



13th December 2024



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

As we approach the final week of the Autumn term, rehearsals are well underway for the children's Christmas performances next week. The PSA will be selling refreshments beforehand and children in year 2 will be doing a collection on behalf of the school for our chosen charity, Great Ormond Street Hospital.



The PSA have been extremely busy throughout December. We had the fantastic Christmas Fayre last week, along with Elfridges yesterday. I would like to say thank you to the PSA committee for their hard work and commitment to both our schools. These events are always extremely well organised and the children benefit from the money raised. Thank you to the team.

In reception this week, the children have been thinking about how the police service help our community and this morning they had a visit from a member of the British transport police, to talk about their role.

In geography lessons, year 1 children have been learning the difference between physical and human features of the local park. As you walk to school, talk to your child about the local area, this supports both their oracy skills, as well as, their understanding of their environment.



This week in year 2's design and technology lessons, children have been using a range of techniques they have learnt to join materials. They have been applying these skills to make their own puppet. The children tried really hard with sewing and many of them mastered running stitch. Well done year 2. Thank you to the parent volunteers who assisted in class for this activity.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our events next week.

Have a great weekend.
Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

**Our school attendance target is 97%.
Our school attendance is currently 95.8%.**

Advice for parents about when children are still able to come to school is available by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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.

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 6th January is 9am Wednesday 18th December. You can order meals up to the February half term.

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 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 preferences. We are unable to accept late orders, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.



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.

(after sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked for in advance of session).

Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for next term opened **midday Monday 9th December** and will close **midday Monday 16th December**.

Please note that we are 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. **Only pay in what is needed for each half term to prevent building up a large balance.**

Amazon Wishlist

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting 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**



Reminder: Reception and Year 3 Admissions for 2025-26

If your child is due to start year 3 or reception in September 2025, you must apply for their place via the local authority. The admissions round opened on **Monday 4th November 2024 and will close Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Please note that year 2 children do not automatically get a place at our junior school so please ensure that you apply within the timeframe above, whichever junior school you wish them to attend. Please click **HERE** for more information.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day

Your child may come to school on **Wednesday 18th December** wearing a Christmas Jumper in exchange for a donation which is for Save the Children. Donations to please be paid on School Money. Suggested amount is £2.00 but you can change this to however much you wish to donate. **All other uniform to be worn as usual.**

Christmas Performances

Reception—Tuesday 17th December 9.30am

Year 2—Wednesday 18th December 9.30am

Year 1—Thursday 19th December 9.30am

The PSA will be selling refreshments before the performances.

We are also collecting for G.O.S.H so please bring some change with you (or you can pay on School Money). Pre-schoolers may also attend the performances but will need to be sat on an adults lap at all times. Prams and pushchairs to be left outside please.



Christmas Service at St Mary's Church

The children will be performing their service at **10am on Friday 20th December**. Parents and preschoolers are welcome to attend. Seating is limited so pre-schoolers should be sat on laps where possible. We do need a number of parents to help escort the children to and from the church so please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to assist by Friday 13th December.



Please could your child bring in a named carrier bag next week so that they can bring their work home. Thank you.

Clubs for Spring Term 2025

Booking for Extra-curricular Clubs open on **Monday 6th January**.

Please note that Spanish Club will be continuing their programme with their existing students from this term but they do have a waiting list.

The timetable for clubs as well as flyers will be put on our website under the parents-before and after school tab next week. It will also be emailed to parents.

We are also hoping to have a new club on Wednesdays but we are just waiting to finalise this. It will be a Signing Club led by Talk to the Hands and will be available to all cohorts to book. Once finalized more information will be sent to parents.

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. This is updated regularly.

If you are handing out Christmas cards, please refrain from adding chocolates or sweets as we have children across the school that have intolerances or allergies. Thank you for your understanding.

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. There were a few items found after the Christmas Fayre too. Any items that are left over on the last day of term will be recycled if they are unnamed.