



9th May 2025



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week we took a moment to remember all those who died during the second world war, as we learnt about how families celebrated VE day in 1945.



### School Meals

A reminder that school meals need to be booked by **midnight on Tuesdays** for the following week's meals. We have a number of parents missing the deadline. If meals are not ordered on time, parents will be required to provide a packed lunch for their child.

### Trips

There are a number of events coming up for year 1 and year 2. Consent and payment is required for these events/trips. Please log on to Parent Pay where you can complete these actions. If we do not receive your consent your child will be unable to attend. The trip or event is at risk of cancellation if we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost of the trip.

### Essex Early Years and Childcare Parents Survey for all Schools 2025

Essex County Council is committed to meeting the childcare needs of families across the county. To help further understand parents experience of childcare provision and how they access information that may support their family. ECC are conducting their annual (anonymous) parents survey. If you would like to take part us this [survey link](#).

### Health and Safety

I have taken a few telephone calls recently from members of the local community, reporting children not being secured appropriately when travelling in cars. I have received reports of children sitting in footwells, toddlers not in car seats and children not wearing seatbelts. As adults, we are all familiar with the laws around car seats and seatbelts. Please ensure your child is secured correctly. As this is a matter for the police to deal with, those adults who are reporting the incidents to the school are being advised to contact the police with the information.

Have a good weekend.  
Best wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker

Check the [school calendar](#) for end of year assembly dates for each year group.

### School Attendance

**Our school attendance target is 97%**

Attendance this academic year so far: **95%**

Reception: **93.8%**    Year 1: **95.9%**    Year 2: **95.1%**

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office via email or telephone, leaving the reason for absence.

**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.

**This includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella.**

We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.



**ParentPay**

**Deadline to order meals for week commencing 19th May is mid-night Tuesday 13th May on ParentPay, click on the icon to go to the website.** This is our new menu. Please ensure you have activated your parent pay account.

**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 **midnight Tuesday** 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

### **Breakfast Club Reminder**

You must activate your parent pay account in order to book and pay for sessions.

Childcare vouchers can be used as payment for all breakfast club sessions, please see <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for additional information on how to apply.

Please be reminded that breakfast club sessions are non-refundable.

### **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,.

### **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**



**easyfundraising**

### **School Trips**

**Details of all school trips have been sent home, copies of the letters can be found on [our website](#)**

**Consent for your child to attend the trip and payment is via parentpay**

Danbury Park for Year 1 children — Friday 23rd May 2025

Seaside Day for Year 1 children—Tuesday 17th June 2025

Mini Games for Year 2 children—Tuesday 1st July 2025

Thriftwood Scout Campsite for Year 2 children—Thursday 10th July 2025

### **Textiles Recycling**

If you are having a sort out, please save any textiles for our recycling box. This can be clothing, paired shoes, bed covers etc. Please place any items for recycling 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. Thank you.

### **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.