



14th March 2025



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to read our Ofsted report, which was emailed to parents last Friday. It is now available on the [school website](#) if you have not yet had the chance.



In reception, children have been finding out about life cycles. Thanks to funding from the PSA the children have been able to observe ducklings hatch from eggs over the past two weeks and observe the changes as they have grown.



They have even witnessed the ducklings first swim.

Year 1 children have been learning about maps in geography. The children have been drawing their own maps of part of the school grounds, thinking about symbols they could use to represent objects.

As part of their learning in design and technology, children in year 2 are focusing on food technology this half term. The children will be making their own pizza but in preparation for this they have looked at market research on favourite pizza toppings, taste tested a range of toppings themselves and looked at the process of making a pizza. The children are certainly excited about making and eating their own.

One of the areas on our school development plan for this year is oracy; developing the children's active listening and speaking skills. The advances in technology have meant as adults we are spending less time communicating out loud and doing more silent online communication. We would encourage parents to spend some quality 'talk time' with children to support them in developing these skills. This Essex website provides some ideas for younger children. <https://www.tlc-essex.info/>

Well done to our year 1 and 2 children who attended cross country on Tuesday. We are very proud of the children as they tried their best and didn't give up.

Best wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

**See more about Easter events on page 2.**

### School Attendance

**Our school attendance target is 97%**

Attendance this academic year so far: **95.2%**

Reception: **93.9%**    Year 1: **96.3%**    Year 2: **95.2%**

A reminder that leave of absence requests will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Earrings cannot be worn on PE days or if your child attends a club, unless the child can remove them themselves. Staff are not permitted to remove or tape earrings. Parents will be called if the child cannot remove them.

Please ensure that your child does not bring any products into school containing nuts, including cereal bars, cakes and sandwich fillings etc. **This includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella.** We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.



**Deadline to order meals for week commencing 24th March is 9am Wednesday 19th March.** You can order meals up to the Easter break. **Our menu will then change after that.**

Please ensure to click **PAY** on the School Money app to ensure meals are sent through to us.

**If your child has a meal ordered and they arrive with a packed lunch, they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them.**

Any changes to pre-ordered meal choices are to be made by parents by no later than **9am Wednesday's** for the following week to ensure your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate children can change their minds.

We are unable to accept late orders as we only order enough ingredients based on pre-orders to limit food wastage, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch if the deadline is missed.

**You will have all received your activation letters via email this week for Parent Pay. This will be used to order meals from our new menu which starts after Easter. We will notify you when you can start ordering these meals.**



### Baddow Hall Schools **BREAKFAST CLUB**

open to all Infant and Junior children  
**Monday – Friday**  
7.30 – 8.40am

For further details, to check availability and book your child's place, please contact the Infant School office on 01245 471338  
Sessions are £6.50 each.  
Childcare vouchers accepted.  
Pre-booking only, limited places.

(adhoc sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked/ paid for in advance of session).

### **Breakfast Club Reminder**

Booking for next half term opens at 12noon Wednesday 19th March on **PARENT PAY**. You must activate your parent pay account in order to book. We will keep the booking window open longer so parents have time to use the new app. Please ensure if paying with childcare vouchers that plenty of time is given before each booking window opens so funds can clear in time. **Credit will be added to Breakfast Club accounts on Parent Pay prior to bookings opening.**

### **Amazon Wishlist**

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you would like to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list.

Thank you for the items we have recently received, especially the cleaning products.

### **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](#)



### **Year 2 Music Festival—Thursday 27th March**

A letter was sent to Year 2 parents regarding the Music Festival and can be found on our website under the parents tab. Please ensure if a different adult is collecting your child from the venue you have informed their class teacher **in writing** by Wednesday 26th March. **Reminder: the coach is taking the children to the venue only, parents must collect their child at 3.30pm from Christchurch. Tickets are also on sale for a parent to attend, the link has been sent to parents.**

### **Sponsored Read**

ALL money collected should be paid via School Money and we have extended the deadline to 12noon Monday 17th March There is a suggested amount of £10.00 but you can change this to however much your child raised.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade and Church Service**



Children may come to school on **Friday 4th April** wearing an Easter Bonnet that they have created at home. (Uniform should be worn as usual). We will be awarding 2 prizes per class to the winning bonnets. If the weather is nice, parents will be able to watch the bonnet parade in the playground, we will reopen the main gates at **9am**. If the weather is poor the bonnet parade will take place in the hall and unfortunately we will be unable to accommodate parents due to numbers.

The children will perform the Easter service at St Mary's church on **Friday 4th April**. The service begins at **10am** and parents are allowed to come to. Please be aware that seating is limited in the church. We would need a number of parent helpers for each class to assist with walking the children to the church and back to school. If you are able to do this, please let your child's class teacher know by Friday 28th March.



### **PSA Events**

Shopping tokens for the pop up shop are available as a Shop Item on School Money. You may purchase as many as you like and the deadline is **12noon Thursday 20th March**. We are unable to accept late requests. Baddow Bars are also available on School Money.



### **Edulink & Parent Pay– IMPORTANT**

Login information for both of these platforms has been sent to parents. Please login to these accounts as soon as possible (Parent Pay must be activated by the parent) School Money and teachers2parents will no longer be used after Easter.

### **Water Bottles & Lids—limited amount remaining**

You can purchase school logo water bottles and replacement lids on School Money. Once you have purchased, please collect your items from the office. You can also purchase reading diaries too if you have lost yours. (If your child has filled their book up they will be given a new one automatically so no need to order one).

### **Textiles Recycling**

Please place any items into the box. There is a list on the poster of what can and can't be donated. This has been emailed to parents and will be on our website under the parent tab. We also have the poster displayed in our lobby area.

### **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. There are lots of activities taking place over Easter.

### **Lost Property**

Our lost property boxes are just inside our lobby area so if you think you are missing anything please come and have a look. Any items that are left over on the last day of term will be recycled if they are unnamed.