



1st May 2026



BADDOW NEWS

Dear Families,

We are reaching the end of another busy week in school. This week the children are planning the activities for our obstacle course. We hope you have been supporting your child to get sponsorship, as school council have set an ambitious target of £1000. **All children will need to wear PE kit on Friday 8th May to take part in the obstacle course.**

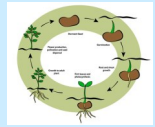


In reception, children are continuing with their reading of Julia Donaldson stories. This week 'What the Ladybird Heard' is their focus story. During the first read, children were asked to predict what will happen next. Julia Donaldson has written many books that are suitable to read at home. Perhaps take a visit to the Great Baddow library to get some more of her books to read at home.



Year 1 children have been estimating and measuring length in centimetres for their maths lessons. This is a skill that children can practise at home, using rulers or measuring tapes.

Year 2 children are learning about the different stages of the life cycle of a plant and learning the names of different parts of the plant. This is also something that can be revisited at home, when exploring the outdoors. Knowledge of plants and animals features throughout the science curriculum up to GCSE, it is important for children to embed their knowledge and understanding at each stage of their learning.



Congratulations to all the children that ran the London mini marathon on Saturday. It was great to share your experience with everyone in our assembly and see your medals. Some of the children are aspiring to run the actual marathon when they are 18, however, one was a definite 'no way'. Well done everyone on your achievement, there are some photographs from the event on the last page of the newsletter.

Have a great bank holiday weekend.
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Sponsored Obstacle Course

Friday 8th May: children wear PE kit

School Attendance

Our school attendance is currently 94%, which is well below our target of 97%.

We are monitoring attendance closely for each child and parents will be asked to attend a meeting where there is a concern.

Attendance Matters



Reporting absence—reminder

If your child will be absent from school you must **call or email the office** rather than the class teacher by **9.30am**. When calling or emailing, please include the following information:

- **Child's first and last name**
- **Class number (or name of teacher)**
- **Reason for absence**

Please note that if your child has been sick or has had diarrhea, they must remain off school for **48 hours** from the last instance. This is to help prevent the spread of potential bugs.

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.

Pre-order your child's school dinners

Meals for the **week beginning 11th May must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 5th May.**

If a meal is not booked, reminders are not always sent out so 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.

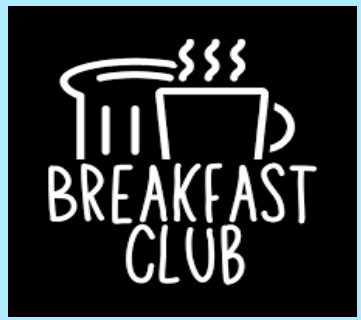


Breakfast Club

If you are needing a child care solution in the mornings due to needing to get to work, we run a fantastic Breakfast Club which caters for infant & junior children and starts 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.

Danbury Park year 1 school trip—Tuesday 12th May and Thriftwood Scouting Campsite year 2 school trip—Thursday 14th May

We hope your child is looking forward to their school trip coming up. Please refer to the trip letter which can be found on our website which advises you of what the children will need to wear and bring on the day. If it is going to be a warm sunny day please be reminded to put sunscreen on your child before school and that they have a water bottle and sun hat with them. They are not permitted to wear shorts/dresses so please ensure they are wearing something that covers their legs for protection. (NO jeans though please).

Tissue boxes donations please

We are running low on boxes of tissues in school as the colds and sniffles are now being replaced with Hayfever. If you are able to donate any tissues, please bring them to our office. Thank you in advance.

New Clubs

We are looking to start new clubs in the Autumn Term and one we are really interested in is Lego Club. We would need donations of Lego though in order for this to work as currently we do not have enough in school. If any of your older children or you know of anyone that wants to offload their Lego, we would most certainly give it a good home. If donations of Lego could please be brought to the office.



Medical Appointments

Medical appointments such as routine dental checkups should be done outside of school times where possible. If you are needing 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 over a screenshot. Please let the office know the time your child will be either collected or dropped off and whether their school dinner would need cancelling.

School Trips 2025-26—please see dates below

Tuesday 12th May—Year 1 Danbury Park—Pond Dipping & Wildlife

Thursday 14th May—Year 2 Thriftwood Scout Campsite—Outdoor activities

Tuesday 16th June—Year 1 Seaside Day—with History Off The Page

Tuesday 30th June—Year 2 Mini Games—competing with other schools at CSAC

Letters for all the trips have been emailed to parents and are on our website under the parents-letters tab.

Other important dates coming up

Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May—Dental Screening for selected 5 year olds

Friday 8th May—Obstacle Course (all children wear PE kit)

Friday 8th May—PSA Squishmallow Event (ticket required)

Friday 22nd May—Family Learning Day (music themed)

Monday 2th May—Half Term

Monday 1st June—Inset Day

All events and important dates can be found on our calendar on our website.

Warm Weather

We hope that the sunny days are here to stay. With this in mind please ensure that your child has in school a named water bottle and named sunhat everyday. Sun screen should also be applied before school. With such changeable weather though, perhaps a lightweight jacket too in case it is raining at school pick up time.





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 RNIB

We are collecting postage stamps on behalf of the Royal Institute for the Blind 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).

RNIB

See differently

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.

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).** If you have any school logo uniform in good condition that 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).

Pre-loved Uniform Donations

If you are having a clear out, we are in need of the following for our spare clothing boxes: (please only give us any of the items below, thank you)

Boys white polo tops (any size), **PE shorts** (any size), **Tracksuit bottoms ONLY** (any size), **PE white tshirt** (any size), **spare sun hats.**

Lost Property

If your child has lost something please check in our lost property boxes which are in the lobby of the main entrance. We please urge parents to name 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 term will be recycled or disposed of.



Our vision is for every child to make the best possible progress.



Mini Marathon 2026

Mini Marathon

A huge thank you to the PSA for organizing this for the children and a massive well done to all of our participants. It sounds like you all had an amazing day.

Well done to Louis C, Ezra W, Sophia D, Rome MH, Rory C, Elsie H, Jaxon H, Skyler H, Ayla P, Daisy S, Emilia K, Oscar T, Sienna Rose P and Zachary D.

Thank you to those that went along to spectate and cheer the children on also.

We will keep the payment item open on Parent Pay until Friday 8th May for those runners that have been collecting sponsor money and also it is open to all parents if they might want to contribute to the sponsor fund.

Please do not use one click payments where possible, but instead add the item to basket and then when checking out select other payment method.

PSA Squishmallow Event— Friday 8th May

This is the next event on the PSA calendar. Tickets are now available on Parent Pay. It is open to all year groups too.

Please be advised that there are only 75 tickets available so do not delay to avoid disappointment. **(please do not use one click payment, use other payment method).**

Once we have reached the maximum number then it will no longer show as available on Parent Pay.

Deadline to purchase a ticket is **9am Thursday 7th May.**

DO YOU LOVE SQUISHMALLOWS?

Baddow Hall PSA are hosting an exciting Squishmallow event!

Friday 8th May 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Pupils will take part in Squishmallow crafts, watch a Squishmallow cartoon with a snack and drink, and take home a 12 inch stackable Squishmallow!

Tickets are very limited and available to buy on Parent Pay

**TICKETS
£10**

