



5th December 2025



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

This afternoon four year 2 children, Mr Spencer and I put up our Christmas tree in St Mary's church, ready for the Christmas tree festival. We have been learning about Christmas decorations from around the world and each class has made a different one. Please take a walk to St Mary's church on Saturday, from 11am-4pm and vote for your favourite tree. (Hopefully the infant one!)

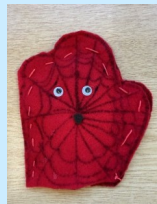
Reception had a visitor from the police force this week, as part of their learning about people who help us. The children enjoyed getting to wear the police officer's hat!



In year 1, design and technology lessons, children have continued their learning about moving mechanisms. This week the children learnt about levers and pivots. They used this knowledge to make a moving knight.

This knight was created by Nathan in class 4.

Year 2 have also been working hard in design and technology. They have designed their own puppets and have been learning about different ways to attach materials. They learnt how to sew, which was sometimes a little tricky but the children were all very resilient. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came in to help with sewing. This puppet was made by Violet, class 6.



Preparations are well under way for the year group Christmas performances, please check you have the dates in your diary. All performances begin at 9.30am. At the end of each performance the children will be collecting for their chosen charity. This year children have voted for Farleigh Hospice as their charity.



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: 96%**

#### Attendance Matters



Year 1 attendance is significantly below the school target.

### 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 15th December** must be booked **by midnight on Tuesday 9th December 2025. Wednesday 17th December is our Christmas dinner so make sure to book!**

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.



ParentPay

## After School Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs finish week commencing 8th December so please be reminded there are no clubs the last week of term. The club timetable for Spring term has been sent to parents this week.

### PSA Christmas Event Calendar

Look out for further details on each event

- 20th/21st Nov - Collection of pre-loved toys, books, Christmas jumpers. Santa slot tickets on sale.
- 27th Nov - Christmas fair £5 tokens and raffle tickets sale
- 28th Nov - Christmas hair/head boppers/hats at school in exchange for a bottle/ sweets/ chocolate for the Christmas Fair. £5 tokens and raffle tickets sales
- 28th Nov - Christmas Fair
- 4th/5th Dec - Pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale
- 12th Dec - Elfridges Stall (during school day)
- Junior Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production Refreshments 16th and 17th Dec
- Infant Christmas Assembly Refreshments 16th, 17th and 18th Dec
- 18th Dec - Raffle is drawn

PSA@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk



## Elfridge's Shopping Tokens

You can purchase Elfridge's shopping tokens on ParentPay. You may purchase as many as you wish and your child can then shop for Christmas gifts for others using the tokens. The deadline to purchase is 12noon Thursday 11th December.

The pop up shop takes place in school hours on **Friday 12th December**.



## PSA Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas fair last week It was a huge success and we look forward to hearing from the PSA how much was raised. There are still some events to come, please see the calendar.

The raffle will be drawn on **18th December** so you still have time to purchase raffle tickets, top prize is £100 Amazon gift voucher.



<https://www.farleighhospice.org/events/trees-2026>

## 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.



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\*\*](#)**



### **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).

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### **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.