling photos. The proofs will be sent to our school and handed out when they arrive.

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

Pre-loved Uniform Donations

We are in desperate need of the following for our spare clothing boxes:

Boys Trousers (ages 5-6 or 6-7yrs)

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

Poppy sales for Royal British Legion

We will be selling poppies and accessories after half term at the school gates each morning. Please ensure to bring cash, if you wish to purchase anything.



Parent Consultations reminder

Just a reminder that parent consultations take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October next week. Please ensure to arrive promptly for your 10 minute appointment. If you are bringing children with you, they must be supervised by a parent at all times whilst onsite. There is no parking onsite and children should not be walking through the carpark at any time. Please park considerately and legally on nearby roads.

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.

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).** Any school logo uniform in good condition 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 is overflowing!

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.