



School Closure Dates

Half Term Holiday - 28th October - 1st November
School closure for INSET - 29th November & 2nd December

Whole School Information

Welcome to the academic year 2024-2025. It has been wonderful to hear the children's news from the summer break and see them settle well into their new classes and routines this week.

Just a reminder about access to the school grounds for Nursery and the main school at the start and end of the school day:

| Start of Day | End of Day |
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| 8.45am - 9am Gates locked by 9.05am | 3.15pm Please note that gates do not open until 3.10pm |

Dates for the Diary

A reminder to reference our Dates and Events document which includes school trips, Nativity performances and Sports Day, as well as other planned events. We hope that sharing these dates as early as possible supports family planning. As ever, more dates will follow with additional memorable experiences, but these will be school based and should have less impact on parents and carers.

For now, please take note of our INSET dates. We hope that these INSET days support, wherever possible, for families to travel for holidays and special occasions, as we remain unable to authorise any absence for holidays/special family occasions.

Please also note dates that our Treetops and Nursery provision will be CLOSED to support whole staff training.

We ensure that all staff, including those working at Treetops and Nursery, have the same quality training throughout the year. We recognise that this is inconvenient for our families who rely on this wraparound provision. Nevertheless, we are committed to ensuring all children have a quality experience in every aspect of NBIS life. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Holiday Club 2024/2025 is also set out in the school terms and holidays document.

We are delighted to be able to share dates for our holiday club for the coming academic year. Again, we hope that this information helps with holiday planning.

Thursday 26th September - School Photographer visit for individual photos

In addition to your child's school photograph being taken on this day, you are welcome to book appointments for sibling photos to be taken. Sibling photos can be taken with uniform or in more casual clothing and are ideal for popping into Christmas cards! Children who already have brothers or sisters at NBIS will have their individual photos taken on the day as well as pictures with their siblings. Sibling slots are available from 8am - 8:40am and again from 3:20pm - 4:30pm. Please contact the office if you would like to book.

Exciting News!

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that Mrs Waters is expecting her first child at the end of this calendar year. I am sure you would all like to join us in congratulating her at this special time.



Mrs Waters intends to remain in class until the end of the Autumn Term and we are currently going through a recruitment process to ensure that we get the best solution possible for the children in Hazel Class. Mrs Young (Hawthorn Class teacher and Senior Leader) will be acting as the Year Leader for the duration of Mrs Waters' maternity leave.

General reminders:

- We cannot accommodate backpacks, only bookbags. Backpacks can be used at NBJS only. We apologise, but we just do not have sufficient storage.
- Please attach one keyring per bookbag for identification purposes.
- Names should be clear on bookbags to support your child and staff.
- PE drawstring bags must be labelled clearly on the outside to help your child being independent.
- We can only accept water in water bottles unless additional medical information has been shared with the class teacher and SENDCO.
- Healthy snacks are provided by school for all children daily. If you wish to send a healthy snack for your child, we can accept fresh fruit and vegetables only.
- During the school day visitors, parents and carers need to enter from the Botley Road pedestrian entrance.
- Parking can be challenging. We would encourage families to park and stride from the recreation ground on Castle Lane.

Important information about the start and end of the school day

- We would like to remind all parents and carers to encourage independence at the start of the school day. In Year R, children walk to the teacher and we want to ensure that this independence continues in Key Stage I. Please do not walk to the classroom door to allow teachers to greet every child appropriately.
- Parents and carers approaching class teachers to have brief discussions are encouraged but this must be once the children are safely inside. Class teachers would like to say good morning to all children and this is not possible when they are surrounded by buggies and parents! Please help us to support a positive start for every child, every day.

Please ensure that your data is up to date

- We must have up to date contact information to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency.
- Please inform the office of any changes to your contact details or other data.

Nursery

With many new children starting in our Nursery, we are accommodating parents and carers coming into the setting at the start and end of sessions, where appropriate. Our priority remains to encourage independence; we know that this will happen at a different time for every child. Please talk to Miss Kilcoyne or your child's key worker if you have any queries.



Year 1

Year 1 will be learning about timelines in history this half term. If possible, please can you send your child into school with a picture of them as a baby, or email one to the school office by Wednesday 18th September. Make sure you include your child's name and class in the email. Thank you!

Year 2

Residential date change

Please note an amendment to the Year 2 Residential. This will now be held on Thursday 22nd May 2025.

Treetops

After School Clubs

For the duration of the Autumn term, after school sport clubs will be offered to children in KSI only. Year R children will be invited to apply from Spring 2025. Clubs will run for a half term. Please note that we have limited availability for golf and athletics clubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please contact the school office if your child would like a place at one of these clubs. treetops@northbaddesley-inf.hants.sch.uk

Drum and Guitar Lessons

Tom Francis, our in-house music teacher, has some availability for drum and guitar lessons during school time on a Tuesday. Please contact Tom directly on 07985 374925 or tomlloydfrancis@gmail.com



Other Information

Family Links - Autumn Term Programme - Tuesday Mornings

Over the Autumn Term we will be running our popular and successful Family Links Nurturing Programme on Tuesday mornings (9:15am-11:15am) starting on Tuesday 24th September with an information and taster session and then for the following ten weeks. Mrs Calder and Mrs Cundy facilitate these sessions and will be available to answer any questions. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

For more information or to confirm your interest in attending, please email Mrs Calder and Mrs Cundy in confidence on familysupport@northbaddesley-inf.hants.sch.uk

Librarian needed!

We are looking for a volunteer from our community to support us with the running of our school library. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the school office for more information or speak to a member of the team.

Landscape Project

As part of the first phase of our project to improve the school grounds, a small team of the staff and some volunteers are due to start clearing some of our woodland space to support the growth of the natural environment and make it a safe learning space for our children. Part of this project will be to create a woodland path.

If you, or someone you know, might be able to support us with materials for this project, we would be grateful for any donations of the following:

- Weed Control Membrane
- Bark Chippings
- Wooden/ Timber Pathway Edging



A little bit of help please...

Following the collection of picnic benches before the summer break, we are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to donate their time to sand and prepare the benches for use on our playground. If you have a time that you could be available, please get in contact with the school office.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in Romsey Library's Summer Reading Challenge. There is still time, until Saturday 7th September, to complete the Challenge and visit Romsey Library to collect a medal and certificate. Children that have completed the Summer Reading Challenge will be celebrated in assembly after this date. We apologise that parents and carers are unable to attend this assembly.

Please also see attached a poster for their Chatterbooks monthly session on Saturday 7th September.

Mr Stuart's Berlin Marathon

Mr Stuart will be running the Berlin Marathon on 29th September. He is fundraising for Save The Children. If you would like to sponsor him, please click this link:

<https://shorturl.at/FBMUy>



Asda Rewards - Cash Pot for Schools

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there, Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. We already have over £100 in our cashpot! It's easy to do: simply download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and choose our School. Then shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com to start filling your Cashpot. For more details, visit: asda.com/cashpotforschools

FoNBIS AGM reminder

You are invited to join our PTA, Friends of North Baddesley Infant School (FoNBIS) on Monday 5th October at 5pm for their Annual General Meeting.

When your child attends our school, you are automatically a member of FoNBIS, so there is no need to sign up and commit. Just pop along to a meeting or volunteer for an event. We'd love to be joined by some new faces to discuss our plans for the year. We are particularly interested in those who have experience in finance that would be able to offer their expertise. Any questions please e-mail: fonbis@northbaddesley-inf.org.uk

School Fireworks Sponsors Wanted

We are currently in search of sponsors. This event boasts a footfall of approximately 3000 people and is a great way to get your business showcased!

If you are interested in our sponsorship opportunities, please email fonbis@northbaddesley-inf.org.uk for a sponsorship pack



Week commencing 14th October 2024 - Open Week for Prospective Parents/Carers

We are holding our Open Week during the week commencing 14th October for parents and carers with children starting in Year R in September 2025. Following the success of last year, we will once more be holding an Open Evening event for this. The school will be open from 5:00pm until 7:00pm on Wednesday 16th October, starting with a talk from Mrs Lashmar, Headteacher. Parents and carers will be free to visit all areas of the school and speak to staff in all year groups as well as our SENDCo, Pastoral Team, Breakfast, After School and Holiday Club team, in addition to our Admin Team. We really hope that this will give an insight into both the educational and extra-curricular aspects of the school. If you would like to come along, please sign up using the [Eventbrite link](#).

For families who are unable to attend the Open Evening, tours will be available at 9:15am daily, Monday 14th - Thursday 17th October. If you would like to book a place on one of these tours, please contact the school office via e-mail: adminoffice@northbaddesley-inf.hants.sch.uk or call: 02380 412412.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1009749898127?aff=oddtcreator

Youth Commission Big Conversation 2024

The Hampshire and IOW Youth Commission have launched their Big Conversation Survey for 2024! The Youth Commission is a diverse group of young people aged 14 to 25, from across Hampshire and the IOW, who are the voice of young people. They gather and represent the views of young people at a number of local and national strategic level meetings, attend events, create youth led campaigns and projects and help to shape policing in the area.

Each year they hold The Big Conversation Survey and they present these recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner, The Constabulary and other partners, to support positive change for young people.

If you are aged 14 - 25, or are a parent, carer or someone who works with, or supports a young person in this age range, please do encourage your young people to give their views: [Youth Commission Big Conversation 2024](#)