



21st March 2025



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week I visited Abercorn Garden Centre with the year 1 school councillors. We went to find out more about the plants, flowers and vegetables we could grow successfully, as part of our sustainability project. Ian, one of the managers at the garden centre, told us lots of interesting information about different plants and he gave us lots of advice to help with our project. We bought some seeds to get our planting started and Abercorn Garden Centre generously donated gardening gloves, seedling pots and labels, a watering can and a spade to help us with our project. Thank you Ian.



**CAN YOU HELP?**

School council would like to ask for **donations of compost** to help our project along. If anyone is able to donate a bag, then please leave it next to the clothes bank next week. Thank you.

This week in reception, children have been learning about the life cycle of a frog and using the book Tad as part of their learning. During lunchtimes, I have had lots of conversations with children in reception telling me about the life cycle and what they have been learning in class.



Children in year 1 have been preparing to write their own version of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have completed their story plan and today written the introduction. Children are thinking about using their phonics to support their spelling as they write.



As part of their design and technology learning this half term, year 2 have been designing and making their own pizza. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came in this week to help make the pizzas.

Have a good weekend.  
Best wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

**See more about Easter events on page 2.**

### School Attendance

**Our school attendance target is 97%**

Attendance this academic year so far: **95.2%**

Reception: **93.8%** Year 1: **96.3%** Year 2: **95.2%**

**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 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 31st March is 9am Wednesday 26th March on SCHOOL MONEY.** Our menu will then change after Easter and meals for that period will need to be booked on **PARENT PAY**, our new payment system. **YOU MUST ACTIVATE YOUR PARENT PAY ACCOUNT!** Reminders have been sent to those parents that have not yet done this. You will not be able to order meals unless this is done.

**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 **9am Wednesday's** 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 is missed.



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### 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/paid for in advance of session).

### Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for next half term is open now on **PARENT PAY**. You must activate your parent pay account in order to book. We will keep the booking window open longer so parents have time to use the new app.

Please ensure if paying with childcare vouchers that plenty of time is given before each booking window opens so funds can clear in time. **Credit will be added to Breakfast Club accounts on Parent Pay prior to bookings opening.**

### 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, especially the cleaning products.

### 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: Year 2 Music Festival—Thursday 27th March

Please ensure if a different adult is collecting your child from the venue you have informed their class teacher **in writing** by Wednesday 26th March. **Reminder: the coach is taking the children to the venue only, parents must collect their child at 3.30pm from Christchurch. Tickets are also on sale for a parent to attend, the link has been sent to parents.**

### Sponsored Read

Thank you to everyone that raised money for our Sponsored Read. We are thrilled to announce that you raised **£806.35**, which is an incredible amount. This will be used to purchase new reading resources for the children.

### Easter Bonnet Parade and Church Service



Children may come to school on **Friday 4th April** wearing an Easter Bonnet that they have created at home. (Uniform should be worn as usual). We will be awarding 2 prizes per class to the winning bonnets.

If the weather is nice, parents will be able to watch the bonnet parade in the playground, we will reopen the main gates at **9am**. If the weather is poor the bonnet parade will take place in the hall and unfortunately we will be unable to accommodate parents due to numbers.

The children will perform the Easter service at St Mary's church on **Friday 4th April**.

The service begins at **10am** and parents are allowed to come too. Please be aware that seating is limited in the church. We would need a number of parent helpers for each class to assist with walking the children to the church and back to school. If you are able to do this, please let your child's class teacher know by **Friday 28th March**.



### PSA Events

Baddow Bars are available on School Money as a shop item. There will also be an Easter Fair on Friday 28th March after school on the Junior School playground. The PSA are asking that donations of Easter eggs be handed in on Thursday and Friday morning of next week in readiness for the Easter Fair. These can be given to the PSA on the gates on either days or to the office.

**Baddow Bar**  
*Can you find a golden ticket?*  
Baddow Hall PSA and Bond Residential proudly present the Baddow Bar!  
The milk chocolate bars are available to pre-order on School Money. Bars are £2 and bars will be distributed as part of the PSA Easter Fair on Friday 28th March.  
There are 10 star prizes of a £10 gift voucher and lots of other prizes available if you find a golden ticket.  
Multiple bars can be bought and 'Free From' bars are available as an milk, gluten, wheat free alternative  
Contact the PSA for any queries: PSA@baddowhall.inf.cssex.sch.uk  
Sponsored by BOND Residential

### Edulink & Parent Pay—IMPORTANT

Login information for both of these platforms has been sent to parents. Please login to these accounts as soon as possible (Parent Pay must be activated by the parent) School Money and teachers2parents will no longer be used after Easter.

**Reminder: Next week is the last week for extra-curricular clubs, there are no clubs running the last week of term.**

### Water Bottles & Lids—limited amount remaining

You can purchase school logo water bottles and replacement lids on Parent Pay. Once you have purchased, please collect your items from the office.

### Textiles Recycling

Please place any items 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.

### 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 activities taking place over Easter.**

### 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.