



28th November 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



On Wednesday, children in year 2 dressed up for their Great Fire of London, History Off the Page experience. The children were immersed in activities learning about what life was like in 1666. The experience day was a good opportunity for children to apply their knowledge but also learn new information and skills. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.



Reception have continued with their learning about people who help us and this week have been focusing on the fire service. Leo, C2, drew this fireman with his ladders, to show his understanding of what the job requires.



In year 1 design and technology lessons, the children have been learning about sliding mechanisms. They have created their own pictures that contained the mechanism and this week have evaluated their design and whether their slider moved smoothly. Harrison and Poppy in C4, created these designs.

Thank for your donations for the PSA for the Christmas Fair. The fair starts the Christmas season in school for us, I look forward to seeing you all here later today, helping to raise money for our schools. A huge thank you to the PSA for all their hard work in getting everything organised for the fair.

The Mental Health Support Team ran their workshop for parents earlier this month. They are also hosting a number of events online that parents can book onto by visiting the [website](#). All events are free to attend.

Have a good weekend.
Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Reminder of Upcoming Dates

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

School Attendance

Reception attendance 96%
Year 1 attendance 94%
Year 2 attendance 97%
Whole School attendance: 96%

Attendance Matters



Well done year 2, on maintaining our attendance target.

Reporting absence

If your child will be absent from school you must call or email by 9.30am. When calling or emailing, please ensure that you 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 8th December** must be booked **by midnight on Tuesday 2nd December 2025.**

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.



After School Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs finish week commencing 8th December so please be reminded there are no clubs the last week of term. The club timetable and flyers for the clubs for Spring term will be sent to parents before we break up for Christmas holidays.

PSA Christmas Event Calendar

Look out for further details on each event

-  20th/21st Nov - Collection of pre-loved toys, books, Christmas jumpers. Santa slot tickets on sale.
-  27th Nov - Christmas fair £5 tokens and raffle tickets sale
-  28th Nov - Christmas hair/head boppers/hats at school in exchange for a bottle/ sweets/ chocolate for the Christmas Fair. £5 tokens and raffle tickets sales
-  28th Nov - Christmas Fair
-  4th/5th Dec - Pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale
-  12th Dec - Elfridges Stall (during school day)
-  Junior Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production Refreshments 16th and 17th Dec
-  Infant Christmas Assembly Refreshments 16th, 17th and 18th Dec
-  18th Dec - Raffle is drawn

PSA@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk

A GUIDE TO THE 2025 PSA CHRISTMAS FAIR

JUNIORS HALL

- Year 6 stalls
- PSA Festive drinks and hot food (see details below)
- Raffle* and £5 token cards

PSA FESTIVE DRINKS & HOT FOOD

- Hot Dogs
- Tater Tots
- Mulled Wine
- Baileys Hot Chocolate
- Prosecco
- Beer
- Usual PSA Refreshments

INFANTS HALL

- Santa's Grotto
- Year 2 stalls
- Face paints
- Craft Room
- Tombolas and Games
- Christmas handmade stall
- Second Hand Stall
- The Chelmsford Cheesecake Company
- Raffle* and £5 token cards

*RAFFLE

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 18th December and winning prizes will be distributed via the child and class given at the time of purchase

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PSA!

We hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas Fair. If you are able to help at the fair or can donate a raffle prize, we would love to hear from you.

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Elfridge's Shopping Tokens

You can purchase Elfridge's shopping tokens on ParentPay. You may purchase as many as you wish and your child can then shop for Christmas gifts for others using the tokens.

The deadline to purchase is 12noon Thursday 11th December.

The pop up shop takes place in school hours on **Friday 12th December**.



Christmas Card Competition

If your child would like to enter their design into the Christmas Card competition please use the template that has been emailed to parents. We do also have a paper copies in our lobby area if you need them.

Please ensure to add your child's name and class number.

Designs should be handed in by end of school day **Monday 1st December**.

A winner will then be chosen and their design will be used by our school as our official Christmas card.



<https://www.farleighhospice.org/events/trees-2026>

Christmas Tree Recycling

You can register your tree for collection with Farleigh Hospice or Helen Rollason. You can use the QR code on the flyer for Helen Rollason or visit the webpage below for Farleigh Hospice.



Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

Visit our [school website](#) to see dates for tours.

Essex County Council applications opened on 10th November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026.

These dates also apply to applications for children moving from year 2 into year 3.



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

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

£2 bonus to our school for every new supporter that downloads the Easyfundraising app (limited time only)

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**](#)**



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 leave them on envelopes with personal details on).

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See differently

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 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. The PSA regularly hold pre-loved uniform sales so this really helps. (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 term will be recycled or disposed of.