



31st January 2025

Dear Families,

What a week of changeable weather it has been this week. From Monday with ALL weathers in one day from hail to thunder and lightning, through to the beautiful yet cold sunshine of yesterday and today. I have still, however, seen children this week without coats in school. Please can you ensure your child (even if they don't want to!) has their coat in school every day. It is supposed to get colder again next week, they will need their coat every day. Thank you for your support with this.

Coming up in the last week of term is the school disco (Thursday 13th Feb). The QR code for tickets is available on Class Dojo, or in the school office if you need it. I am looking forward to what will be an exciting evening, I know the children will have a great time (and if any of you have been to an AJ party before, you will know the staff will have a great time too!).

Many of you will have seen on Island media about the Island Wide 'Wear something to make you Happy' on **Friday 7th Feb** in support of Arlo, an Island teenager. At Binstead we try to keep full mufti days to a minimum as we have many children for whom the change is difficult, but would like to support this by welcoming the children to wear something that makes them happy alongside their school uniform on that day. This could be an accessory, item of clothing, shoes etc. Please use the link that has been widely shared if you would like to donate to the cause, we will not be taking any collections of cash on the day. Thank you all for your support, I know any donations will be gratefully received.

Next week I am looking forward to having a meeting with Wightlink in the Community to see how we can work together with Wightlink to benefit our children and the wider community. In the past, they have supported us with reduced cost ferry travel for trips, supported us with our trip to the Panto and welcomed our children to learn all about their environmental work. I will look forward to updating you further after my meeting. Watch this space!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and let's hope the lovely sunshine continues and the hail and thunder stay at bay.

Thank you, as always for your continued support.

Mrs C

Week 3 menu	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pork Sausages	Roast Chicken	Chicken and Vegetable Korma	Fish fingers
Option 2	BBQ Quorn Fillet	Quorn Sausage	Vegetable and Cranberry Slice	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Bread and Butter Pudding	Oat Cookie and Fruit	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla Ice Cream

Cheese, Beans or Cheese and Beans Jacket potato, tomato pasta, yoghurt and fruit available daily

### **Attendance 23.1.25-29.1.25**

EYFS: 94.7%

Year 1: 90%

Year 2: 99.7%

Year 3: 94.3%

Year 4: 96.7%

Year 5: 98.7%

Year 6: 96%

Whole School 95.69%

**Whole School Target: 97% +**

**Total learning lost due to lateness— 2 hour 37minutes**

If your child is absent from school, please email or phone the office by 9.15am.

Telephone calls must be confirmed in writing within 7 days or the absence will be coded as unauthorised.

Children arriving between 8:55 and 9:15 will be coded as 'Late'. Arrivals after 9:15 are coded as an 'unauthorised absence' for the session.

If they have a medical appointment and are going to be late, please also let us know and tell us if they would like a school meal ordered.

# Friends Events

# DISCO!

**THURSDAY 13TH FEB**

YEARS R, 1, 2 & 3... 3.15PM - 4.15PM

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6... 4.30PM - 5.30PM

(CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 MAY CHOOSE WHICH DISCO THEY GO TO)



**AJ THE ENTERTAINER is taking**  
**over our DISCO!!**



**TICKETS £5**

**INCLUDES MUFTI, FREE HEALTHY SNACK BAR, SQUASH  
& A SWEET GOODY BAG.**

**THERE WILL BE NOTHING AVAILABLE TO BUY SO PLEASE**  
**DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH ANY MONEY**

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY**

TICKETS AVAILABLE BY QR CODE  
OR DROP CASH INTO THE OFFICE  
IN A CLEARLY NAMED ENVELOPE



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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHOOL'S SAFE GUARDING POLICY;  
MOBILE PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED.  
ONLY CURRENT BINSTÉAD PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN MAY  
ATTEND THE DISCO  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY A PARENT/CARER AFTER  
THE DISCO



**DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!**  
**Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd February**

**JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER**



**Come and see me at Quay Arts in February!**

Tickets are now on sale for the IW Story Festival at **Quay Arts** during February half term from [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com). It's a chance to meet performers and writers like **Maz Evans** (pictured on the left) creator of **Who Let the Gods Out**, who will be with us on Friday 21st Feb.

**After wowing audiences at our Stories in Schools in June, poet Paul Lyalls returns for the main festival**



**There is so much to do at the IW Story Festival!**



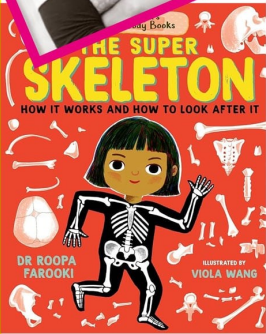
Find out how top **authors** like **M G Leonard**, **Naomi Ishiguro**, **Roopa Farooki** (left), and **Gareth Peter** **create** their books



Be **inspired** by performances including **Woodland Tales with Granddad** (pictured on right); **Brutal**, **Pinocchio** and **Asian Dance**



**Imagine** new characters in the **Secret Library** or with **the roll of dice**, and picture the stories created by storytellers **Steph Brittain**, **Holly Medland** and **Sue Bailey**



Puppet tales from Pickled Image



**SOME QUESTION YOU MAY WANT TO ASK...**

**Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?**

**A:** It's a good idea –they're selling fast! Go to: [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com) to buy yours now.

**Q: How much are tickets?**

**A:** Some are **TOTALLY FREE**, others cost £4 to £6

**Q: Is it just for people who like reading?**

**NO!** The IW Story Festival isn't just about books! There are lots of **hands-on activities** for you to try, including the art of **paper folding**, **drawing dastardly cartoons**, **creating a book scene** and many others.

**Pick up a programme from Quay Arts or any library**

**More information from: [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com)**



DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 12th February	Year 6 Mary Rose trip
Thursday 13th February	Friends School Disco
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 24th February	Back to school
Monday 10th March	Scholastic Book Fair week
Friday 28th March	Friends Mothers Day Sale
Friday 4th April	Last day of term
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 22nd May	School class photos
Friday 23rdc May	Last day of half term
Monday 2nd June	School closed to pupils—development day
Tuesday 3rd June	School closed to pupils—development day
Wednesday 4th June	Back to school
Thursday 12th June	Year 5 start sailing
Tuesday 24th June	Mid-Summer dance
Thursday 10th July	Sports Day
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 leavers production
Friday 25th July	Last day of school year
Monday 28th July	School closed to pupils—development day
Tuesday 29th July	School closed to pupils—development day