



6th March 2026



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

What a great day we had celebrating World Book Day yesterday. Children enjoyed sharing their costumes and talking about their favourite books. We were delighted that so many parents and grandparents were able to join us to share in a story time. Research shows reading for pleasure can support reading, wider literacy skills, wellbeing, empathy, confidence and aptitude for learning. Each child was given a £1 token to spend as part of World Book Day. Follow [this link](#) to find participating retailers.



The PSA are currently investigating different funds and grants that are available for schools to apply for. One area they would like to research further, are companies that support local projects. If any parents have a connection to any of the following companies, Redrow Homes, Hopkins Homes, E2V, Willmott Dixon or BAE Systems we would be grateful if you could let the PSA know. PSA@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk If you know that your company would be willing to support a local school project, please do get in touch.

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**

Attendance Matters



Reporting absence—reminder

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 16th March must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 10th March.**

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.



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 and World Book Day

Our sponsored read commenced on Monday 23rd February and finishes Sunday 8th March. A letter was emailed to parents which included a reading log sheet as well as a sponsor form. The deadline to pay in your sponsor money on Parent Pay is Friday 13th March.

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

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

Monday 16th March—Last week for extra-curricular clubs is this week

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

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.

Breakfast Club

You must prebook and pay for sessions in advance of your child attending. Breakfast club can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. (Breakfast food service finishes at 8.15am)

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 attached to envelopes with personal details on).

RNIB

See differently

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.