



Friday
30th January 2026

Dear Families,

FROM MRS CHESSELL

It has been a lovely spring like week for Team Binstead this week. The daffodils are starting to bloom on the gate and the weather somehow seems a little warmer each day.

It has been a few weeks since we started to trial a new way of letting Key Stage Two parents know about low level behaviour incidents in class. Thank you to all the parents who have responded positively to this, we will be continuing with this going forwards as it seems to work for the children to know we are communicating with you as parents immediately if they are not doing what they should be doing, despite warnings.

I have had the pleasure this week of joining some of the classes for their learning. As always, it is wonderful to see our school in action and see everyone working hard.

Next week our Year 1 children are looking forward to their Space Workshop in the hall. I can't wait for them to enjoy their experience wide eyed!

This week our school council have been working on putting together some suggestions to support and improve the school. One of these is around the range of clubs. I will be taking their suggestions to staff to see what improvements can be made. They came up with some fantastic ideas, and although not all will be possible or practical, it is so lovely for them to have some ownership and autonomy over this for the benefit of the other children in the school.

Last year you may remember that our very own Teddy won the Walk The Wight Medal Design Competition and his design was made into the actual medal! Please see the information further down the Buzz if your children would like to enter this year! Who knows, we might have TWO Binstead winners! Good luck Team Binstead!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and the sun continues to shine throughout.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs C

ATTENDANCE

EYFS: 95.6% Year 1: 95.4% Year 2: 95.4% Year 3: 96.1%
Year 4: 95.8% Year 5: 97.4% Year 6: 94.5%

Whole School 95.7% Whole School Target: 96%

If your child is absent from school, please email or phone the office by 9.15am. Telephone calls must be confirmed in writing 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

Examples of attendance levels and their impact					
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
No days lost	10 days lost	19 days lost	29 days lost	38 days lost	47 days lost
190 school days each year	180 days at school	171 days at school	161 days at school	152 days at school	143 days at school
Best chance of success!		Makes it harder for your child to progress		Not fair on your child – possible legal action	

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

WEEK 3

W/C: 17/11/2025, 08/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026, 02/03/2026, 23/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice
	OPTION 2	OR Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Potato Wedges	OR Macaroni Cheese	OR Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	OR Spanish Vegetable Rice
	OPTION 3	OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DESSERT	Chocolate Marble Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard	Lemon Cookie	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings



Available daily
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian

Vegan

Oily Fish

Fruity!

Wholegrain

Nutritionist's Choice

Chartwells
Schools

COMMUNICATION SENT

Letter sent to all parents - 'listening and engagement' session about future school place planning on the Isle of Wight

Reminder - Email Letter - Parent Governor Vacancy

Binstead Primary School - Dates for the School Year

Spring Term

10th Feb - Isle Dance Competition

13th Feb Last day of term

14th - 22nd Feb - Half term

23rd Feb - First Day Back

9th March - Scholastic book fair (tbc)

25th & 26th March - Parent's Evenings

27th March- Last day of term

28th March- 12th April - Easter Holidays

Summer Term

13th April - First day back after holidays

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Week of the 11th May – SATS week

21st May - School Disco

22nd May – last day of term

23rd May- 31st May- Half Term

1st June – INSET Day

2nd June – INSET Day

24th June - 1.30pm Midsummer Dance

7th July - Year 6 Transition Day to High School

17th July - 1.30pm Sports Day

22nd July 1.30pm Leaver's Service - Holy Cross Church

24th July – Last day of term

27th July – INSET Day

PUPIL NAME :

AGE:

SCHOOL:



GET CREATIVE AND CREATE YOUR VERY OWN SCHOOLS WALK THE WIGHT MEDAL.

THE WINNING DESIGN WILL BECOME THIS YEARS COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL.

**KEEP YOUR DESIGN WITHIN THE ABOVE MEDAL GUIDE, THEN SEND OR DROP YOUR
ENTRY TO MOUNTBATTEN HOSPICE, HALBERRY LANE, NEWPORT, IOW, PO30 2ER.**

ENTRIES CLOSE 18.02.26

GOOD LUCK!

*Please note that the winning drawing will be digitised and may be edited to fit the medal.