



10th October 2025



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

This morning in our Harvest assembly, we learnt about Esther a farmer in Malawi, who works together with a charity and people in her community to help others. As a school, we spoke about the importance of helping others in our local community.



Today we are able to work together with the Chelmsford Foodbank by passing on the donations from all of the children to be shared with

families who need our support. Thank you for all of your donations.



Thank you also to Fusion, who donated 3 boxes of food to our Harvest table.



### **PSA AGM**

The PSA, held their AGM this morning. It was fantastic to reflect on last year, where they raised an amazing **£16,481**. This only happens through the commitment of the PSA team and families attending the events. We have agreed a great programme of events for this year and look forward to attempting to beat this year's total. A huge thank you to the PSA for all their work and enthusiasm. They look forward to seeing you at the Autumn Fair on Friday 17th October in the Junior playground. See details at the end of the newsletter about the Pumpkin Competition.



Support us  
through



A simple way that you can help raise funds for the PSA is by signing up to easy fundraising. The school receives a percentage of your spend donated from retailers that are signed up to the scheme. It only takes a few moments to sign up and there is no fee to join. Click [here](#) to help us raise funds for the children at our school.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### **Reminder of Upcoming Dates**

Please check the school [calendar](#) which is updated regularly.

### **School Attendance**

Gates open 8.40am

Register 8.45am



**Be In SCHOOL**  
**Be On TIME**

**Reception attendance 98%**

**Year 1 attendance 94%**

**Year 2 attendance 98%**

**Whole School attendance: 97%**

**Our school target is 97%**

### **Reporting absence**

When reporting your child absent from school either via voicemail or email please ensure that you include your child's first and last name, as well as, their class number. Please could you also include this when emailing the office regarding your child so any queries can be dealt with more efficiently. Thank you.

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 20th October must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 14th October 2025.**

If a meal is not booked, parents must provide their child with a packed lunch.



**ParentPay**

### **Breakfast Club**

You must prebook and pay for sessions in advance of attending. Breakfast club can be booked online via ParentPay at any time.

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 and 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**

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**



**easyfundraising**

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent consultation appointment bookings opened on the Edulink app at 6pm Thursday 9th and will close at 8pm Wednesday 15th October. Consultations take place on **Tuesday 21st** and **Thursday 23rd October**. Please refer to the letter which is on our website and was emailed to parents.

### **School Photographs**

Just a reminder that individual school photographs will be taken on Monday 13th October. Please ensure that your child is wearing their uniform for these. Any siblings that are within the infant school will also have their picture taken together. Proofs of these pictures will be sent home with children when they have arrived in school. All orders for photographs are done directly with Horizon Photographic, we do not accept orders or payment on their behalf. In the summer term we have class photographs taken if you have consented to this.

### **Data Collection Sheets**

Data collection sheets will be coming home with your child next week. This is to ensure that the information that we have for your child is correct and up to date. We ask that you make any relevant adjustments to sheet and hand it back to us by Thursday 23rd October. If all details are correct then you do not need to do anything.

### **After School Clubs for Autumn 2025.**

There are still spaces on some of our after school clubs. Please contact the club provider directly to book. Information regarding clubs is available on the [school website](#).

Football Club is open to children in reception.

### **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.

### **Medication**

If your child requires medicine to be administered in school, then a parental agreement to administer medication form will need to be completed and returned to the school office, with medication that is in date and in its original packaging. We can not accept medication that is not in date. We can only administer medication in line with the prescription or the instructions for dosage on the box. E.g calpol

Forms can be accessed on the [school website](#) in advance.

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

Visit our [school website](#) to see dates for tours.

**Essex County Council applications open 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.***



# PSA Pumpkin Competition

Carve or decorate a pumpkin for the PSA Autumn Fair



Pumpkins should be carved or painted at home and brought into School on the morning of the Autumn Fair - Friday 17th October. PSA members will be available to collect the pumpkins on the grass opposite the Junior bike shed.



There will be a £1 entry fee which can be paid on School Money/Parent Pay, or on the day in cash.



The winner of each year group will be announced at the Autumn Fair.



There will be an adult competition for any parents/carers that would like to get involved.



All pumpkins to be taken home after the fair. Any left behind will be disposed of.



There is an alternative colouring competition for those that don't wish to carve or paint a pumpkin. Please see the template within the email.



Please ensure all designs are school age appropriate.



## PSA Pumpkin Colouring Competition

Show us your most imaginative pumpkin design in the template below. Give your design to a PSA member on the morning of the Autumn Fair (17th Oct). Winners will be announced at the Autumn Fair. £1 entry fee - to be paid on School Money/Parent Pay or cash on the day.

Name:..... Class:.....

