



19th December 2025



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



The PSA are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fair and Elfridges has raised **£4553**, bringing the total raised this term to **£8668**, a fantastic amount. Thank you to everyone who supported events to help raise funds for the school. Please do take a moment to read the PSA newsletter.

We have also raised £346 for Farleigh Hospice. Thank you for your generosity at this time of year.

I hope you enjoyed the children's performances this week as much as I have. It is fantastic to see how confident the children are and how much year 1 and 2 have progressed since their shows in the summer term. Reception did a great performance for their first one in front of a large audience. We are really impressed with how well the children did, not only learning the songs but the signs to go with them.



On Wednesday, children and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, prepared by our fantastic catering team. Staff and governors served the children, whilst they enjoyed pulling crackers with their friends. A huge thank you to Mrs Webster, Mrs Dale, Mrs Weston and Ms Pagram for their hard work preparing the meal for both the infants and juniors.

As we end the Autumn term, I would like to take the opportunity to say well done to the children. They have all worked extremely hard throughout the term and I am sure they will all enjoy spending time with family and friends over the Christmas break. A huge thank you to all the staff in school for their hard work this term.

The children return to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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: 95.4%**

**Year 1: 93%**

**Year 2: 96.5%**

**Whole school attendance for the Autumn term is 95.1%,  
this is below our school target of 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)**
- **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 12th January 2026 must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

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.



### Charity Donations

If you haven't already please pay your donation for Christmas jumper day on ParentPay by end of day today. All donations go to Save The Children.

Thank you for contributing to our charity collections for Farleigh Hospice during each of the year group Christmas performances this week.

We will let you know how much we raised for Save The Children in the new year.



### 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.

### Other important dates for next half term

Monday 5th January—Inset Day

Monday 12th January—Extra-curricular clubs commence

Thursday 15th January—Deadline to apply for a reception or year 3 place in September 2026.

Friday 6th February—PSA Disco

Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th February—Parent Consultations

### Medication—important

All medication that is currently held in school for children such as inhalers, epi-pens and calpol etc will be coming home on Friday 19th December. Please ensure that if medication is still required for your child when they return in January, that it is brought to the **office** so that it can be checked in. This also applies if your child is needing medication for the first time as forms will need to be completed by a parent. All medication must come in its original packaging otherwise we unfortunately will not be able to administer it in school on parents behalf.



### 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\*\*](#)**



### **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 give them to us 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.**