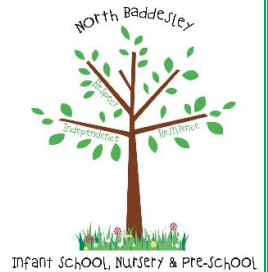


School Communication

Monday 19th October 2026



School Closure Dates

Monday 26th-Friday 30th October – Half Term Break

Monday 2nd November – First Day of Autumn 2 Half Term

Friday 27th & Monday 30th November – INSET Days (school, nursery and pre-school closed)

Whole School Information

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21st October – 3:15pm-4:00pm – FoNBIS Hallowe'en Disco – Years 1 and 2
(NEW information below)

Thursday 22nd October – Annual Flu Vaccination - Years R, 1 and 2 children (information sent previously)

Friday 23rd October - Last Day of Autumn 1 Half Term

Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October – Half Term Break

Monday 2nd November - First Day of Autumn 2 Half Term

Tuesday 3rd November – 6:30pm – FoNBIS AGM (see below)

Whole School Information

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. We particularly welcome applications from parents/carers with experience in SEND, HR, legal matters or partnership working between schools, although applications are welcome from anyone interested in the role.

Governors attend approximately 10 in-person meetings each year, alongside some additional monitoring and training. For further information, please contact Nicole Perry, Chair of Governors, at nicole.perry@northbaddeley-inf.org.uk

Application forms are available from the School Office and should be returned by Friday 30th October 2026.

We are taking part in Walktober 2026!

Hampshire County Council's Travel Planning Team has invited schools to take part in Walktober 2026 as part of International Walk to School Month.

Top Tips, More Trips – Prizes to be Won!

As part of Walktober 2026, you can share your top tips for active and sustainable travel. Tell Hampshire County Council about your journeys and share practical ideas to inspire others to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot, use Park and Stride or travel by public transport more often. Your **Top Tips, More Trips** entry can be in any format, such as a report, poem, rap, photo collage, presentation, blog, podcast or diary. For more details about Walktober 2026, visit: [Walktober | My Journey Hampshire](#)

Every eligible entry counts towards our school's Walktober total. The school with the highest number of eligible entries, relative to school size, will be crowned the Walktober 2026 winner and will be able to choose from a range of exciting prizes that support outdoor exploration and learning, including wildlife and nature resources, gardening equipment, vouchers and more.

Children's entries will also be entered into a pupil competition for a chance to win books, nature-themed games, outdoor exploration kits, vouchers and other great prizes. The competition closes on Friday 13th November 2026.

What a great half term activity! Let's get moving and be creative!

Parking on Willis Avenue

We have been contacted by concerned parents and other members of the local community regarding inconsiderate and, at times, dangerous parking on Willis Avenue, including on pavements. Please can we encourage all our families to walk, scoot or cycle whenever possible. If you do need to drive, please use the local public parking areas (a map is attached) to ensure the journey to school is safe for everyone.

School Age Immunisation Service – NHS Parent Newsletter

Attached is a newsletter from the NHS with information about the children's flu vaccination programme, including details about the vaccine and why children should be vaccinated. It also explains what to do if your child misses the vaccination at school.

The NHS School Age Immunisation Service is coming into school on **22nd October 2026** to give pupils their annual flu vaccination and would like your consent to vaccinate your child. **Please note: Flu vaccination is available for Years R, 1 and 2 children only (not Nursey and Pre-School).**

It is important to let the Immunisation Service know whether you do or do not want your child to have the vaccination. Please use the link on the attached letter. For vaccination at school, responses need to be received by **20th October 2026**.

Drumming & Guitar Lessons at School

Tom Francis has the following spaces for lessons at school after the half term break:

- Drumming: 2 group spaces - £10 per 30 minute session
- Drumming: 3 one-to-one spaces - £12 per 20 minute session
- Guitar: 2 one-to-one spaces - £12 per 20 minute session

Year Group and Treetops Information

Nursery

No further information this week.

Hollytree

If you have any spare outgrown children's clothes at home (aged 2-6 years), we would be very grateful to have them at Hollytree! We desperately need spare trousers and socks, but any donations will be gratefully received! Thank you for your support.

Year R

Tickets Please!

Our bus trip is fast approaching, and we are very excited to be ending our 'Knock Knock' learning theme with this special experience. The children will enjoy a journey around our village, looking out for familiar landmarks and observing the world around them.

To help the children feel prepared and confident, we have uploaded a **social story** to **Tapestry**. We encourage you to take a few minutes to read it through with your child at home before the trip. This will help them become familiar with what to expect and build excitement for their adventure.

We can't wait to share this memorable experience with them!  

Years 1 and 2

Half-Term Time Challenge!

Today, your child has brought home a half-term time challenge! These challenges are specific to each year group and are designed to help children develop their understanding of time in a fun and practical way. The challenge sheet explains what your child needs to do and how you can best support them at home.

As part of the challenge, children will have the opportunity to make, decorate and use their very own clocks! We ask that they bring their completed clocks back to school after half term so they can continue using them in their maths lessons.

By linking maths learning in the classroom with real-life experiences at home, we hope to help children develop a deeper understanding of time and recognise that maths is an important part of everyday life.

Thank you for your support, and we hope you enjoy completing the challenge together!

Year 1

No further information this week.

Year 2

There will be no new spelling words sent home this week. Please take the opportunity to practise the spelling words from this last half term instead. Challenge: How many silly sentences can you create using your spelling words? We'd love to hear some of your funniest ideas!

Treetops

No further information this week.

Family Support

No further information this week.

FoNBIS

Wednesday 21st October – Hallowe'en Disco (Years 1 and 2)

Disco tickets have been sent home with children today.

Please send your child's disco clothes or fancy dress outfit into school on Wednesday morning in a clearly named bag. Children will change in their classrooms before the end of the school day, so please ensure their outfit is something they can manage independently.

Children attending the disco will go straight to the hall at the end of the school day.

For collection, we will be operating a one-way system to help avoid congestion. Parents and carers should enter via the playground doors to the left of the stage, near Willow Class, and walk through to the hall to collect their child and their belongings. You will then leave together via the hall fire exit doors.

A small snack will be provided, taking into account dietary requirements and allergies. We look forward to a fun afternoon of dancing, games and activities!

Tuesday 3rd November – 6:30pm – FoNBIS Annual General Meeting

Come along to our AGM on Tuesday 3rd November at 6:30pm. FoNBIS isn't just for committee members. Parents, carers, grandparents, family members and other supporters of the school are all welcome to come along, find out more about what we do and hear about our plans for the year ahead.

There's no obligation to join the committee or volunteer, just come along and find out more! Please register that you'd like to attend so we have an idea of numbers:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/agm-friends-of-north-baddesley-infant-school-tickets-2002621647256>

The AGM will be followed by our usual FoNBIS meeting, where we'll discuss upcoming events, fundraising and ideas.

Community Information

Southampton City Council – Half Term History and Art Workshops

Southampton City Council has a programme of history and art workshops including fun family walking tours, hands-on workshops and all-day wrap around care. Workshops are engaging, accessible and designed to promote family learning. There is also the return of Tudor House and Garden's Halloween Family Day! More details, including how to book, can be found on the attached flyers.

27th & 28th October – North Baddesley Community Library – FREE Half Term Craft Sessions

North Baddesley Community Library is running two FREE Autumn craft sessions during half term for children under 6 years old. The sessions will take place at All Saints Church, Rownhams Road, on:

- Tuesday 27th October – 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Wednesday 28th October – 10:00am-12:00pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please see the attached poster for further information.

Starting School – September 2027

Please see the attached poster from Hampshire County Council School Admissions Team with information for families with children starting school in September 2027. The important dates are:

Applications open: **Sunday 1st November 2026**

Applications close: **Friday 15th January 2027**