



20th December 2024



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



The PSA are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fair raised **£2734**, bringing the total raised this term to **£5734**, a fantastic amount. Thank you to everyone who supported events to help raise funds for the school. Please do take a moment to read the PSA newsletter.

We have also raised **£432.33** for GOSH hospital charity. Thank you for your generosity at this time of year.



We had the pleasure of seeing the children perform their Christmas shows this week. We were delighted to see the confidence of the children from reception through to year 2. It was great to reflect on the progress the children in year 1 and 2 had made from their end of year assemblies in July to now. Reception did really well for their first performance in front of a big audience. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in preparing for the performances.



On Wednesday, children and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, prepared by our fantastic catering team. Staff and governors served the children, whilst they enjoyed pulling crackers with their friends. A huge thank you to Mrs Webster, Mrs Dale, Mrs Weston and Ms Pagram for their hard work preparing the meal for both the infants and juniors.

As we end the Autumn term, I would like to take the opportunity to say well done to the children. They have all worked extremely hard throughout the term and I am sure they will all enjoy spending time with family and friends over the Christmas break. A huge thank you to all the staff in school for their hard work this term.

The children return to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best Wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher



### School Attendance

Our school attendance target is **97%**.  
Our school attendance is this term is **95.6%**.

**There are 50 children in school who have 100% attendance, well done.**  
We look forward to seeing everyone next term.

**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 13th January is 9am Wednesday 8th January.** You can order meals up to the February half term.

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.

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

### Breakfast Club Reminder

**Booking for next term closed at midday Monday 16th December.** If you did not book, please call on Monday 6th January. **Please note that we are 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. **Only pay in what is needed for each half term to prevent building up a large balance.**

### 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**



### Reminder: Reception and Year 3 Admissions for 2025-26

If your child is due to start year 3 or reception in September 2025, you must apply for their place via the local authority. The admissions round opened on **Monday 4th November 2024 and will close Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Please note that year 2 children do not automatically get a place at our junior school so please ensure that you apply within the timeframe above, whichever junior school you wish them to attend. Please click **HERE** for more information.

### Charity Collections

Thank you for your generous donations for Save the Children, Christmas Jumper Day, we raised **£164.50.**



### Back to school

Children return to school on **Tuesday 7th January**, Monday 6th is an INSET day. Please ensure to regularly check the calendar on our website as this is updated regularly with new events and information.

### Parent Consultations—February 2025

The booking system to choose your 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher will open at 6pm Monday 6th January and will close again at 6pm Monday 13th January.

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

A letter about how to book has been emailed to parents and can also be found on our website under the parents-letters tab.

Please try your login details as soon as possible to check they work. If you do have any problems please contact the office.

### Royal British Legion—Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to announce that our school raised **£170.34** from selling poppies and accessories. Thank you for your generosity. The Royal British Legion raised over £30,000 in our area which is an amazing amount.



### Clubs for Spring Term 2025

Booking for Extra-curricular Clubs open on **Monday 6th January.**

Please note that Spanish Club will be continuing their programme with their existing students from this term but they do have a waiting list.

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.

We are excited to have a new club on Wednesdays. It will be a Signing Club led by Talk to the Hands and is available to all cohorts to book. This can be done via School Money as of now.

### 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. **There are lots of events and clubs happening locally during the Christmas break.**

### 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. There were a few items found after the Christmas Fayre too which have not been claimed. Any items that are left over on the last day of term will be recycled if they are unnamed.