



26th September 2025

Dear Families,

With the season starting to change and the more autumnal mornings drawing in, it has been lovely to see the children continuing to enjoy our beautiful grounds. We have been lucky to not have too much rain and at lunchtimes our zoned system is still working well with the children accessing the playgrounds, field and nature area. As the weather continues to cool, to ensure the children are able to continue making the most of these spaces, please can you ensure they have a coat with them every day. We will always aim to go outside for fresh air, even if it is raining. This is especially important in Reception and Year 1 where the children have access to the outside areas for most of their day and in all weathers too.

This week, Year 1 have been outside around the grounds looking for signs of Autumn. They have been collecting fallen leaves, noticing the changes in their environment and creating artwork to show their findings.

Attached to the newsletter this week is the initial dates for the year. We will aim (unless in completely avoidable circumstances) to not change these as the year goes on. We know and appreciate how important it is to families to have these dates as early as possible so you can make any necessary plans for time off etc.

For the INSET days mentioned, please note that these are not yet confirmed. Once I have confirmation from the Local Authority, I will let you all know. However the dates mentioned are the ones I have applied for. I hope this helps the planning of the year for you all.

Last week our girls and boys football teams played really well. They both played matches in the Pokemon Cup and represented Team Binstead as a credit to themselves and us all. Well done to them all.

Finally, this week you will hopefully all have seen the information Mr Woodhouse shared regarding the wearing of earrings for school PE and sporting fixtures. To clarify, it is NOT possible for the children to take part with their earrings in, even if they are taped up. Earrings MUST be taken out either before school, or by the children ready for PE or sporting fixtures. We appreciate this is a change in guidance, however it is something we must adhere to from a health and safety point of view. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

Next week I am looking forward to interviewing for the Teaching Assistant position. We have had a strong field of applications and I am hopeful I will be able to share information regarding new appointments soon.

Have a great weekend everyone, I look forward to another great Team Binstead week next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs C

Week 1 menu	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	BBQ Chicken and Rice	Roast Chicken Roast Potatoes	Beef Burger and Wedges	Fish
Option 2	Broccoli and Leek Tart	Macaroni Cheese	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake	Quorn Burger	Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Caramel Mousse	Strawberry Ice Cream	Ginger Biscuit with Fruit

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

SCHOOL MEAL TASTER DAY

On Thursday October 2nd we are holding a Taster Day to encourage our KS1 children to take up their Universal Free School Meals. All the children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 who have not ordered a dinner, will be offered a small taster pot. They can

Attendance 18th—24th September

EYFS: 92.3%	Year 1: 95%
Year 2: 96.6%	Year 3: 96.6%
Year 4: 94.1%	Year 5: 98.6%
Year 6: 94.7%	Whole School 95.4%

Whole School Target: 97% +

Total learning lost to lateness 4 hours 3 minutes

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.

Holidays in term time - Due to new Government led expectations you may be asked to show proof of travel so please do not be offended if we ask. We are fulfilling our legal obligations. Thank you



White-tailed eagles art exhibition

1st October - 31st October 2025

Quay Arts Cafe

Mon-Sun 9am-5pm

Amazing art created by children from the Island's primary and special schools celebrating the reintroduction of White-tailed eagles on the Isle of Wight.



FREE

White-tailed eagle family art drop in sessions
Mon 20th & 27th Oct
10am-3pm
Quay Arts Seminar Room

Join Emma and Kay from the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary for...

- large scale mark making
- tile paintings
- artefact touch table
- Steve the WTE Puppet!



This drop-in is suitable for all ages.
All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

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ART & SANDCASTLE COMPETITIONS AT APPELEY TOWER



ART COMPETITION

Create artwork inspired by Appley Tower

Submit artwork to
Natural Enterprise
by **Weds 1 October**

Appley Day



SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

Bring your bucket and spade on Appley Day!

Sunday 5 October

Judging at 1.30pm -
Prizes for best artwork and sandcastles

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME!



The entry form is on the next page. Please note that entries must be returned to County Hall, Newport or electronically to civic.affairs@iow.gov.uk by 1st December

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THEM TO SCHOOL

Clr Ian Dore, Chairman
Isle of Wight Council
County Hall, High Street,
Newport, Isle of Wight
PO30 1UD
19th October 2025

Dear Island Teachers,

I would like to ask for creative assistance, from all Island children and young people, to help me with the design, for the IW Council Christmas message. The final design will be used to create an electronic Christmas Card.

This is open to all Island children, whether at school or home educated and it's to design a seasonal image, that can be used to show off the best of the Island at Wintertime. I really hope we can get as much engagement as possible.

Please send entries to, either the above address, or electronically to civic.affairs@iow.gov.uk by 1st December 2025.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Dore

Chairman

Ward Councillor for Binstead and Fishbourne

Guides

1st Ryde

are hosting an open evening to re-open the unit.

Wednesday 1st October
7-8pm

Wessex Room, The United Reformed Church, Corbett Road, Ryde

Please contact:
FirstRydeGuidesIOW@outlook.com
for further information.





QUIZ NIGHT

TUESDAY 14TH
OCTOBER

7pm - The Binstead Arms

Quiz entry £2 pp - Teams of up to 6

Great prizes and raffle on the night!

Contact The Binstead Arms to book your table
01983 241919

If you plan to come and enjoy a meal before the
quiz please advise when booking.

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HALLOWEEN ROUND

EXTRA POINTS FOR TEAMS IN FANCY DRESS
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All entry profits go to The Friends of Binstead Primary School
charity no: 1187901

You haven't got long
until Christmas...

Your orders and artwork
must be in soon



- Cards
- Mugs
- Playing Cards
- Spiral Books
- Gift Labels
- Wrapping Paper



ARTWORK MUST BE
RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:

Wednesday
1st October

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CHAIR'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2025



The Chair of the Isle of Wight Council, Councillor Ian Dore, invites all children and young people to take part in his Christmas card competition for 2025!

Let your creativity shine by designing a festive image that could be featured on the Chair's official Christmas e-card this year.

Please draw your picture in the space opposite.

Name:

School:

Age:

If home educated, please provide a contact email address:

Please send your entries to: Civic office, Isle of Wight Council, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1UD
Deadline for entries: 1 December 2025