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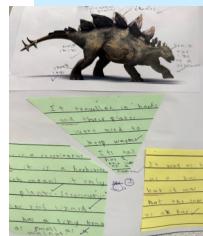
Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

Children in reception have been learning about how we use a range of vehicles to travel. The children designed a new vehicle, thinking about the number of wheels and the passengers that it needed to carry. Reception have also been learning how to identify rhyming words, which will be reinforced in their homework this week. Completing your child's homework with them enables them to embed the learning they have been doing in school and supports them to be more confident moving on with their learning.



Teddy C2



Leonard C3

Year 1 have been researching information about dinosaurs and writing their own factual sentences, that they are making into a book. They have been focused on using their phonics learning to help them with spelling and ensuring they have capital letters and full stops. We look forward to reading the books they have made.



Year 2 are working hard on learning their times tables. This is something they need to continue to practise at home to enable them to recall the facts quickly, reducing the cognitive load when they are working out more complex maths problems. By the end of KS1 children need to be secure in 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Having these embedded will support them as they move into key stage 2.



If there are any parents or grandparents who are interested in supporting the children with gardening in the coming months, please come and talk to me at the gate.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Reminder of Upcoming Dates

Please check the school [calendar](#) which is updated regularly.

Dates for the **summer term** have recently been added.

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is **97%**.

Attendance Matters



Reception attendance: 95%

Year 1 attendance: 93%

Year 2 attendance: 96%

Whole School attendance: 95%

Reporting absence

If your child will be absent from school you must call or email 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 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.

Order your child's school dinners

Please book your child's meals in advance.

Meals for the **week beginning 9th February 2026** must be **booked by midnight on Tuesday 3rd February 2026**.

If a meal is not booked, reminders are not sent out so parents will be phoned and asked to provide their child with a packed lunch.



Year 1 Forest Schools

Just a reminder to ensure that year 1 children have their forest school clothes and footwear with them on their allotted day. The children will still do forest schools if it is wet so please bear this in mind. **Please ensure that everything is clearly named.**

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations take place on **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February**.

Please ensure you attend your appointment on time so as not to delay others. If your child is attending with you they must be supervised at all times. There is no parking on site.



PSA Disco

Year 1 & 2 disco tickets are available for purchase now on Parent Pay. The deadline to purchase tickets is 12noon Thursday 5th February. We are unable to take purchases after this time. Reception children will attend a taster of the disco during school hours so no ticket purchase is necessary.

Year 1 & 2 children attending the disco may bring in a change of clothes. Please ensure that everything is **clearly named** and is in a **clearly named** carrier bag to go onto their peg on the Friday morning.



PSA Lunar New Year Competition

The PSA are running a creative competition where pupils can draw, colour or create something inspired by the Lunar New Year for a chance to win one of 15 LEGO packs. If your child wishes to enter a creation, please ensure to pay for your participation on Parent Pay (£1.00) and hand in your competition entry to the school office by 9am Wednesday 11th February.

Please ensure that your entry is clearly named.

School Trips 2025-26—please see dates below

Thursday 19th March—Year 2 Music Festival at Christchurch

Friday 24th April—Reception Thorndon Park—Gruffalo Trail

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.

Payments are open on ParentPay for each trip/event, giving parents plenty of notice of costs involved and time available to pay their contribution for each trip/event.

Other important dates coming up

Friday 6th February—PSA Disco

Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th February—Parent Consultations

Monday 23rd February—Sponsored Read commences

Thursday 26th February—Take One Picture Art Exhibition

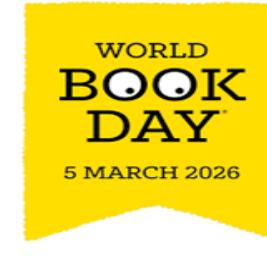
Uniform and Water Bottles

Please could parents ensure that all uniform items including shoes, coats, hats and water bottles are all clearly named so that staff and children can easily identify belongings. This will hopefully cut down on the amount of lost property and the time taken to identify whose belongings are who. Thank you.

Sponsored Read and World Book Day

Our sponsored read will be taking place after half term and will run from Monday 23rd February to Sunday 8th March. A letter will be sent to parents which will include a reading log sheet as well as a sponsor form.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite story book character or a costume inspired by their favourite story book. (please ensure that it is something the children can easily remove themselves).



Shared Story Time – 3.00-3.15pm

A parent or grandparent may join their child in class for a story at 3pm on this day to celebrate World Book Day. Please go to your child's classroom door as you would at normal pick up. Preschoolers may join too, they must be supervised by a parent/grandparent at all times. Prams and pushchairs must be left outside due to space restrictions within the classroom.



Breakfast Club

You must prebook and pay for sessions in advance of attending. Breakfast club can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. 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 ensure not to overpay us in vouchers or build up a large credit. 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.



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](#)



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 on envelopes with personal details on).

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 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).

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 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.