



10th January 2025



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



I wish everyone a Happy New Year, one that I hope brings you all good health and happiness. It has been great to catch up with the children's news and they have been excited to share their experiences from the time spent with family and friends.

We are now into the spring term, where children will build upon their learning from last term. This week the children have already demonstrated positive attitudes to learning in their lessons. Please visit the [year group pages](#) on the school website, to find out more information on your child's curriculum for this half term.

There are a number of dates on the [calendar](#) for this term, please take a look on the school website to ensure you are aware of upcoming events.

Reception and Year 3 Admissions for 2025-26- **IMPORTANT**

Parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school need to make a formal application for a junior school (Year 3 place). This also applies to parents that are applying for a place for their child to start Reception. The statutory national closing date for all applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Applications should be made on the [Essex education portal](#).

Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97%.

Today we are sending out your child's attendance for the autumn term. Where there are concerns about your child's level of absence, I will be contacting parents directly.

Please be reminded that if your child is not in school due to a medical appointment, this is recorded as an authorised absence and will still impact on your child's overall percentage attendance.

If your child is late and arrives after 9.15am this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

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 20th January is 9am Wednesday 15th January. You can order meals up to the Easter 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 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.
(ad hoc sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked for in advance of session).

Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for this half term closed at midday Monday 16th December. If you need adhoc sessions, 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 and it doesn't cost you anything. **To register is simple (and FREE), please click the link [HERE](#)**



Back to school reminders

Please ensure that all items are clearly named for your child. This includes every item of uniform and PE kit, shoes, book bags, water bottles, coats, packed lunch boxes, hats and (where possible) gloves and scarves.

If you have any spare uniform in good condition that you would like to donate as spares or for the PSA pre-loved sales, please drop into the office. This includes shoes and coats that are in good condition.

Check the school calendar regularly on our school website as it is subject to change if new events are added.

If your child will be absent from school, please call or email the office **by 9.15am** on the day giving detail as to why. Class dojo should not be used to report absences.

If your child has an appointment that cannot be arranged out of school hours, please show proof of this appointment to the office either in person or a screenshot can be emailed to us at admin@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk.

Parent Consultations—February 2025

The booking system to choose your 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher opened at 6pm Monday 6th January and will close again at 6pm Monday 13th January.

Parent consultations take place on **Thursday 6th February 3.20-430pm** and **Thursday 13th February 4.30-7.30pm**.

A letter about how to book has been emailed to parents and can also be found on our website under the parents-letters tab.

Any child that does not have an appointment booked will be allocated one from the remaining appointment slots.

Reminder: Clubs for Spring Term 2025

Booking for Extra-curricular Clubs opened on **Monday 6th January. Please ensure to book you child's place by 9am Monday 13th January.**

Please note that Spanish Club will be continuing their programme with their existing students from this term but they do have a waiting list so please contact them directly if you wish to be added.

The timetable for clubs as well as flyers is on our website under the parents-before and after school tab. It has also been emailed to parents.

We are excited to have a new club starting on Wednesdays. It will be a Signing Club led by Talk to the Hands and is available to all cohorts to book. This can be done via School Money as of now, deadline to book is **9am Tuesday 14th January.**

PSA Events

Tickets for year 1 & 2 are available now on School Money until 12noon Thursday 30th January. Dance club will still take place on this date if your child attends.

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.