



13th March 2026



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



Earlier this week, some of our year 1 and 2 children participated in a cross country event, alongside other local schools. Baddow Hall Infants placed 2nd overall on the day, well done everyone. There were also some fantastic individual results:

Year 1 girls—**Peyton C 3rd**, Gracie T 14th, Callie Y 15th.

Year 1 boys—**Ezra W 3rd**, Leonard L 23rd, Harrison E 16th.

Year 2 girls—**Elsie H 1st**, Violet G 19th, Anvika RM 20th.

Year 2 boys—**Zach D 3rd**, Jacob W 16th, Kobi M 45th.

Thank you to the parents that transported their child to the event. We are very proud of all the children that competed, well done.



In our assembly this morning, one of the children’s grandparents, Mr Calver, came to play the violin for the children. One of the reception children impressed Mr Calver, as they knew the bow was made from horse hair! It was a privilege to hear such a talented musician. We are really keen for the children to experience live music, so if anyone else in our school parent or grandparent community would like to play an instrument for the children, please do come and speak to me.

Guidance has been published from the Children’s Commissioner for England on children’s screen time. The key messages include:

- The importance of age-appropriate limits on screen use
 - The need for screen-free time before bed to support sleep and wellbeing
 - Encouraging balance, including physical activity, reading and family time
- In this digital age, I would urge parents to take time to read the practical guidance, which can be found by following this link. [Children’s Commissioner’s website.](#)

We have received sponsored read money from 37 children so far, we will keep it open on ParentPay over the weekend, to enable more of you to add your sponsorship on there. Well done everyone.



Happy Mother’s day, I hope you all enjoy your special day.

Have a good weekend
Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Reminder of Upcoming Dates

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

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97%.

Attendance above 97%: **Excellent**

Attendance between 95-97%: **Good**

Attendance between 90-95%: **Cause for concern**

Attendance below 90%: **Persistent absentee**



Reporting absence—reminder

If your child will be absent from school you must **call or email the office** rather than the class teacher 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 had 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 23rd March must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 17th March.** Don’t forget that we have a new

menu starting after the Easter break which can you book as of now.

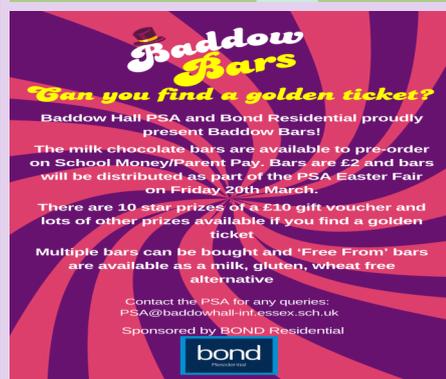
If a meal is not booked, reminders are not always sent out so parents will be phoned and asked to provide their child with a packed lunch.



REMINDER: Important—Parent Pay—do not use One Click Payments

When making a payment on Parent Pay please **do not** use One Click Payments as the payment method. Please see the letter that was emailed to parents regarding this.

PSA Easter Fair & Baddow Bars



You are able to purchase Baddow Bars on Parent Pay. You can select either Milk Chocolate or 'Free From' option of bar. **Please do NOT use 'One Click Payments' when making your purchase, please add the item to the basket and select 'Other Payment Method' and use a debit or credit card.** The PSA will have a list of all those that have purchased the bars for them to be handed out to those parents at the Easter Fair.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please be reminded that extra-curricular clubs for spring term finish week commencing **23rd March**.

A timetable for Summer term clubs will be emailed to parents before we break up for Easter.

We are excited to inform you that we have a new club starting in the summer term. NGU Dance which has provided street dancing lessons as part of PE provision for Year 2 will be providing an after school dance club on Fridays.

Flyers for all the clubs and the clubs timetable will be put on our website before the end of term.

Sponsored Read

The deadline to pay in your sponsor money on Parent Pay is **Friday 13th March**. It will remain open over the weekend in case you missed it. Please ensure to not use One Click Payments as the payment method. We will let you know on next week's newsletter how much the school raised. **Many thanks.**

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 20th March—Reception Stay & Play 2.30pm

Friday 20th March—PSA Easter Fair & Baddow Bars sale

Friday 27th March—9am Easter Bonnet Parade and 10am Easter Church Service

Friday 27th March—Last day of Spring term

Easter Bonnet Making

We look forward to seeing the bonnets that your child will be making at home for the Easter Bonnet Parade. There will be 2 prize winners announced at the parade per class. The bonnets will need to be brought in on the morning of the parade.

Parents are invited to stay and spectate if the weather is nice in our playground. If it is a wet day we will hold the parade indoors but unfortunately parents would not be able to stay and watch.

Breakfast Club

If you are needing a child care solution in the mornings due to needing to get to work we run a fantastic Breakfast Club which caters for infant & junior children and starts at 7.30am. If you would like to register your child, please contact the infant office.



Breakfast Club sessions can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. (The serving of food finishes at 8.15am).

Childcare vouchers can be used as payment for 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.

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 attached to 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, coats 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.