



2nd October 2026



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

We have had a busy two weeks in school. Children in year 1 and 2 have elected their school councillors for the year.



Class 3: Aurora & Louis Class 4: Myles & Niamh
Class 5: Peyton & Max Class 6: Arianna & Nathan

School Council plays an important role in giving children a voice and helping them to become active members of our school community. Through School Council, children have the opportunity to share their ideas, discuss issues that matter to them and contribute to decisions that help improve school life for everyone. By listening to and acting on pupils' views, we ensure that our school continues to be a place where every child feels valued, heard and able to make a positive difference.

Let's Keep Talking

Children's communication and language is being affected by the increased use of devices. We are seeing the impact of this on children's ability to communicate with their peers and adults. Being an effective communicator helps children share their ideas, ask questions, build friendships and feel confident in the world around them. Simple everyday conversations at home make a huge difference. Taking time to chat about their day, encouraging them to answer in full sentences and showing genuine interest in their thoughts helps to develop their vocabulary, confidence and ability to communicate clearly. <https://www.tlc-essex.info/>

Parent Governor Vacancies

I have written to all parents this week inviting nominations for parent governors. If you would like to know more information about the role, the chair of governors or I will be happy to meet with you, to explain the role in more detail.



Due to ongoing parking issues, we have contacted parking enforcement and requested they carry out some visits outside school. Please make sure you are aware of the restrictions, to avoid receiving a parking fine. **Thank you for helping keep everyone**

safe.

Have a good weekend,
Best wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 20th October / Thursday 22nd October

You will receive a letter today, explaining how to book your parent consultation.



School Attendance

Regular attendance is important from the start of a child's education, regardless of whether they have reached compulsory school age.

Absence for holidays results in missed learning, disruption to established routines and reduced continuity in children's development. Consistent attendance supports children to build secure relationships, engage fully with the curriculum and develop positive attitudes towards school.

If you need to email or leave a telephone message with the office regarding your child, please ensure to include your child's first and last name in the email/message as well as your child's class number.

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.

Pre-order your child's school dinners

Meals for the **Week beginning 12th October must be booked by midnight Tuesday 6th October.**

If a meal is not booked, parents will be phoned and asked to provide their child with a packed lunch. If a meal has been booked and they arrive with a packed lunch they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them. We will not be sending out reminders to those parents that have missed the deadline so please ensure to check your bookings on Parent Pay.



Breakfast Club

If you are needing a childcare solution in the mornings due to needing to get to work, we run a fantastic Breakfast Club which caters for infant & junior children and starts at 7.30am. If you would like to register your child, please contact the infant office.

Breakfast Club sessions can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. (The serving of food finishes at 8.15am).

Childcare vouchers can be used as payment for Breakfast Club sessions, please see <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for additional information on how to apply.



REMINDER: Important—PARENT PAY—do not use One Click Payments

When making a payment on Parent Pay please **do not** use One Click Payments as the payment method. Please see the letter that was emailed to parents regarding this.

Harvest Collection

We are collecting donations next week for Chelmsford Foodbank of food and toiletries, a shopping list of urgent items was emailed to parents. Please bring your donations to the main office. The children will have an Harvest assembly the morning of Friday 9th October so please ensure any donations you wish to give are handed in no later than drop off on that Friday. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Important dates for this term

Monday 5th October—6pm bookings for Parent Consultations go live on Edulink (they close Monday 12th October at 8pm)

Friday 9th October—Harvest collection for Chelmsford Foodbank

Monday 12th October—Individual and infant sibling photos

Friday 16th October—PSA AGM and PSA Autumn Fair

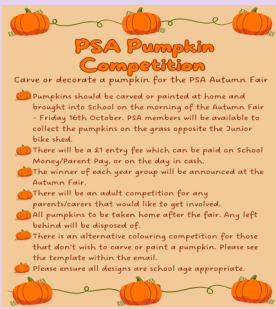
Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October—Parent Consultations

Friday 23rd October—Inset day

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October—Half term

PSA Fun Walk

Thank you to everyone that attended the fun walk. Just a reminder to please pay in your sponsor money on Parent Pay by end of day **Monday 5th October**. Please ensure to NOT use one-click payments but instead use other payment method.



National Literacy Trust

Change your story

Storytelling routines made simple

Tried and tested tips

Sharing stories together is a great way to have fun with your child, learn new words and build their confidence. Here are some tips to help make story time an exciting part of your child's routine.

You know your child best so pick the ideas that feel right for you.

How do we choose a story?

Let your child choose a story about something they love – this could be diggers, dinosaurs, caterpillars, or something else! Try visiting your local library to borrow books for free.

When should we share stories?

Anytime! Choose a time that feels easiest – before a nap, after nursery, school or at bedtime.

GO ALL IN.
National Year of Reading 2020

Where should we share stories?

Anywhere! At home or out and about. Share stories under a table, on the bus or at the park.

Who should we share stories with?

Each other! Your child might also enjoy reading to a relative, pet or their favourite teddy.

Make stories fun!

Let your child take the lead.

Talk about the pictures together, you don't have to read all the words.

Add actions or move like the characters.

Use different voices.

Make stories part of everyday life

Keep books within easy reach so your child can choose them anytime.

Read favourite stories again if your child wants to. Repetition helps them join in, and remember what comes next.

Talk about stories you've enjoyed, from books, magazines or audiobooks.

Make story time part of other activities. Try looking at a book on the bus or in your pyjamas at bedtime.

Join free activities at the library.

As your child learns to read, keep sharing stories together just for fun. It supports their confidence, imagination and your bond with your child.

The National Literacy Trust is a registered charity no. 1160860 (England and Wales) and SC050844 (Scotland).

Reception change of clothes bag

All reception children should have a bag on their peg with a change of school uniform in it, including spare underwear, socks and footwear. This is in case of personal accidents or if the children fall and get wet in the playground. Please ensure that EVERYTHING is clearly named



Amazon Wishlist

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you would like to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list.

Easy Fundraising

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](#)



Keep your postage stamps for us—Stamp Collecting for charity

We are collecting postage stamps for charity and have a collection box in the lobby. Please cut around the stamps and place them in the donation box. (Please do not give them to us attached to envelopes with personal details on).

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.

Medical Appointments

Medical appointments such as routine dental checkups should be done outside of school times where possible. If you are needing to take your child to a medical appointment during school hours please show proof of this appointment to the office either in person or you can email over a screenshot. Please let the office know the time your child will be either collected or dropped off and whether their school dinner would need cancelling.

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).** Any school logo uniform in good condition 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 (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, coats 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 each term will be recycled or disposed of.



Our vision is for every child to make the best possible progress.