



24th October 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of a very busy half term. Thank you to everyone who attended parent consultations this week. It is a good opportunity to reflect on the children's achievements and the next steps in their development. The children have worked extremely hard this half term and have demonstrated excellent learning behaviours. The partnership between home and school is extremely important in enabling the children to make the best possible progress, so thank you to parents for the support you provide.

Attendance Matters



It is positive to share that school attendance for this half term is 97%, which is in line with the target set by the governing body.

The Hindu festival of Diwali has been taking place this week. Some of the children have been sharing their family traditions as part of our assembly. We hope all our families who were celebrating have had a wonderful time together.



For children in reception, half term is a good opportunity to help your child develop their independence. For example, learning to do up the zip on their winter coat is a good skill to master over the holiday.

Keeping our school site safe is a key priority, which is why I would like to remind parents that junior children should be prevented from using the climbing equipment after school. This week, whilst in a meeting, I observed a number of junior siblings climbing on the very top of the frame. This is not setting a good example to infant school children and may result in a serious accident. Thank you for helping to keep our school site safe.

There are a number of events in the calendar for next half term, please take a moment to add these to your diary. A reminder that the clocks go back an hour this weekend.

I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher



Reminder of Upcoming Dates

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

School Attendance

These are the attendance figures for this half term.

Reception attendance 98%- well done

Year 1 attendance 94%- improvement needed

Year 2 attendance 98%- well done

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 10th November must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 4th November 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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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. We do need parent helpers on the day so if you are able to assist, please let your child's class teacher know by Friday 7th November.

School Photographs

Proofs of the school photographs were sent home with children on Tuesday this week. All orders for photographs are done directly with Horizon Photographic, we do not accept order requests or payment on their behalf. If you wish to have free postage to the school, please place your order within 10 days from 21st October.

Whole School Flu Immunisations

A letter containing the link to the consent forms has been emailed to parents, we ask that they are completed to state whether you DO or DO NOT consent to your child receiving the immunisation in school on **Friday 14th November**.

Please ensure to state the year group your child is in rather than the class number.

PSA Disco—Friday 7th November

The PSA are hosting a disco for all year groups. Reception children will not need a ticket as they will have a taster of the disco during school hours. Year 1 & 2 children will need to purchase a ticket via Parent Pay and give consent for their child to attend. Tickets are £5 which includes a drink, snack and glow sticks. The deadline is **12noon Thursday 6th November**. Year 1 & 2 children may bring in a change of clothing for the disco in a named carrier bag. (no heels or heeles please). Collection is from classrooms at **4.15pm**. **Dance Club is still on.**



Non-uniform Day for Children in Need—Friday 14th November

Your child may come to school in non uniform in exchange for a donation. Please ensure that clothing the children are wearing is easy for them to undo or remove. Please no heels or heeles.



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.



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.

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.

