



28th March 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

Yesterday, year 2 performed at the Chelmsford Infant Music Festival. The children performed alongside other schools singing, playing instruments and acting together. The children had a great afternoon and the performance was enjoyed by all. Well done year 2.

In reception this week, the children have been learning about and exploring how to sort objects in maths. The children have been looking carefully at the objects and using new vocabulary to describe the properties, enabling them to sort into different groups.

Year 1 children have been learning about measuring in maths. The children have been using the balance scales to compare the weight of different objects, as well as, finding things that are taller and shorter around the classroom.



As we approach the last week of the spring term, just a few reminders about next week. If the weather is kind to us next Friday, we will have our Easter bonnet parade in the playground and parents will be invited to attend at 9.00am. If it is inside then unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate parents. Afterwards, we will walk to the church for our Easter Service at 10am.



Thank you to everyone who has donated pots and compost for our school council project. We are still in need of compost and we appreciate this is tricky to bring on the school run, parents are welcome to drop off at any point during the school day by coming into the car park and leaving compost by the clothes bank. We have also added compost to our Amazon wish list, we do ask if you choose this option to donate that you consider delivery dates when ordering. Thank you so much for your kindness and support.



Happy Mother's Day, I hope everyone has a special day.

Have a good weekend.
Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Remember the clocks
change this weekend.

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97%

Attendance this academic year so far: **95.1%**

Reception: **93.8%** Year 1: **95.91%** Year 2: **95.28%**

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 22nd April is 9am Wednesday 2nd April on PARENT PAY. This will be our new menu. YOU MUST ACTIVATE YOUR PARENT PAY ACCOUNT! Reminders have been sent to those parents that have not yet done this. You will not be able to order meals unless this is done. **Reminder: 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.



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.

(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 is open now on **PARENT PAY** and closes **Monday 31st March**. You must activate your parent pay account in order to book.

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**



Thorndon Park trip for Reception children—Thursday 24th April

Please ensure that you have consented to your child attending the trip on Parent Pay. The cost of the trip has been split into 3 installments. Please refer to the letter that was emailed to parents last week, it can also be found on the website under the parents tab. The letter details what your child should wear and bring on the day so please ensure you read it.

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 too. 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**.



Medication—Important!

Please ensure that no medication is put in children's book bags or pockets. All medication should be brought to the office so the parent can complete a form to accompany it.

All medication that is currently held in school will be given to parents on the last day of term next week to take home. Please ensure that this is returned on the first day back **TO THE OFFICE** with all of the paperwork accompanying it. If any of the medication has changed, such as dosage or a new medication, we will just need you to complete a new form. If your child no longer requires the medication in school please let the office know.

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.

Reminder: This week was the last week for extra-curricular clubs, there are no clubs running the last week of term.

Water Bottles & Lids—limited amount remaining

You can purchase school logo water bottles and replacement lids on Parent Pay. Once you have purchased, please collect your items from the office.

Textiles Recycling

If you are having a sort out in the Easter holidays, please save any textiles for our recycling box. This can be clothing, paired shoes, bed covers etc. Please place any items for recycling 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. Thank you.

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– it is overflowing with unnamed items

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.