



12th December 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

Congratulations to Luisa, Class 4, whose Christmas card design was chosen for our school card this year. Our Christmas card is sent out to local partners and those who we work closely with. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, it was great to see the children's ideas.



Next week there are a number of festive events taking place. A reminder of the performances next week.

9.30am Tuesday 16th Dec– Year 1
9.30am Wednesday 17th Dec– Year 2
9.30am Thursday 18th Dec– Reception

The PSA will be selling refreshments beforehand and children in year 2 will be doing a collection on behalf of the school for our chosen charity, Farleigh Hospice.

Parents are also invited to attend our Christmas church service at St Mary's on Friday 19th Dec at 10am. We are asking for some parents for each class to help walk the children to and from the church. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help.

Health and Safety reminder:

A reminder on ways we can keep our school site and surrounding areas safe for everyone.

- Please dismount bikes and scooters on the school site.
 - Please park responsibly, there is no parking in hall close before or after school.
 - Dogs, unless they are service dogs, should not be brought onto the school site.
- Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.

I look forward to seeing you at our events next week.

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 96%
Year 1 attendance 93%
Year 2 attendance 97%
Whole School attendance: 95%

Attendance Matters



Well done year 2 on sustaining our school target of 97% attendance.

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)**
- **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 5th January 2026 must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 16th December 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.



After School Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs finished this week so please be reminded there are no clubs next week. The club timetable for Spring term has been sent to parents and is also on our website under the parent tab.

Christmas Performances—Next week!

We are looking forward to our Christmas performances next week. The PSA will be selling refreshments whilst you wait in the queue. (no hot drinks in the hall please unless they have a lid on).

We will be collecting for Farleigh's Hospice at each performance as our chosen charity so please bring some cash with you if you can.

Tues 16th Dec 9.30am—Year 1

Weds 17th Dec 9.30am—Year 2

Thurs 18th Dec 9.30am—Reception

Pre-schoolers welcome and should be sat on an adults lap during the performance. Pushchairs and prams will need to be left outside the premises.



St Mary's Christmas Church Service—Friday 19th December at 10am

The children will be performing their Christmas service at St Mary's Church. If you have volunteered as a parent helper to assist with walking children to and from the church, please come to the school for 9.45am.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to come and watch the service but please bear in mind that seating is limited in the church.



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day—Wednesday 17th December

Your child may come to school next Wednesday wearing a Christmas Jumper in exchange for a donation to Save The Children. (all other uniform should be worn as usual).

The catering team will be working super hard that day to deliver a delicious Christmas Dinner to both schools. Thank you to those parents that ordered it, we had an huge response. We thank the catering team for all their hard work as always.



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>



School Trips 2025-26—please see dates below

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

Year 2 will also be participating in the Music Festival in March, we are just awaiting the exact date. Letters for the trips will be sent out in January, Thorndon Park letter has already been emailed to reception parents. Payments will also open on ParentPay when the letters are sent, giving parents plenty of notice of costs involved for each event.

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**](#)**



Keep your Christmas card 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 leave them on 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**](mailto: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 term will be recycled or disposed of.