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BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

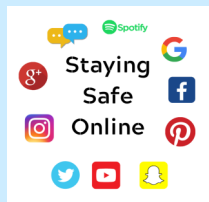
Dear Families,

The children in reception have now learnt all the digraphs from phase 2 of the phonics programme, The next three weeks of term will be spent revising and embedding this learning in preparation of moving onto phase 3 in the spring term. Parents can access the parent resources on the [Little Wandle website](#) to support your child at home.



In year 1, as part of their learning in Religious Education, children have been finding out how celebrations such as Christmas, Eid and Diwali bring communities together. As a school community we will be coming together at St Mary's Church at 10am on Friday 20th December to celebrate Christmas. Parents are welcome to join us.

In year 2 science lessons, children have continued to investigate the properties of materials. Whilst visiting class 5's lesson, I heard the children using the scientific vocabulary they have been learning over the past few weeks to explain their answers to questions. Children were testing which materials were waterproof and they also learnt about the scientist and inventor Charles Mackintosh.



Staying
Safe
Online

Online safety As we approach the time of year when parents may be considering new electronic devices as presents for children, please take some time to think about the online safety aspect. This [website](#) gives parents lots of advice on parental controls, balancing screen time and talking to your child about online safety.



The children in school have voted for the charity they would like us to support this Christmas. Votes were counted and Great Ormond Street Hospital charity received the most votes. We will have collection buckets at the end of each Christmas performance for adults to donate to. We will also open a donation on school money, for parents to donate online.

Have a great weekend.
Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

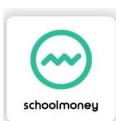
School Attendance

Our school attendance target is **97%**.

Our school attendance is currently **96%**.

Reception: 94.8% Year 1: 97.1% Year 2: 95.7%

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 also includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella. We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.

Christmas School Meal



Wednesday 18th December 2024

Main

Roast Turkey

Pigs in Blankets

Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg

(gravy optional)

Vegetarian

Quorn Fillet

Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg

(gravy optional)

Christmas Dessert

(Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts are also available)

If you would like to order the Christmas meal for your child please do so via School Money by **9am Wednesday 11th December.**

(we are unable to accommodate late orders)

Each child will receive a Christmas cracker with their meal.

Deadline to order meals for week commencing 9th December is 9am Wednesday 4th December. You can order meals up to the Christmas break.

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 child's 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, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.



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.
(Infant sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked prior to the start of the session).

Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for this half term is now closed. If you need sessions for this half term, please call to book.

Please note that we are 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. **Only pay in what is needed for each half term to prevent building up a large balance.**

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. **To register is simple (and FREE), please click the link [HERE](#)**



Reception and Year 3 Admissions for 2025-26

If your child is due to start year 3 or reception in September 2025, you must apply for their place via the local authority. The admissions round opened on **Monday 4th November 2024 and will close Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Please note that year 2 children do not automatically get a place at our junior school so please ensure that you apply within the timeframe above, whichever junior school you wish them to attend. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Extra-Curricular Clubs Autumn Term finishing dates

Please be reminded that clubs finish week commencing **Monday 2nd December** with the exception of Dance, the last session is **Friday 29th November** due to the PSA Christmas Fayre.

Christmas Performances

Reception—Tuesday 17th December 9.30am

Year 2—Wednesday 18th December 9.30am

Year 1—Thursday 19th December 9.30am

The PSA will be selling refreshments before the performances. We are also collecting for charity so please bring some change with you (or you can pay on School Money). Pre-schoolers may also attend the performances but will need to be sat on an adults lap. Prams and pushchairs to be left outside please.



Year 2 Great Fire of London Experience Day—Thursday 5th December



Don't forget that History off the Page is spending the day with year 2 for their Great Fire of London topic. Class teachers have sent information on what the children should wear on this day. If you haven't already, please pay your parental contribution via School Money. This event is also being partly funded by money raised by the PSA.

Winter Reading Challenge



Please click [Winter Reading Challenge | News | Essex Library Service](#) for more details regarding the Winter Reading Challenge.



A GUIDE TO THE 2024 PSA CHRISTMAS FAIR

FESTIVE DRINKS

- Located next to the Junior hall - look for the festive lights!
- Mulled Wine
- Baileys Hot Chocolate
- Prosecco
- Beer

JUNIORS HALL

- Year 6 stalls
- Tuck shop
- Turkey lucky numbers - win a 5kg Kelly Bronze turkey!
- Raffle* tickets and games cards

INFANTS HALL

- Santa's Grotto
- Year 2 stalls
- Craft Cafe
- Tombolas and Games
- Christmas handmade stall
- Second Hand Stall
- The Chelmsford Cheesecake Company
- Raffle* tickets and game cards

*RAFFLE

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 19th December and winning prizes will be distributed via the child and class given at the time of purchase

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PSA!

Thank you to everybody that has kindly and generously donated toys, books, jumpers, teddies, bottles, sweets and chocolate. Your support enables us to run events and raise much needed funds for the schools

PSA Events

Elfridge's shopping tokens are available to purchase now on School Money as a shop item, **£3.50** each and you can purchase as many as you like. The deadline to purchase is **12noon Monday 9th December.**

PSA Christmas Event Calendar

Look out for further details on each event

14th and 15th Nov - Collection of pre-loved toys, books, Christmas jumpers

28th and 29th Nov - Pre-loved Christmas jumper sale and Santa slot tickets on sale

28th Nov onwards - Christmas Raffle Ticket sales

6th Dec - Christmas hair/head boppers/hats at school in exchange for a bottle/sweets/chocolate for the Christmas Fair

6th Dec - Christmas Fair

Junior Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production Refreshments 10th and 11th Dec

12th Dec - Elfridges Stall (during school day)

Infant Christmas Assembly Refreshments 17th, 18th and 19th Dec

19th Dec - Raffle is drawn

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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. This is updated regularly.