



23rd May 2025



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

Today reception have hosted their stay and play session. This is a great opportunity for parents to spend time in the school setting with their child. The children were very excited that parents were coming in. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

Year 1 have used the work of J.Vincent Scarpace, a modern artist from New York, as the inspiration for their own artwork. In his paintings he concentrates on line, shape and colour. He is best known for his abstract fish art. The children used a range of techniques to complete their own abstract artwork.



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In science lessons, year 2 are learning about the conditions plants need to grow in different habitats. From the success they are having with their school council project, it seems they have developed a good understanding of what their own plants need.

On Wednesday evening, I had the privilege of attending the Parish Council's Celebration of Volunteers event. The evening served as a powerful reminder of the many individuals who generously contribute their time and energy to organisations that support our local community. Our Chair of Governors, Dan Davis spoke about the vital role volunteers play within schools and the positive impact they have on the lives of children. We were proud to nominate Emma Lewin, Chair of the PSA, and Alexia Koumides, Treasurer of the PSA, both of whom received certificates in recognition of their outstanding commitment to volunteering. We extend our thanks to all who give their time to support the children at our school. Your dedication is truly appreciated.



Have a great half term.  
Best wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

**Monday 2nd June– INSET day**  
**Return to school: Tuesday 3rd June**

### School Attendance

**Our school attendance target is 97%**

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

Reception: **93.7%**    Year 1: **95.9%**    Year 2: **95.2%**

**If you intend taking your child on holiday during term time, a leave of absence request must be completed.**

**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 9th June is mid-night Tuesday 3rd June 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**

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.

### **Class Photographs**

Class photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

The photographers will be available from **8am-8.30am** in the junior school for sibling photographs.