



7th March 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



A great day was had by everyone yesterday, as we celebrated Word Book Day. Children enjoyed sharing their costumes and talking about their favourite books. We were delighted that so many parents and grandparents were able to join us, we had over 120 squeezed into classrooms throughout the day. It was great to see the children engaged in their activities with their adult. Each child was given a £1 token to spend as part of World Book day. Follow [this link](#) to find participating retailers.



With the beautiful sunshine this week, we were able to open the reading den for the children to use at lunchtimes, it was lovely to see lots of children choosing the opportunity to read a book in their own time. Children have until Friday 14th March to pay into School Money the money raised for their sponsored read.

Have a good weekend.
Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97%

Attendance this academic year so far: **95.3%**

Reception: **94.1%** Year 1: **96.4%** Year 2: **95.1%**

A reminder that leave of absence requests will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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 17th March is 9am Wednesday 12th March. You can order meals up to the Easter break. Our menu will then change after that.

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 pre-ordered 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 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.



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.
 (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 this half term closed at 12noon Monday 10th February. If you need sessions for this half term please call the office to book and pay. We are able to take adhoc bookings but please note that we may be 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.

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**



Year 2 Music Festival—Thursday 27th March

A letter was sent to Year 2 parents regarding the Music Festival. The letter can also be found on our website under the parents tab. Please ensure that if a different adult is collecting your child from the venue that 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.**

Sponsored Read

ALL money collected should be paid via School Money by **12noon Friday 14th March**. There is a suggested amount of £10.00 but you can change this to however much your child raised.

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 but we will unfortunately be unable to accommodate parents to spectate.

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 to. 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

Shopping tokens for the pop up shop are now available as a Shop Item on School Money. You may purchase as many as you like and the deadline is **12noon Thursday 20th March**. We are unable to accept requests after this deadline. Please also save the date for the Easter Fair.



EduLink & Parent Pay

Login information for both of these platforms will be sent to parents. Please ensure to check your emails regularly.

Water Bottles & Lids

You can purchase school logo water bottles and replacement lids on School Money. Once you have purchased, please collect your items from the office. You can also purchase reading diaries too if you have lost yours. (If your child has filled their book up they will be given a new one automatically so no need to order one).

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.

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.