



21st November 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week has been very busy with children out on local area visits.

Children in reception visited Great Baddow Library on Monday, as part of their learning about the area in which they live and the people who help us. The children enjoyed spending time in the library listening to stories. We would encourage parents to take children to the library on a regular basis to make use of this wonderful resource on your doorstep.



Year 1 are going out on local walks today, as part of their learning in geography. They will be finding out about the key landmarks and places in the local area to understand more about the area in which they live and go to school.

Thank you to parents and grandparents for supporting with the local area visits. These would not be able to take place without volunteers.

In science this week, year 2 have been testing different materials to see if they can change shape by twisting, bending, squashing or stretching. When hearing about their learning, the children told me how they had bent some of our staffroom spoons! I might need to check the spoon before eating my soup this week!

November seems to be disappearing very quickly and we are now starting to think about Christmas events in school. Please check the school calendar and ensure you have saved the date to see your child in their Christmas performance.

On Wednesday I will be attending the Licensing of Revds Lydia and Mark Petitt, who will be the new vicars working in the parish of St Mary's. I will be welcoming them to the area on behalf of Baddow Hall Infant School. We look forward to working with them in the coming months.

Have a good weekend.
Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Year 2 parents, have you applied for your child's junior school place?

Reminder of Upcoming Dates

PSA Christmas Fair– 3.20pm Friday 28th November 2025

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

School Attendance

Reception attendance **97%**

Year 1 attendance **94%**

Year 2 attendance **97%**

Whole School attendance: 96%

Our school target is **97%**

Attendance Matters



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)

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 1st December** must be booked **by midnight on Tuesday 25th November 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.





Reminder: Year 2 Great Fire of London Day—Wednesday 26th November.

A letter was emailed to parents regarding this exciting event for the year 2 children. The letter can also be found on the website. Payment for this can be made via Parent Pay. The deadline to make payment is Friday 21st November but we can accept payment after this date.



PSA Christmas Fair

Children may come to school on **Friday 28th November** wearing a Christmas hat, hair decoration or head boppers in exchange for donation for the tombola. (All other uniform should be worn as usual).

Please donate a bottle of something nice or chocolates/sweets. These can be handed in the morning of the fair.



Elfridge's Shopping Tokens

You can purchase Elfridge's shopping tokens on Parent Pay. 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.



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.

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



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.