



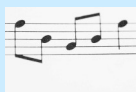
17th October 2025

BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter



Dear Families,



As part of our assemblies each week, we have a piece of music playing for the children to listen to as they arrive and leave assembly. This term we have been focusing on learning the names of instruments and the family they belong to. Today we were delighted to welcome Miss Bennett, who is one of our parents from class 3. Miss Bennett played her flute for the children, who were in awe. It is important for the children to experience live music; so if any of you are a musician and are willing to come in to play for them, then please do let me know.



Kobi, Elsie and Jeve from class 5 and Max, Jacob and Violet from class 6 were selected to represent our BHIS in a local schools football competition. They came 4th in the competition but Mrs Cook was extremely impressed with how well they worked as a team during the matches. Well done year 2.

We have had a small number of children come to school wearing smart watches. Children in year 2 are permitted to wear an analogue watch once they can tell the time, though it must be removed for PE. All other children are asked to leave watches at home. Smart watches are not permitted to be worn by any child in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Today is the PSA Autumn fair. Well done to everyone who entered the competitions and congratulations to the winners, who will be announced at the fair this afternoon. Thank you again to the PSA for all their hard work behind the scenes.



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 98%
Year 1 attendance 94%
Year 2 attendance 98%
Whole School attendance: 97%
Our school target is 97%

Is my child too ill for school?

Visit the [NHS advice website](#).

Reporting absence

When reporting your child absent from school either via voicemail or email please ensure that you include your child's first and last name, as well as, their class number. Please could you also include this when emailing the office regarding your child so any queries can be dealt with more efficiently. Thank you.

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 3rd November must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 21st October 2025. This is our new menu.

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.



Breakfast Club

You must prebook and pay for sessions in advance of attending. Breakfast club can be booked online via ParentPay 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 and 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**



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Bingo Night!



Sponsored Walk

Thank you from the PSA to those that attended these events. The raffle at Bingo raised £500. Fun Walk total was £132.00 from the infants.

School Photographs

Individual school photographs took place on Monday 13th October. Proofs of these pictures will be sent home with children when they have arrived in school. All orders for photographs are done directly with Horizon Photographic, we do not accept orders or payment on their behalf.

Data Collection Sheets reminder

Data collection sheets came home with your child this week. We ask that you make any relevant adjustments to the sheet and hand it back to us by Thursday 23rd October. If all details are correct then you do not need to do anything.

Birthdays

Please be aware that we are not able to hand out birthday party invitations for your child, we ask that you do this before or after school. Children are permitted to bring in sweets for their birthdays but they are to be handed them out by your child on the door/gate at end of day whilst parents are present due to some children having allergies. Please do not bring in anything that would contain nuts. Thank you.

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.



From **Monday 20th October** we will be selling poppies and accessories on the gates at morning drop off on behalf of the Royal British Legion so please bring some change (or notes) with you if you wish to purchase anything.

Medication

If your child requires medicine to be administered in school, then a parental agreement to administer medication form will need to be completed and returned to the school office, with medication that is in date and in its original packaging. We can not accept medication that is not in date. We can only administer medication in line with the prescription or the instructions for dosage on the box. E.g calpol. Forms can be accessed on the [school website](#) in advance.

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

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

**Essex County Council applications open 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.

