



14th February 2025



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week we have held our 'Take One Picture' art week, which is a joint project with the junior school, inspired by the National Gallery. The children have been using the work of Canaletto, an Italian artist. Across both the infant and junior school the children have been concentrating on the skill of painting. There will be an exhibition of the children's work from reception through to year 6 in the junior school hall on **Thursday 27th February**, straight after school. Please add this date to your diary.



Canaletto 'A regatta on the grand canal'

### **A message from school council:**



*School council's project this year is to make our school more sustainable. Children voted to increase the number of plants and flowers on the school grounds, including growing fruits and vegetables that can be used for school dinners. As part of the project, school council have asked each class what equipment they might need. Each class has asked for a watering can to look after the plants they will be growing. If you have a spare watering can that you could donate to school, we would be very grateful. This will help us to recycle instead of buying new ones. Please bring them to school after half term. Thank you, School Council.*

I hope you all have a great half term and we return to school on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### School Attendance

**Our school attendance target is 97%**

Attendance this academic year so far: **95.4%**

Reception: **94%** Year 1: **96.7%** Year 2: **95.2%**

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please ensure to contact the office before 9.15am if your child will be absent or late.

**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.**

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 3rd March is 9am Wednesday 26th February.** You can order meals up to the Easter break. Our menu will then change after that.

Please ensure to click **PAY** on the 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 your meal choices are to be made by parents by **9am Wednesday's** for the following week to ensure that your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate that children can change their preferences.

**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.**



### 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 471335

Sessions are £6.50 each.  
Childcare vouchers accepted.

Pre-booking only, limited places.  
(ad hoc 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 closed at 12noon Monday 10th February. If you need sessions for next half term please call the office to book and pay. We are able to take ad hoc bookings but please note that we may be unable to accommodate your child if we are fully booked. Please ensure if paying with childcare vouchers that plenty of time is given before each booking window opens so funds can clear in time.

### **Amazon Wishlist**

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting to contribute something, please click **Here** for our wish list. Thank you for the items we have recently received.

### **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 this week regarding the Music Festival. The letter can also be found on our website under the parents tab.

### **Family Learning Day - Thursday 6th March**

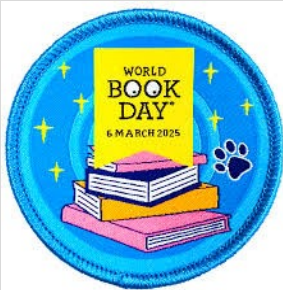
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**9.30am—10.30am Year 2**

**10.45am—11.45am Year 1**

**2.00pm—3.00pm Reception**

Please click the link on the letter to let us know which adult will be able to join us on the day. Due to fire regulations we are only able to accommodate one adult per child and we are unable to accommodate pre-schoolers and babies.



### **World Book Day and Sponsored Read**

On **Thursday 6th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. Your child may come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. We will also be holding a sponsored read for 2 weeks. More details are on the letter sent to parents this week. Sponsored Read forms will be given to children after half term and all money collected should be paid via School Money by **12noon Friday 14th March**.

### **Year 2—Our Class Book**

If you would like your child's work to be published in Our Class Book the green permission form must be completed and returned to us to enable this to happen. There is no obligation to order a copy of the book. If you would like to order one, it must be pre-paid on School Money. We are unable to order books if payment has not been received. The deadline to do this is **12noon Friday 28th February** to enable us enough time to send off the order. We are unable to accept orders after this time.

### **Water Bottles & Lids**

You are able to 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 also 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.

### **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.

### **End of day pick up**

Just a reminder to let your child's class teacher know at drop off if someone different will be collecting your child that day. Alternatively please let the office know as teachers can not always check dojo messages during the school day. We will not release a child unless we have authority from a parent for a child to leave with a different adult. If your child is not attending their session with YMCA or Little Spring Wonders, please ensure to inform them of this.